

Willebroek Solo Contest.

General Provisions

Registration & Contest Proceedings

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The contest is meant for all brass players (including trumpet and horn). Both Belgian and foreign participants are allowed to participate. In the highest category "From 19 years old", the instruments are limited to the brass band family:

Soprano Cornet, Cornet, Flugel Horn, Tenor Horn, Baritone, Tenor Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Eb / Bb Bass

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The call for participation in the contest will be announced by Brass Band Willebroek on its website www.brassbandwillebroek.be and social media.

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The registration fee is 15 euros per participant and is paid online via our website. If you make use of our piano accompanists, the following registration fees apply:

Category	Fee
Up to and including 12 years old	20 euros
13 to 15 years old	30 euros
16 to 18 years old	40 euros
From 19 years old	50 euros

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Participants are not obliged to be a member of a brass band, association or other organization.

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All participants perform one solo piece or part of a work with piano accompaniment, written specifically for the chosen instrument. The participant may request an exception by email, brassbandwillebroek@gmail.com. The organization recommends choosing a work that includes all musical aspects.

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The participant who wishes to participate, completes the registration form on our website. Participation is only final upon payment of the registration fee and the submission of the piano score (with solo voice).

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The winner of the category "From 19 years old" cannot participate in future editions of the Willebroek Solo Contest.

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The closing date for registration is **Thursday 15 October 2026.**

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The contest is divided into 4 age categories. The participants will be limited to the following maximum duration:

Category	Duration
Up to and including 12 years old	Max. 6 minutes
13 to 15 years old	3 to 8 minutes
16 to 18 years old	4 to 9 minutes
From 19 years old	5 to 10 minutes

Each category has a limit of 25 participants, with the exception of the lowest category (up to and including 12 years old). 35 participants will be allowed in this category.

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Works that are shorter or longer than the prescribed time will not be allowed to the contest. If the maximum duration is exceeded on the contest day, the jury will add a points deduction to the final result.

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Participants who use the provided piano accompanists of the contest must - after contact with the pianist about date and location - arrange their own transport.

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Brass Band Willebroek will provide two piano accompanists for the contest and also ensure that the participants can practice with this accompanist during the preparation period for the contest. The

participants are offered a rehearsal time of:

- Up to and including 12 years old: 10 minutes
- 13 to 15 years old: 15 minutes
- 16 to 18 years old: 20 minutes
- From 19 years old: 30 minutes

The participants are free to provide their own piano accompanist. The associated costs are paid by the participant.

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Other live accompaniments are not allowed. Digital accompaniment is only allowed if stated in the score.

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On arrival, the participants register at the reception with an identity card or passport.

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Participants must register at the reception at least 1 hour in advance. If he or she is late due to his / her own fault, this candidate may be disqualified from the contest.

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Transport and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the participant. Details of accommodation can be found on our web page: www.brassbandwillebroek.be/willebroeksolocontest

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The participants must act completely independently. The teacher of the participant may sit next to the piano accompanist to give him / her instructions regarding tempo and interpretation.

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The contest starts in 2 different halls: Auditorium and Schouwburg. In both halls, the lowest categories will start the contest.

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The schedule will be communicated by e-mail no later than 2 weeks before the event.

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Cancellation of participation is only possible with proof of illness (doctor's certificate). The registration fee is hereby refunded.

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The organizer of the contest is authorized to record all performances within the contest period acoustically and visually and to use these recordings to promote the contest. Furthermore, the organizer reserves the right to authorize radio and TV stations to record and broadcast all events of the contest and to produce and sell CDs, DVDs and other sound carriers of performances of the contest.

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When registering, each participant agrees to the rules & regulations of the contest.

Adjudication & Proclamation

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Brass Band Willebroek will appoint the jury members. 2 adjudicators per category will judge. All categories will be judged from inside a box, according to the system of "closed" adjudication.

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Each jury member makes his own score on a maximum of 100 points, after deliberation a final result will be made. In addition, each jury member draws up a personalized feedback for each performance.

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The results will be announced at the earliest 45 minutes after the category has been closed.

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At the proclamation, each participant will receive his or her points. The top 3 will be announced in a separate ranking. When the results are announced, participants receive:

- A personalized feedback by the jury team.
- A diploma indicating category, date / location, number of points received. The diploma is signed by the chairman of Brass Band Willebroek and the jury members.

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The full results are published online on the website and social media.

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The winner within each category will receive the following prizes:

Category	Prize
Up to and including 12 years old	1st place: - 100 euros - The Jaak Kuterna Trophy - Free participation in Brass Band Willebroek Academy 2027 2nd place: - Trophy - Study materials donated by Hal Leonard - Lesson with one of our soloists 3rd place: - Trophy - Voucher worth 30 euros at Lemca Musical Instruments - Voucher by Denis Wick / Alliance Brass
13 to 15 years old	1st place: - 200 euros - The Stef Pillaert Trophy - Performing as a soloist accompanied by Young Brassband Willebroek 2nd place: - Trophy - Study materials donated by Hal Leonard - Lesson with one of our soloists 3rd place: - Trophy - Voucher worth 50 euros at Lemca Musical Instruments - Voucher by Denis Wick / Alliance Brass
16 to 18 years old	1st place: - 400 euros - The Jan Segers Trophy - Commissioned work by Lennert Van Laenen (solo & band accompaniment) 2nd place: - Trophy - Study materials donated by Hal Leonard - Lesson with one of our soloists 3rd place: - Trophy - Voucher worth 70 euros at Lemca Musical Instruments - Voucher by Denis Wick / Alliance Brass
From 19 years old	1st place: - 1000 euros, donated by Lemca Musical Instruments - The Frans Violet Trophy - Performing as a soloist accompanied by Brassband Willebroek 2nd place: - 300 euros - Trophy - 500 euros toward the purchase of a Buffet Crampon branded instrument 3rd place: - 150 euros - Trophy - Study materials donated by Hal Leonard - Voucher by Denis Wick / Alliance Brass

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Each trophy is a perpetual trophy and must be signed by a responsible adult upon receipt. The winner must have his or her name engraved on the plate of the trophy at his own expense and must return the trophy the next edition of the Willebroek Solo Contest.

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Brass Band Willebroek is not responsible for further costs (such as transport, accommodation) to perform as a soloist with the accompaniment of (Young) Brass Band Willebroek.

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Brass Band Willebroek will not be responsible for liability, risks and any harmful consequences that may arise from participating in the contest.

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Brass Band Willebroek decides on all matters not provided for in these regulations. The organisation reserves the right to make amendments to these regulations at any time. Brass Band Willebroek reserves the right, in the event of violation of these regulations, not to award the provided prizes.

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Brass Band Willebroek undertakes to pay the entry fee of 15 euros to registered participants in case of cancellation within the month prior to the contest.

Final Provisions

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There is no discussion about the jury's assessment and award of the points.

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The organization will take responsibility for the copyrights (Sabam). The participants are responsible for correct compliance with further regulations regarding copyright and reproduction rights.

Approved by the board of Brass Band Willebroek (vzw) on August 6, 2026.

Frans Violet



Chairman, Brass Band Willebroek vzw