

PAN CELTIC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL NATIONAL SONG CONTEST 2020

Competition to select a song to represent ÉIRE at the PAN CELTIC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2020

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1. This is a competition for a new song in a Celtic Language
2. A song in Irish will be chosen to represent Éire
3. Music and lyrics must be newly composed
4. Adjudication is on the basis of music, lyrics and presentation

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1. Each country must enter one song in its own Celtic language. The song must first be chosen at a National Competition, organised by the national committee.
2. The winning song at the National Competition must be performed live at the Pan Celtic International Festival.
3. The presentation must be a live performance. Recorded music or effects are not permitted as backing to the singer.

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1. Entries should be recorded and submitted on cd or mp3.
2. Enclose lyrics and music with application. Please ensure that all documents are clearly written or preferably typed.
3. There's no entry fee.
4. Official Entry Form (FPC1) must be used to enter this competition. Completed entry form, with song, music and lyrics, should be sent to:

An Comórtas Amhrán Pan Cheilteach 2019, Glór Cheatharlach, Áras na nÓg, Éire Óg, Bóthar Uí Bhriain, Ceatharlach. R93 Y020 or emailed to pancelticcarlow@gmail.com

4. **The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday, 1st February 2019.**

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1. The Winner of the national competition (Éire) will receive a cash prize of €1,000 on condition that the winning song will be performed at the final which will be held in Carlow during the Pan Celtic International Festival 2020.

2. The decision of the judges and the national committee is final and binding.

3. The national committee will not be responsible for accommodation or other costs incurred by the performer of the winning song during the Pan Celtic International Festival.

4. A panel of adjudicators will be selected by the national committee to select the song to represent Ireland at the Pan Celtic International Song Contest 2020.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. A shortlist will be drawn up from entries received by **Friday, 15th January 2020**. These will be performed before a live audience and panel of judges at the Pan Celtic National Song Contest 2020 which will be held at the Visual & GB Shaw Theatre, Carlow on **Saturday, 22nd February 2020 @ 8pm**.
2. The songs will not be made available to the adjudicators prior to the National Song Contest. They will hear them for the first time at the live performance.
3. Rehearsals and sound checks will take place throughout the day on 22nd February.
4. Songs should be a maximum of 4.5 minutes.
5. Musical Director, Ollie Hennessy, will be available to offer advice to finalists on best arrangement of their songs.
6. Professional musician(s) will be made available by the committee in Carlow to provide additional accompaniment for the performers on stage where required.