

PAN CELTIC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

NATIONAL SONG CONTEST 2016

Competition to select a song to represent ÉIRE at the PAN CELTIC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2016

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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.

4. Rules 2.2 and 2.3 apply to all National Competitions which are held for qualification for participation at the Pan Celtic International Festival.

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1. Entries recorded on cd, must be of broadcast quality.

2. Enclose Lyrics and music with CD. Please ensure that all documents are type written if possible.

3. Official Entry Form (FPC1) must be used to enter this competition. Completed entry form, with cd, music and lyrics, should be sent to:

An Comórtas Amhrán Pan Cheilteach, Pan Celtic Festival Office, C/O Glór Cheatharlach, Sráid an Choláiste, Ceatharlach.

Closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday, 22 January 2016.

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1. There is no entry fee.

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1. The Winner of the National Heat (Éire) will receive a cash prize of €1,000 (one thousand euro) on condition that the winning song will be performed at the final which will be held during the Pan Celtic International Festival to arrangement agreed with the National Committee.

2. The National Committee will not be responsible for accommodation or other costs incurred by performer of the winning song during the Pan Celtic Festival.

3. A panel of adjudicators will be selected by the national committee to select the song to represent Ireland at the Pan Celtic International Festival.

4. The decision of the judges and the National Committee is final and binding.

The National Song Contest is sponsored by IMRO in association with GAEL LINN.

NOTE: A shortlist will be drawn up from entries received.

These will be performed to a live audience at the National Song Contest competition in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on **Saturday, 20th February 2016 @ 8pm**. Rehearsals and sound checks will take place throughout the afternoon.