



**Schools' Match!**  
**27th edition**

**World Festival of Creativity in Schools**

**International Finals**

**Sanremo Ariston Theatre - 14/17 April, 2026**

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SCHOOL MUSICALS**



*Promotion and coordination:*



**LIVE STREAMING OF PERFORMANCES AND AWARD CEREMONIES**



**International Festival of School Musicals**

# Regulations

## ***Who can participate in the competition***

*All our artistic and cultural events are messengers of peace, love and friendship. Participants, regardless of ethnicity, religion and nationality, will be able to participate in the competition without discrimination, in a spirit of mutual respect with the other participants.*

### **Art.1**

The Festival of School Musicals will take place in Sanremo during the GEF finals and will see the presentation of Musicals produced by Schools, Associations, Companies or Foundations with participants of school age (5/19 years old).

The Festival has the following purposes:

- performing Musical in schools
- attending the performances of the other finalist schools
- talking about Musical at school and about Musical with young people

Shows will be performed in Sanremo in Ariston Theater, from Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026. Prize-giving of winning schools will take place on Friday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026 in Ariston Theater, during the final GEF 2026 show. Participants will be able to attend the following events at the Ariston Theater:

Tuesday evening 14<sup>th</sup> April, the sanremoJunior World Finals with solo singers from numerous countries who will perform live accompanied by the SanremoJunior orchestra with 32 musicians;

Wednesday evening 15<sup>th</sup> April, and Thursday evening 16<sup>th</sup> April, the Finals of the Music, Musical, Dance, Gymnastics and Fashion groups.

The organisation reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of days of the competition on the basis of the participating entities.

### **Art.2**

Association, Companies, Foundations, Italian and foreign State and Private schools in the following sections:

- A - Primary Schools
- B - Junior High Schools
- C - High Schools
- D - Music Schools

Each participating body may present from 1 to 3 different performances but only with different students. The same student may not participate in more than one performance.

### **Registration Fees**

**€ 170** - Competition entry fee for each body (state or private schools, associations, theater company of any kind) that may enter 1 or 2 performances for Selection.

**€ 330** - Fee for each performance admitted to the Sanremo Finals.

The GEF Selection Committee will select performances participating in the Finals of the Sanremo Festival of Musical School at its sole and definitive decision.

### **Art.3**

Schools and associations that intend to participate in the competition must send exclusively via email to [info@gef.it](mailto:info@gef.it) no later than **8 February 2026**:

- application form 2026, completed in all its parts;
- the performance/s (musicals) presented for the selection;
- video of the performances (including work in progress);
- a form in duplicate describing the Musical indicating the origin of the show (original classical text, abridged or reworked or other) and brief director's notes to gain a better understanding of the research that led to the development of the project and its most relevant features;
- the text of the Musical and possibly other documentary material (including work in progress);
- a list of the members of the group (actors, directors, organisers) with full name, date of birth and, if possible, a photo of the whole group. All actors must be students of the school at the time of the performance;
- List of musical pieces performed in the Musical;
- Copy of the payment of the registration fee of **€ 170 net** for each participating body: State or public schools, Associations, Theater Companies of any kind.

Students may not participate in both this Festival and any of the other Music and/or Dance Festivals. All participants must be part of the school entered in the competition. Participants must specify if compositions are original, reworked, unpublished or other.

Selected Musical will be performed live by the students in Sanremo, on the stage of Ariston Theater.

#### **Art.4**

Payments of the registration fees must be made to this account:

UNICREDIT BANCA Sanremo Branch  
Beneficiary: KISMET s.r.l.  
Purpose of Payment: DEPOSIT (please specify the name of the school)  
IBAN: IT 59 G 02008 49090 000010138260  
BIC SWIFT: UNCRITM1D05

*No credit cards*

#### **Art.5**

All material sent remains the property of GEF for the uses permitted by law and will not be returned.

#### **Art.6**

The performance must not exceed **6 (six) minutes**.

The performance must include at least two of the three disciplines including: singing, dancing and acting.

The scenography will be that of a fixed organization that is the same for everyone. Only the use of props is permitted but not large scenographic elements.

#### **Art.7**

Only the Finalist schools/associations of musical selected for the Sanremo Final will be informed **by 21 February 2026** with:

- the indication of the selected musical/s
- the Hotel Booking Form
- personal data processing forms according to the EU regulation n.679/2016 (GDPR)
- consent form (release for the publication of images)
- the SIAE release form for performances that require it. All participating schools whose texts are not subject to SIAE, must send a disclaimer to the Organising Committee.
- the technical form

## Art.8

By **28 February 2026**, the schools admitted to the final stages must then confirm in writing, exclusively via e-mail, also sending various forms received with our confirmation, duly completed, namely:

### **info@gef.it**

- the SIAE (copyright) form
- the SIAE release form for performances that require it. All participating schools whose texts are not subject to SIAE, must send a disclaimer to the Organising Committee.
- personal data processing forms according to the EU regulation n.679/2016 (GDPR), duly completed and signed
- consent form (release for the publication of images), duly completed and signed
- the technical form
- the complete list with name and surname of each official participant, teacher, principal, family members, accompanying persons etc
- a copy of the receipt for the payment of **€ 330 for each performance selected** for the Sanremo Final.

### **prenotazioni@gef.it**

- the duly completed Hotel Booking Form.
- the copy of the payment for the whole stay must reach us **5 March 2026**
- the complete list with name and surname of each official participant, teacher, principal, family members, accompanying persons, etc

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## Art.9

Schools admitted to the Festival Finals in Sanremo must take part in the activities referred to in Art. 1, participating for at least 3 days in total with a minimum of 3 overnight stays, although 4 overnight stays are recommended (arrival April the 14<sup>th</sup>, departure April the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026).

## Art.10

### **IMPORTANT:**

**For GEF 2026 the person in charge for the accommodations is Mr Alessandro Pioli - "BITO Viaggi", FOR INFORMATION AND HOTEL BOOKINGS, call +39 377 322 8667, or contact him by e-mail [prenotazioni@gef.it](mailto:prenotazioni@gef.it)**

The main aim of the festival is to offer all participants the opportunity to experience other situations and creative experiences. Performances and the award ceremonies will therefore be opportunities for exchange and mutual listening. A price has been arranged for accommodation (minimum 3 overnight stays for the Theater and Music Festival Participants) for the finalists, accompanying persons and all those who will have to stay to take part in the final stage of GEF 2026. Types and conditions of which can be found on the website [gef.it](http://gef.it). For organisational and control reasons, such bookings must be made through GEF (only schools in the province of Imperia are excluded). Each school participating in the Finals will be sent the form of the Organisation in charge of the booking with instructions.

Considering the thousands of participants in the Final Phases of the various competitions, from Italy and abroad, it is advisable to book as early as possible to more easily arrange the type of stay chosen.

Official participants in the Sanremo Finals of all competitions will receive GEF gadgets.

All Finalist schools will be included in the official bilingual (Italian/English) GEF catalogue.

## **Art.11**

### **JURIES and AWARDS**

Participating work will be judged by a Committee of experts appointed by GEF. The members of the Jury will be Music experts. The decisions of the Selection Committee for the Sanremo Finals are final and decisive. The prestigious **“School Creativity Award”** (Silver Dolphin) will be awarded to the Musical deemed the best in terms of its value. The Jury may award fewer prizes or other prizes at its sole discretion.

The Jury's decision are final and decisive.

Schools will be the recipients of the prizes and will also be awarded a certificate.

Prizes will be exclusively delivered on the Stage of the Ariston Theater to the schools present and cannot be awarded or handed over or mailed at a later date.

**IMPORTANT** - Based on the number of finalist entities, the Jury, at its sole and final discretion, can stipulate a single final ranking for the various joint sections and not for each individual section.

## **Art 12**

On the evening of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at the Ariston Theater in Sanremo, the final show will take place with performances and awards for the absolute winners in the Music, Singing, Musica, Dance and Fashion competitions. Prizes will also be awarded to the winners of other competitions and the GEF 2026 Awards (entertainment, music, sport, health, etc.) will be presented, including the prestigious *"Global Education Award"*, the only international education award presented every year to personalities and associations who, with thoughts, words and actions, have favoured the development and growth of education.

## **Art. 13**

GEF requires all participants to sign a disclaimer (see Art. 8) reserving the right to record and/or film and/or broadcast the event - in whole or in some of its phases - by any means (press, photography, radio, television, audiovisual, internet, etc..) as well as to combine the event with one or more initiatives of a promotional / advertising nature, without any obligation being owed and none of the participants may have any claim.

## **Art. 14**

For technical/organisational reasons, the Sanremo Final phases may be subject to variations, which will be promptly communicated to the interested parties.

## **Art. 15**

All the works submitted will remain property of GEF, which reserves the right to publish them or present them in other shows without any obligation and none of the participants can have anything to claim.

## **Art. 16**

All printed materials and trademarks are protected by Copyright: their use and reproduction by any means is forbidden. Any use not expressly authorised will be prosecuted according to law.

**Art. 17**

The Organising Committee, the promoting association and the company in charge of the technical organisation are not responsible for occasional accidents to persons or property either during the journey or throughout the duration of the Festival.

**Art. 18**

Participation in the event implies knowledge and unconditional acceptance of the rules for the processing of personal data in accordance with EU Regulation No. 679/2016 (GDPR).

