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EuroStrings – the European Guitar Festival Collaborative

is pleased to announce the

WINNERS

MONTENEGRO INTERNATIONAL GUITAR COMPETITION 2020

The 14th Montenegro International Guitar Competition 2020 (MIGC)

was held online this year from **30 May to 1 June 2020**

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The **winner in *PRO* category, who will become a new EuroStrings Artist in 2020/2021**, is

Marcin Wojciech Kuźniar from Poland

First Prize includes a guitar made by Andreas Marvi (valued at €8000);
a series of concerts at several EuroStrings festivals as a **EuroStrings Artist**;
a recital at Vienna Guitar Forum;
and a concert with the Montenegrin Symphony Orchestra in the 2020/21 season.

The PRO FINALS were held on

Monday 1 June 2020 at 21:30

broadcast LIVE on TVCG 2 television

and on MIGC official Facebook page

www.facebook.com/MIGCOnline/

About the EuroStrings Artists

EuroStrings Artists are a group of young professional guitarists, who are the laureates of the international competitions organised by the 17 EuroStrings Platform member guitar festivals. They are invited to take part in the year-long carefully curated EuroStrings Exchange Programme, which is delivered through the EuroStrings Curriculum.

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The *nine jury members* for the **14th Montenegro International Guitar Competition** were:

Prof. Iliana Matos, guitarist (Canada/Cuba)

Anabel Montesinos, guitarist (Spain)

Mirka Šćepanović, violinist and Artistic
director of Montenegrin Music Center,
Montenegrin Symphony Orchestra,
(Montenegro)

Prof. Žarko Mirković, composer
(Montenegro)

Prof. Maroje Brčić, guitarist (Croatia)

Prof. Dani Šehu, guitarist and director of
Sarajevo International Guitar Festival
(Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Prof. Miloš Janjić, guitarist (Serbia)

Damir Milat, director of Dubrovnik
Symphony Orchestra (Croatia)

Andres Marvi, guitar maker (Spain)

FURTHER PRIZES WERE AWARDED

14th Montenegro International Guitar Competition 2020

SECOND and THIRD PRIZE *PRO CATEGORY* WINNERS

Second Prize was awarded to **Özberk Miraç Sarigül** (Turkey):
who wins a guitar made by Slavko Mrdalj (valued at €5000)

Third Prize was awarded to **Ilie Dragoş-Vasile** (Romania):
who wins free admission to the 15th Montenegro International Guitar Competition
and to the Transylvania International Guitar Festival

The **Montenegro International Guitar Competition** offers an **important opportunity** for **young players** to prepare for the future in its **Competition for Youth**, which is divided into **six age categories**:

The **winners** in the **2020 Montenegro International Guitar Youth Competition** are:

Samuel David Solomon (Bulgaria)

Youth I: for candidates born after 1 January 2009

Nichita Gînscă Nistea (Romania)

Youth II: for candidates born after 1 January 2007

Vuk Vukajlović (Serbia)

Youth III: for candidates born after 1 January
2005

Veljko Brankovan (Serbia)

Youth IV: for candidates born after 1 January 2003

Samo Novak (Slovenia)

Youth V: for candidates born after 1 January 2001

Davide Picci (Italy)

Youth VI: for candidates born after 1 January 1997



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EuroStrings is proud to be a part of the **14th Montenegro International Guitar Competition** from **30 May–1 June 2020**. EuroStrings is a **platform of European guitar festivals**, led by Zagreb Guitar Festival. As the **first such platform** to be established, it is ever expanding: having started with an initial 14 member festivals in 2018, it now has **17 member festivals in 2020**. The project is co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union and is the first guitar project ever to receive such funding. EuroStrings also has **partners in America and China**, making it a truly **global project**.

For the **complete programme** of the Montenegro International Guitar Competition 2020:

<http://guitarmontenegro.com/en/>

About Montenegro International Guitar Competition

Montenegro International Guitar Competition was founded in 2006 under the auspices of Niksic Guitar Festival and the patronage of the Niksic Municipality. Over the past 13 years, it has established itself as a significant artistically professional and international event, which aims to promote the highest achievements in contemporary performance of classical guitarists. Due to its rich prize pool, the competition has been recognised as an important point in the career development of young classical guitarists. The winners and award-winning participants of the previous competition editions have come from all over the world, and today they have become the leading guitarists of the younger generation. Until recently, Montenegro International Guitar Competition was the only professional competition for classical music in Montenegro, and one of the few in the world which has been broadcast live: by RTV Atlas up until 2016, and then by National Television RTCG since 2017. The competition is organised by NGO Anagastum Guitar Society and Montenegrin Music Center.

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