

Marco Piperno from Italy has won the European prestigious guitar competition in Kutná Hora

On Sunday, July 3rd, 2022, last guitar tones of the participants of prestigious International Guitar Biennial with Mastercourses Kutná Hora 2022 were played. **69 participants from 21 countries worldwide** sent their registrations to the 21st edition of the contest, which was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic. During four days the participants were presenting their guitar performing mastery to the international jury led by its chairman Štěpán Rak. The jury appointed the best ones, after hearing 30 hours of performances. The members of the jury were: Anna Hronová, Petr Saidl (Czech Republic), Michal Nagy, Marek Nosal (Poland), Thomas Offermann, Hubert Käppel, Gerhard Reichenbach (Germany), Jorgos Panetsos (Greece), Campbell Diamond (Australia), Judicaël Perroy (France), Lorenzo Micheli, Claudio Maccari and Paolo Pugliese (Italy).

The winner and the laureate of the 1st category (up to the age of 20) is **Oktavia Bujnowicz** (Poland), second prize goes to **Jan Markowski** (Poland) and third prize goes to **Tobiáš Krpec** (Czech Republic), who has been also awarded the prize „Young guitarist of the year“.

The winner and the laureate of the 2nd category (without age limit) is **Marco Piperno** (Italy), second prize goes to **Andrzej Grygier** (Poland) and third prize goes to **Jan Čonka** and **Martin Cába** (Czech Republic).

Prize for the best Czech participant in the 1st category goes to Tobiáš Krpec, in the 2nd category to Jan Čonka.

Besides competition rounds and seven wonderful evening guitar recitals, held in the Galery of Central Bohemian Region – Refectory and Italian Court (Francois-Xavier Dangremont, Duo Claudio Maccari and Paolo Pugliese, Campbell Diamond, Gerhard Reichenbach, Lorenzo Micheli, Marco Piperno, Judicaël Perroy) there were in total 136 masterclasses lectures taught by today's leading guitar pedagogues, held in the building of the Public Library Kutná Hora.

In the Club House there were selling exhibitions of guitar makers – Petr Matoušek, Petr Láška, Angela Waltner, Darragh O'Connell. There were also Music Mania – Matúš Petřík, D'Addario – XT Challenge, CCcases and IKA – thermocases, presentation of guitar makers and a lecture held by Prof. Dr. Thomas Offermann – D'Addario – The history of string manufacturing.

The International Biennial was held – this year for the third time – in newly reconstructed and exclusive Dačický House. The building's disposition is fully suitable for this prestigious event and both participants and the jury truly enjoyed it. Big thanks go to the mayor of Kutná Hora, ing. Josef Viktora, to Bc. Jaroslava Brandejská and Mgr. Pavel Ladra from the Culture Department of the Town of Kutná Hora and to permanent employees of the Dačický House.

The next Biennial, 22nd edition, will be held again in 2024. The organisers thank to all the sponsors, mainly to the main organiser of the contest, the Town of Kutná Hora. Owing to its huge support the biennial exists for over 44 years. The preparations for the Biennial 2024 will start in a few months.

Results of Kutná Hora 2022

Ist category – until the age of 20

1. Oktavia Bujnowicz (Poland)
2. Jan Markowski (Poland)
3. Tobiáš Krpec (Czech Republic)
4. Robert Kwiedacz (Poland)
5. Mateusz Wąż (Poland)
6. Markéta Hejdová (Czech Republic)
7. Denisa Čajanová (Czech Republic)
7. Kamil Anioł (Poland)
9. Eryk Żużalek (Poland)

IInd category (without age limit)

1. Marco Piperno (Italy)
2. Andrzej Grygier (Poland)
3. Jan Čonka (Czech Republic)
3. Martin Cába (Czech Republic)
4. Davide Dipilato (Italy)
5. Pavle Filipović (Serbia)
6. Eliška Dedková (Czech Republic)

Best Czech participant in the Ist category

Tobiáš Krpec

Best Czech participant in the IInd category

Jan Čonka

Audience prize

Jan Čonka (Czech Republic)

Prize of the jury chairman for an exceptional performance

Andrzej Grygier (Poland) – Sonate by R.Sierra

Jan Markowski (Poland) – Study Op. 6, No. 6 by F. Sor

Number of participants in the Ist category

28 guitarists

Number of participants in the IInd category

41 guitarists

Participants' countries:

Czech Republic, Poland, Slovak Republic, Ukraine, Estonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Austria, Australia, Chile, Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Scotland, Portugal, Mexico, Denmark, Spain.

Main organiser

Town of Kutná Hora

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