

MIELA MUSIC CONTEST 2025

Call for Young Artists & Emerging Bands with Original Songs

Teatro Miela in Trieste is launching the **2025 edition of the Miela Music Contest** - a unique opportunity for young artists and bands from **Friuli Venezia Giulia, Croatia, and Slovenia** to showcase their original music. The contest welcomes performers from all musical genres, artistic backgrounds, and cultural environments.

Who Can Apply

- Solo artists or bands (up to 6 members) aged **16–35** (for bands, the average age must not exceed 35).
- Participants must live in areas close to Trieste (FVG / SLO / HR).
- Minors under 18 need a parental authorization and a copy of the parent's ID sent to mielamusiccontest@miela.it
- All submitted songs and live performance tracks must be **original**.

How to Apply

Submit the following by **11:59 PM on November 23, 2025**:

1. Complete the online application [FORM](#).
 2. Up to 3 photos of the artist or band.
 3. Two original music videos (max 5 minutes each, mp4 / HD horizontal). At least one must be a live performance; the other can be a produced music video.
 4. A short introduction in text and a vertical video (max 1 min) showing the lineup, artistic background, and experience.
- Upload all documents via the form. Send videos via www.wetransfer.com to mielamusiccontest@miela.it and include the download link in the [FORM](#). Previously published videos may be used, preferably in original quality.

Contest Format

The contest includes 3 phases:

1. A jury of experts will carry out a pre-selection of the artists or bands deemed suitable for online publication.
2. Public Voting: Selected videos will be online from Nov 25 – Dec 9. Audience “LIKES” will count for 20% of the score. The 6 finalists will be invited to the live final at Teatro Miela.
3. Technical Rider: Finalists must submit a completed stage plan (**Attachment B**) to mielamusiccontest@miela.it to confirm participation.

Live Rehearsals & Performances:

- December 18–19, 2025 at Teatro Miela.
- Stage, audio, lighting, and video recording will be provided by Teatro Miela staff.
- Out-of-town participants attend only Dec 19. Travel reimbursement and accommodation may be provided.

Rules

- Only original songs (published or unpublished). No covers.
- Open to all musical genres. No language restrictions.
- Maximum 30-minute live performance.
- No pre-recorded backing tracks or promotional messages.
- Songs must not infringe rights or promote racism, discrimination, or violence.
- The organizer reserves the right to modify the rules at any time, informing participants of any changes.

Jury & Evaluation

A jury of journalists, musicians, and music professionals will evaluate artists and bands based on technical skill, originality, creativity, and overall musical quality.

Prizes

- 1st place: € 1.000,00
- 2nd place: € 500,00
- 3rd place: € 300,00

Personal Data

By applying, participants authorize Bonawentura Soc. Coop. to process their personal data according to EU GDPR 2016/679. Data submission is required; failure to provide it will result in exclusion. Full privacy info: <https://www.miela.it/privacy/>