
49° Festival Internacional de Plectro de la Rioja 2026

49th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PLUCKED INSTRUMENTS IN LA RIOJA

The International Plectrum Music Festival of La Rioja is part of the activities of the International Plectrum Biennial of La Rioja (BIP-Rioja 2026), organized by the ConTrastes-Rioja Association with the aim of invigorating music for guitar and plectrum instruments.

MAIN AIMS

To promote and encourage the composition and performance of music written for plucked string instruments, including ensembles formed by bandurrias, lutes, mandolins, domras, guitars, etc.

To promote musical exchange and disseminate the cultural and artistic heritage of La Rioja—particularly its wine culture—among the participating groups and festival audiences.

To bring this music to the widest possible audience and to promote original repertoire for guitar and plectrum instruments.

To continue the musical gathering that has traditionally taken place in La Rioja for more than 58 years and which has become a benchmark in the world of plectrum music.

RULES

1. The Festival will take place between August 19 and 23, 2026 (inclusive).
2. All soloists and chamber ensembles that comply with these terms and are selected by the Technical Committee may participate. Applications must be submitted via the ONLINE FORM available on the website www.plectrorioja.com.
3. Applicants must submit the following materials through the form:
 - A link to a LIVE VIDEO RECORDING of at least 45 minutes in length, in Full HD quality, hosted on any streaming platform (Vimeo, YouTube). A video recording is mandatory; recording quality will not be evaluated, only the performance.
 - A brief DOSSIER including any relevant technical information.
 - A proposed CONCERT PROGRAM with an approximate duration of one hour. The proposed program will also be evaluated by the Technical Committee.
4. Festival participants undertake to perform in the concerts deemed necessary by the organizers during the established dates and to remain at the Festival for its full duration (from August 19 to 23, 2026, inclusive).
5. The Festival Technical Committee will make the final selection of participants and will notify those selected.

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6. Selected groups or soloists must pay a PARTICIPATION FEE, which will be refunded upon arrival at the Festival. Failure to pay the fee by the specified deadline will result in exclusion from the Festival. Likewise, failure to attend the Festival does not entitle the participant to a refund of the fee paid. Fees:
- Ensembles of up to 4 members: €300
 - Ensembles of 5 to 10 members: €500

DATES

- February 15, 2026: Deadline for submitting documentation via the form on www.plectrorioja.com.
- May 1, 2026: Deadline for selected groups (who will be contacted in advance) to pay the Participation Fee and to confirm the total number of attendees, including accompanying persons.
- May 15, 2026: Public announcement of the Festival program and participants.
- August 19–23, 2026: Festival celebration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The ConTrastes-Rioja Association will cover the costs of hotel accommodation in DOUBLE ROOMS and full board for participating musicians during their stay at the Festival. ConTrastes-Rioja does not cover travel expenses (round trip) to the city of Logroño, but will cover transportation required for performances during the Festival. Any accompanying persons must cover their own accommodation and meals. However, ConTrastes-Rioja may assist in arranging accommodation at the same venues as the participants, subject to availability. Participants must confirm the number of accompanying persons before May 1, 2026. After this date, the organization cannot guarantee accommodation availability.

All communication with the Festival will be conducted via email at info@plectrorioja.com.