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'Winter Magic' International Competition and Festival
Sofia, Bulgaria – 10–14 December 2026

I. General Information

The '**Winter Magic**' International Competition and Festival will take place in **Sofia, Bulgaria**, from **10 to 14 December 2026**.
The festival has a Christmas theme and features vocal, dance and instrumental performances inspired by the festive spirit of Christmas and the winter holidays.
The competition will be judged by an international jury – teachers, producers and festival organisers – with Atanas Stoyanov from BG Radio as the host.

II. Festival Programme

10 December
Arrival and check-in of participants.
11 December
10:00 – Meeting with the organisers;
17:00 – 20:00 – Concert in front of the National Palace of Culture.
12 December
10:00–20:00 – Competition programme throughout the day at Grand Hotel Astoria.
13 December
Final stage of the competition programme – Grand Hotel Astoria;
Gala concert and awards ceremony, cocktail reception – Grand Hotel Astoria.
14 December
Departure of participants.

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III. Competition Categories

Each participant/group presents two performances:

- **First performance – mandatory Christmas-themed performance;**
- **Second performance – of the participant's/group's choice.**

The competition categories are:

1. Vocals – soloists and groups: children's songs, pop, jazz, musicals;
2. Dance – individual and group performances: classical ballet, contemporary dance, street dance, acrobatics;
3. Folklore ensembles
4. Orchestras;
5. Choirs;
6. Majorette groups;
7. Singing Families.

IV. Age groups

I group – up to 7 years old
II group – 8–10 years old
III group – 11–13 years old
IV group – 14–18 years old
V group – 19+ years old

For choirs, orchestras and folklore ensembles:

- up to 18 years old
- 19+ years old

V. Entry fee for two performances

The entry fee covers two performances – a first Christmas-themed performance and a second performance of the participant's/group's choice.

- Soloist: 130 €
- Duet: 140 €
- Trio: 160 €
- Quartet: 180 €
- Ensemble of 5–8 participants: 35 €/participant
- Ensemble of 9–18 participants: 30 €/participant
- Ensemble of 19+ participants: 25 €/participant
- Singing Families: 100 €/family

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VI. Accommodation

Official festival hotel: Astoria Grand Hotel Sofia (4★)

4 nights' accommodation with breakfast / per person (10–14 December 2026)		
	Classic	Premium
Single room	344 €	452 €
Double room / per person	244 €	272 €
Triple room / per person	219 €	228 €

3 nights' accommodation with breakfast / per person (11–14 December 2026)		
	Classic	Premium
Single room	266 €	376 €
Double room / per person	198 €	228 €
Triple room / per person	186 €	196 €

Additional night with breakfast / per person		
	Classic	Premium
Single room	102 €	130 €
Double room / per person	68 €	76 €
Triple room / per person	56 €	64 €

Groups of more than 25 people – the 26th person (the group leader) will be accommodated free of charge in a double room for the duration of the festival.

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VII. Duration of performances

- Soloists and vocal groups: up to 3:30 minutes
- Dance groups and large ensembles: up to 3:30 minutes
- Choirs, orchestras, majorettes: up to 4:00 minutes
- The jury reserves the right to interrupt performances that exceed the time limits.

VIII. Registration and deadlines

Completed application form and a list of names and dates of birth.
Submission of audio/video materials for selection (if required).
Instrumental tracks and music files – by 28 November 2026

Payments:
Eurobank Bulgaria AD
pl. Bulgaria 1, 1414 Sofia, BULGARIA
BIC: BPBIBGSF
IBAN: BG28BPBI79401053312301
Payee: Karnolsky Art Center
Reference: name of participant/group and the text 'Winter Magic'
40% deposit – by 25 October 2026
Remaining 60% – by 25 November 2026

IX. Jury and Prizes

- International jury
- I, II, III places in each category and age group
- Certificates for all participants
- Grand Prix
- Special Prizes
- Prize for the best performance of a Christmas-themed piece