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VLAMO COMPOSITION CONTEST FOR MARCHING MUSIC – RULES

Amateur orchestras are deeply rooted in Flanders. In recent years, they have been performing in public spaces with less and less frequency. And that is a pity. The supralocal cultural project 'Op Klinkende Wegen' ('Along Resounding Roads'), a collaboration between VLAMO and Trage Wegen, is bringing orchestras back outdoors, to meaningful, slow-paced routes in the local area. Music, old roads and local stories come together to introduce the general public to the cultural value of amateur music and public space.

As part of this initiative, VLAMO, in collaboration with Trage Wegen, is organising an international composition contest for marching music. The aim of the contest is to breathe new life into marching music – a genre that forms part of our musical heritage and is characteristic for wind bands and fanfare bands.

The winning march will premiere during the closing event of 'Op Klinkende Wegen', on the weekend of 16 and 17 October 2027. The participating bands will perform the march on and around various slow roads in Flanders.

Artikel 1 – Objective

- To highlight and enrich the marching music repertoire.

Artikel 2 – Timing

VLAMO organises an international composition contest for new marching music (difficulty level no higher than grade 3 / first division), with a timing as follows:

- **15 January 2027:** deadline to submit the composition (sending time of the e-mail serves as proof)
- **End of January 2027:** a jury of composers will judge the works.
- **February 2027:** announcement of the laureates.
- **March 2027:** the winning march will be published by Molenaar Edition bv, with the following credit: "Winner of the VLAMO Composition Contest for Marching Music (Belgium) 2027".
- **16/17 oktober 2027:** the winning march will premiere during the closing event of 'Op Klinkende Wegen'. The participating bands will perform the march on and around various slow roads in Flanders.

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Artikel 3 – Who can participate?

The *VLAMO Composition Contest for Marching Music 2027* is open to composers from all countries. There is no age limit. Composers may submit more than one composition.

Artikel 4 – Composition guidelines

Until the proclamation (= end of the contest), submitted works must meet the following criteria:

- the composition has **not** been published;
- the composition has **not** been performed during a public concert or broadcasted on any media;
- the composition has **never** received an award or a mention during another national or international composition contest.

Composition requirements:

- The difficulty level is no higher than grade 3 (first division).
- The duration is at least 3 minutes (excluding Da Capo).
- The march must be written for wind band and fanfare band. The composer must use the enclosed template. Submissions that do not use this template will not be judged.
- The composition matches the theme and spirit of the 'Op Klinkende Wegen' project. (see introduction)

Artikel 5 – How to participate?

Participants send in the score. This must be done digitally (PDF only). The score must include a title and a code word. Participants must also provide an audio recording (MIDI file or other format) of the composition.

Along with the score, the correctly completed registration form with the signed authenticity declaration, a resume and a recent photograph must be enclosed as a separate attachment.

The score must not contain any information that could lead to the identification of the composer.

Participants must submit all these documents digitally to dirk@vlamo.be by 15 January 2027 at the latest. The sending time of the email serves as proof.

Artikel 6 – Jury

A professional jury will assess all entries.

The jury members will receive the anonymous scores directly from the contest secretariat: the scores will only show the code word. The compositions will be assessed by the jury on a scale of 0 to 100.

The jury can decide not to award the prize if the required level is not reached.

The jury's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

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Artikel 7 – Prize

The first prize consists of:

- a cash prize of €1,200 (one thousand two hundred euros)
- a certificate
- a published score (featured in the 2027/2028 catalogue) by music publisher Molenaar Edition bv
- an audio recording by music publisher Molenaar Edition bv

Artikel 8 – Toepassing reglement

The board of VLAMO vzw shall decide on all matters not covered by these rules.

By registering for the contest, participants accept these rules.

The board of VLAMO vzw reserves the right not to award the prizes or payments provided for, if these rules are breached.

Further information is available on www.vlamo.be/composition-contest

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VLAMO COMPOSITION CONTEST FOR MARCHING MUSIC – REGISTRATION FORM

Chosen code word	
Title of the composition	

First name + last name	
Date of birth	
Street + number Postal code + city	
Country	
Telephone	
E-mail address	

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AUTHENTICITY DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (first name + last name) _____
hereby confirm:

- that I understand and accept the rules of the contest;
- that I am the composer of the submitted composition;
- that this composition hasn't been published, nor performed during a public concert or broadcasted by any medium;
- that this composition never received an award or a mention during another national or international composition contest.
- that Molenaar Edition bv has permission to make an audio recording of my composition for promotional purposes; *(applies only to the winner)*
- that my composition may be arranged for other instrumentations within the framework of 'Op Klinkende Wegen'. *(applies only to the winner)*

I accept the decision of the jury.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Please complete the registration form with a short resume and a recent photograph.)

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