

2016 Taichung Saxophone Competition

Application Information

Houli—the original “hometown” for Taiwan’s saxophone production—remains a key global hub for the manufacture of musical instruments. In recent years, cultural and creative industry concepts have been adopted towards the goals of promoting Houli’s instrument-making industry and boosting local businesses. The vision for this competition is to provide a venue for musicians from around the world to share experiences and exchange information with each other in order to broaden the horizons of Taiwan’s musicians and music scene, promote jazz music and instruments, and attract local and international recognition, thereby maximizing the synergistic impact of this event.

©Organizer: Cultural Affairs Bureau, Taichung City Government

©Coordinator: Summit Brand Marketing Co., Ltd

©Qualifications: This competition is open to all jazz saxophone players, regardless of nationality or age.

©Application Deadline: June 24 , 2016, 18:00 (TWT)

©Application Instructions

Complete the application form and send it by mail, or deliver it to our office in person.

Application forms can be downloaded at <http://www.culture.taichung.gov.tw/> or <http://www.taichungsaxophone2016.com.tw>

a. Mail submissions:

Please mail (postmarked no later than Jun 24, 2016) the completed application form and 2 DVDs or any available type of network platform link (music video for preliminary round, limited to jazz) to the following address:

2016 Taichung Saxophone Competition

No.15, Huazhong St., North Dist.,

Taichung City 40442,

Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Note: Please use a delivery services that allows you to track your mail.

b. In-person submissions:

Please deliver the completed application form and 2 DVDs or any available type of network platform link (music video for preliminary round, limited to jazz) to No.15, Huazhong St., North Dist., Taichung City 40442, Taiwan (R.O.C.) before June 24, 2016. Please note “2016 Taichung Saxophone Competition” on the cover.

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except national holidays)

◎Application Requirements (Please include all of the following items)

- a. Completed application form with one passport-size color photograph of the applicant (2” high definition, frontal head and shoulder shot) attached to it.
- b. A photocopy of the applicant’s Taiwan (R.O.C.) ID card or foreign passport.
- c. 2 performance DVDs or any available type of network platform link for the preliminary round: Choose one jazz piece and make a video recording no more than five minutes in length. Convert it to NTSC format, and make two standard DVD copies (VOB format, which includes two folders with video and audio for DVD players); or MPEG/AVI files (640 x 480 or 720 x 480 resolution, 30 fps) for computers. Please specify the applicant’s name and the musical piece title on each DVD disc.
- d. A copyright agreement with the applicant’s signature and date.

◎Competition Format

Jazz saxophone performance: All contestants will be accompanied by a trio jazz ensemble (drums/bass/piano) provided by the organizer, and are not allowed to bring their own ensemble.

◎Program (performers will be notified of any time/location changes, which will also be posted on the official website)

a. Preliminary Round

The preliminary round will select 20 contestants or more for the semi-final round, based on their performance DVDs (or music video links). Please consult the official website for results, which will be posted no later than July 8, 2016.

b. Semi-Final Round

The semi-final round will be held Shin Min High School Art Center on July 29, 2016. Jurors will select 10 out of the 20 contestants for the final round. The order of contestants in the final round will be decided in an open, fair drawing by the contestants (or by the organizer if a contestant is absent)

c. Final Round

The final round will be held Shin Min High School Art Center on July 31, 2016, when jurors will select one winner from among the 10 candidates. The winner will be announced immediately after the competition.

d. Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place after the final round.

◎Competition Order:

- The order of contestants in the semi-final round will be determined by lots. Results will be posted on the official website one week before the competition.
- The order of contestants in the final round will be decided in an open, fair drawing by the contestants (or by the organizer if a contestant is absent).

Please refer to the official website of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Taichung City Government or go to <http://www.taichungsaxophone2016.com.tw>

◎Repertoire

a. Preliminary Round

One videotaped elective jazz piece, no longer than 5 minutes.

b. Semi-Final Round

1. Assigned piece: Please select one piece from the following list:
(Playing time should not exceed 5 minutes.)

	Assigned Piece Title	Note
(1)	All the Things You Are	Scores can be downloaded from the official website.
(2)	Beautiful Love	
(3)	I Got Rhythm	
(4)	It don't Mean a Thing	
(5)	My Funny Valentine	
(6)	Yardbird Suite	

2. One elective piece (Playing time should not exceed 5 minutes.)

c. Final Round

Please select one assigned piece (repertoire are as following) and two elective pieces for each of the three styles listed below. Contestants will play a total of three pieces on the site. The three musical pieces may have different lengths of time, but a contestant's playing time should not exceed 15 minutes.

1. Assigned piece:

	Assigned Piece Title	Note
(1)	月夜愁 Moon Night Sorrow	1. Scores can be downloaded from the official website. 2. Contestants select one assigned piece, and play with one of the three styles (Swing, Ballade, Elective style).
(2)	月亮代表我的心 Shines Through My Heart	
(3)	四季紅 Love in the Season	
(4)	我只在乎你 I Only Care about You	
(5)	雨夜花 Rainy Night Flower	
(6)	望春風 Spring Breeze	

2. Styles:

- (1) Swing (medium or fast)
- (2) Ballade
- (3) Elective style (eg. bossa nova, funk, etc.)

◎Prize

1st: NT\$600,000 and medal

2nd: NT\$300,000 and medal

3rd: NT\$150,000 and medal

◎Grading criteria

Technique: 30%

Improvisation and Interpretation: 30%

Musicianship: 20%

Appearance and Stage Deportment: 10%

Timbre: 10%

◎Notes

1. All contestants are required to accompany with a jazz trio ensemble provided by the organizer, and are not allowed to bring their own ensemble.
2. Please wear formal clothing during the competition. Dress code will be considered under the “Appearance and Stage Deportment” grading category.
3. The organizer will hold an after party following the Saxophone Competition. Semi-Final and Final Round competitors are invited. The date and venue of the party will be determined and announced by the organizer.
4. In accordance with Taiwan income tax laws, prizes exceeding NT\$20,000 will be taxed 10% for Taiwanese citizens (20% for foreigners).

5. All the prize winners are required to cooperate with the organizer to give one performance in festivals or activities, according to the organizer's annual schedule. The date and venue of this event will be determined by the organizer, who will cover related air tickets and an airport arrival reception but not living expenses.
6. All the prize winners are required to provide his/her portrait and usage authorization to the organizer for promotional use over a one-year period.
7. Foreign contestants requiring certification of their participation should notify the coordinator by email beforehand. Contestants are also responsible for their accommodations, meals, visa, and travel arrangements to and from the competition.
8. Please fill in the application form completely. Incomplete application forms will not be accepted.
9. All the application documents will not be returned.
10. If a contestant's musical entries, registration information or attached documents are found to involve in plagiarism or any form of misrepresentation, the organizer reserves the rights to disqualify the contestant from the competition, with any awarded prizes returned to the organizer.
11. The organizer reserves the rights to modify the date, venue and time order of contestants' performances, subject to necessary or inevitable conditions.
12. Based on the registration result and performance level of the contestants, the jurors reserve the rights to adjust the number of semi-finalists and finalists during each round of the competition, or not to award a prize for the final round.
13. Contestants must comply with rules and guidelines at the organizer's discretion.
14. The organizer reserves the rights to modify the rules at their discretion.

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<http://www.taichungsaxophone2016.com.tw>

Appendix I

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Application Form

Name		Gender		Please affix here a two-inch photograph (only stick one edge) (Please note applicant's name and phone number on the reverse side of the photograph.)
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)		Citizenship		
Contact Phone NO.				
Contact Address				
Email				
Piece Title	<p>Preliminary Round:</p> <p>Semi-Final Round:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assigned piece:2. Elective piece: <p>Final Round:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Swing (medium or fast):2. Ballade:3. Elective style: <p>※ One assigned piece must be included.</p> <p>Please clearly designate the title and length of the elective pieces. Elective pieces should not exceed the noted time limit.</p>			
Biography/awards, recordings, or other accomplishments.				

I hereby declare the above statements to be true, and confirm with full legal responsibility for any perjuries found.

Signature		Date	
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※ Please mail or deliver it in person the completed application form and other attached documents to the following address:

2016 Taichung Saxophone Competition Recruit Team

No.15, Huazhong St., North Dist., Taichung City 40442, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

※The application form and information can be downloaded at the official website:

<http://www.taichungsaxophone2016.com.tw/>

※If you have any questions, please contact:

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The application form can be adjusted if necessary.

Affix Photocopy of Your ID Document Here

Affix Photocopy of Passport

Foreign contestants should affix a photocopy of their passport.

AppendixII

Copyright Agreement

To: Cultural Affairs Bureau, Taichung City Government

I _____ (please fill in your full name) hereby declare that
I consent to the following arrangements:

- I. According to 2016 Taichung Saxophone Competition regulations, I bear all responsibility for any damage and expenses caused by my inappropriate behavior.
The organizer has the right to disqualify and withdraw the prizes should I do not follow the competition rules in their entirety.
- II. I agree that all audio/video copyrights of the competition process and award-winning performances are the unconditional mandate of the organizer. Organizer has the right to sublicense these to third parties. I promise that I will not exercise any moral rights to the organizer, nor require the organizer to pay any fees.

Name of Consenter: (Signature)

Legal Representative: (Signature)

(for contestants under 20 years of age)

ID Card No.(or passport No.):

Contact Address:

Contact Phone No.:

Date of Signing (DD/MM/YYYY):