

JERUS-IT-ARTS International Contest

Music, Dance, Performing and Visual Arts

The project

JERUS-IT-ARTS – Between Italy and Jerusalem: Retracing Music and Arts Networks, Enhancing Education and Promoting Cultural Heritage Preservation is launching an international artistic contest addressed to musicians, dancers and performers.

JERUS-IT-ARTS develops activities in training, research and cultural heritage preservation in the fields of music, dance and the arts, as a basis for dialogue and for promoting Italian music and dance internationally.

Funded by the European Union through Italy's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), JERUS-IT-ARTS brings together the Conservatorio "A. Pedrollo" di Vicenza (project lead), the Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, the Conservatorio "G.B. Martini" di Bologna, the Civica Scuola di Musica "Claudio Abbado" di Milano, the Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, and the Accademia Nazionale di Danza in Rome.

Aim of the contest

The contest aims to encourage the creation of artistic and performative works that reflect, interpret or make visible the cultural, historical and contemporary connections between Italy and Jerusalem and, more broadly, across the Mediterranean.

We particularly welcome works that foster intercultural dialogue, recognise and value diversity, and generate artistic/performance narratives in music, dance and visuals.

Who can participate

Individual artists or collectives working in music, dance, visual arts and performance; students enrolled in artistic institutions, universities, academies and art schools; independent authors who wish to engage with the themes of the project. There is no age limit. Participation is free of charge.

How to participate

Applicants are invited to submit: an audio work, an installation, an art video, or an interactive digital application. Each work must be accompanied by a short information sheet, available below.

Materials may be sent in digital format: audio (mp3), video (mp4), images (pdf or jpg). Submissions may be in Italian, English, Arabic or French. The work and the completed information sheet must be sent BY EMAIL to:

jerus-it-arts@unimore.it

Federica.manzoli@unimore.it

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Deadlines

Call opens: 30 October 2025

Submission deadline: 15 January 2026

Evaluation and selection

Submissions will be evaluated by a jury composed of artists, lecturers and scholars involved in the project. Assessment will be based on:

- originality and artistic quality
- ability to create intercultural dialogue
- consistency with the themes of the project, as described on the website (<https://www.jerusitarts.eu/>).

Award

Selected works will be presented during an online event and disseminated via the project website and in a digital publication (eBook).

The winner in each category (music, dance, performing arts) will receive a prize of €1,000.

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Mission 4 – Component 1 “Strengthening education services from early childhood to university” –

Investment 3.4 “Advanced university teaching and skills,” sub-investment T5 “Strategic partnerships/initiatives to innovate the international dimension of the AFAM system.”

BETWEEN ITALY AND JERUSALEM: RETRACING MUSIC AND ARTS NETWORKS, ENHANCING EDUCATION AND PROMOTING CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

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Participation Template

The author / rights holder of the submitted work must complete this form in full. Please write in BLOCK LETTERS.

Once the forms are filled out, print, sign and scan. Attach the resulting .pdf to the email through which your artwork is sent, as described above.

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Place of birth (city/country)		Date of birth
Nationality		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Native language		Highest qualification / Degree
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City / Town	Postal code	Province/State/Region
Telephone or mobile		e-mail

Work details			
Title			Year of production
Format <input type="checkbox"/> Audio	<input type="checkbox"/> Video	<input type="checkbox"/> Images	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

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