

INTERNATIONAL CARNATIC MUSIC & DANCE COMPETITIONS

PERTANDINGAN KARNATIK MUZIK & TARIAN ANTARABANGSA 2026

COMPETITION GUIDELINE

Syarat-Syarat Pertandingan

1. **Competition is open to participants globally.**
Pertandingan terbuka kepada peserta dari peringkat antarabangsa.

2. **Age Groups**
Umur

Age Groups		
Sub Junior (SJ)	6 to 9	Age is based on the year of birth
Junior (J)	10 to 13	
Sub Senior (SS)	14 to 17	
Senior (S)	18 and above	

3. **Registration** for the Competitions should be done by 28 February 2026. Late registrations will not be entertained.
Pendaftaran untuk Pertandingan harus dilakukan sebelum 28 Februari 2026. Pendaftaran lewat tidak akan dilayan.

4. **Competition Format**
Format Pertandingan

▪ **Regional Preliminary Round: Video Submission by 10 March 2026 (Regional Level)**

Pusingan Saringan Serantau: Video harus dihantar sebelum 10 Mac 2026 (Peringkat Serantau)

- ✓ Participants must submit a performance video for regional judging (according to the prescribed guidelines) by 10 March 2026.
Peserta harus menghantar video persembahan untuk penjurian peringkat serantau (mengikut garis panduan yang ditetapkan) sebelum 10 Mac.

i. The Americas *Benua Amerika*

Countries *Negara*: Canada, United States of America, Mexico, South America, and others.

ii. Southeast Asia *Asia Tenggara*

Countries *Negara*: Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and others.

iii. South Asia *Asia Selatan*

Countries *Negara*: India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and others

iv. Europe *Eropah*

Countries *Negara*: United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, and others.

v. East Asia, Central Asia, West Asia & Australasia

Asia Timur, Asia Tengah, Asia Barat & Australasia

Countries *Negara*: China, Japan, Korea, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Kuwait, Australia, New Zealand, and others.

- ✓ Top 5 from each category will be selected to proceed to Finals.
5 Pemenang dari setiap kategori akan dipilih untuk Pusingan Akhir.

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Creative Category (Malaysia Only)

Kategori Kreatif (Malaysia Sahaja)

- ✓ This competition is open for Malaysians only
Terbuka hanya kepada peserta dari Malaysia.
- ✓ Participants must submit video / artwork by 10 March.
Peserta harus menghantar video / lukisan sebelum 10 Mac.
- ✓ 5 Winners will be selected at the National Level only
5 Pemenang akan ditentukan di peringkat kebangsaan sahaja

▪ Grand Finals: 3 - 5 April (International Level)

Pusingan Akhir: 3 - 5 April 2026 (Peringkat Antarabangsa)

- ✓ Live Online performance with LIVE judging
Persembahan langsung atas talian dengan panel juri antarabangsa secara masa nyata.
- ✓ 5 winners will be awarded per category
5 pemenang akan dianugerah di setiap kategori

5. Traditional attire is recommended for the competitions.

Pakaian tradisional digalakkan sewaktu pertandingan

6. All participants will be awarded e-Certificate of Participation.

Semua peserta akan diberikan e-Sijil Penyertaan.

7. Prizes for Winners

Hadiah untuk pemenang

Regional Level - This is a qualifying round. There is no prizes for this round. An E-Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to participants who qualify for the finals.

Pusingan Serantau - Ini adalah pusingan kelayakan. Tiada hadiah diberikan dalam pusingan ini. E-Sijil Pencapaian akan diberikan kepada peserta yang layak ke peringkat akhir.

Prizes for Finals | *Hadiah bagi Pusingan Akhir*

Rank <i>Kedudukan</i>	Award Title <i>Tajuk Anugerah</i>	Prize / Recognition <i>Pengiktirafan / Hadiah</i>
1st Prize <i>Pertama</i>	Gold Award - International Champion	<p>Festival Access: MYICMF 3-Day VIP Festival Pass (Apr 24–26) <i>Pas VIP Festival 3 Hari MYICMF (Apr 24–26)</i></p> <p>Showcase / Performance: Featured Winner Showcase Slot in International Winners Gala Slot <i>Persembahan Khas Pemenang di Gala Pemenang Antarabangsa</i></p> <p>Publicity / Recognition: Featured Profile + Interview on socials <i>Profil & Temu Bual Khas di media sosial</i></p> <p>Certificates / Badges: Digital Certificate <i>Sijil Digital</i></p> <p>Gift / Ticket Benefit: Digital Gift Voucher RM100 <i>Baucer Hadiah Digital RM100</i></p>
2nd Prize <i>Kedua</i>	Silver Award - International Excellence	<p>Festival Access: MYICMF 2-Day Festival Pass (any 2 ticketed shows/sessions) <i>Pas Festival 2 Hari MYICMF (mana-mana 2 pertunjukan/sesi bertiket)</i></p> <p>Showcase / Performance: Performance Showcase Slot in Winners Gala (Online) <i>Slot Persembahan di Gala Pemenang (Dalam Talian)</i></p> <p>Publicity / Recognition: Feature Post on festival socials + winners listing on website <i>Sorotan di media sosial festival + senarai pemenang di laman web</i></p> <p>Certificates / Badges: Digital Certificate <i>Sijil Digital</i></p> <p>Gift / Ticket Benefit: Digital Gift Voucher RM70 <i>Baucer Hadiah Digital RM70</i></p>

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Rank <i>Kedudukan</i>	Award Title <i>Tajuk Anugerah</i>	Prize / Recognition <i>Pengiktirafan / Hadiah</i>
3rd Prize <i>Ketiga</i>	Bronze Award - International Merit	<p>Festival Access: MYICMF 1-Day Festival Pass (any 1 ticketed show) <i>Pas Festival 1 Hari MYICMF (mana-mana 1 pertunjukan bertiket)</i></p> <p>Showcase / Performance: Not Included <i>Tidak ditawarkan</i></p> <p>Publicity / Recognition: Featured in Winner Gallery <i>Dipaparkan dalam Galeri Pemenang</i></p> <p>Certificates / Badges: Digital Certificate <i>Sijil Digital</i></p> <p>Gift / Ticket Benefit: Digital Gift Voucher RM50 <i>Baucer Hadiah Digital RM50</i></p>
4th Prize <i>Keempat</i>	International Finalist Award	<p>Festival Access: Not Included <i>Tidak ditawarkan</i></p> <p>Showcase / Performance: Not Included <i>Tidak ditawarkan</i></p> <p>Publicity / Recognition: Finalist Spotlight <i>Sorotan Finalis</i></p> <p>Certificates / Badges: Digital Certificate <i>Sijil Digital</i></p> <p>Gift / Ticket Benefit: Discounted Festival Ticket <i>Tiket Diskaun Festival</i></p>
5th Prize <i>Kelima</i>	Special Recognition Award	<p>Festival Access: Not Included <i>Tidak ditawarkan</i></p> <p>Showcase / Performance: Not Included <i>Tidak ditawarkan</i></p> <p>Publicity / Recognition: Mention in official Winners List (category listing) <i>Nama dalam Senarai Pemenang Rasmi (senarai kategori)</i></p> <p>Certificates / Badges: Digital Certificate <i>Sijil Digital</i></p> <p>Gift / Ticket Benefit: Discounted Festival Ticket <i>Tiket Diskaun Festival</i></p>

8. Decision of the judges will be final and no appeal will be entertained at any level.

Keputusan para hakim adalah muktamad dan tiada sebarang rayuan akan dilayan.

9. Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)

Yuran Pendaftaran (Tidak boleh dibayar balik)

Type	Participating Fee for Malaysia / India Resident	Participating Fee for Others
Individual <i>Individu</i>	RM30 per category	USD30 per category
Group <i>Kumpulan</i>	RM20 per person per category	USD20 per person per category

10. Please read this Competition Guidelines carefully before application. Please register through the website www.myicmf.org before **28 February 2026**. Late registration will not be entertained.

Sila baca Garis Panduan Pertandingan ini dengan teliti sebelum mendaftar. Sila daftar melalui laman web www.myicmf.org sebelum 28 Februari 2026. Pendaftaran lewat tidak akan dilayan.

11. For any further enquiries, kindly contact the MYICMF 2026 Secretariat at +603.77726555 / +6012.9439356 or email myicmf@sugam.org

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CATEGORIES/KATEGORI

VOCAL COMPETITION PERTANDINGAN VOKAL

CAT# KAT#	CATEGORY KATEGORI	DETAILS PENERANGAN	AGE GROUP UMUR	TYPE JENIS	MAXIMUM DURATION TEMPOH MAXIMUM
VC01	Geetham	Sing one Geetham. Only the sahithyam. <i>Nyanyikan satu Geetham. Peserta dikehendaki menyanyi Sahithyam sahaja.</i>	SJ, J	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	3 Min
VC02	Varnam	Sing one Varnam. Sahithyam only. <i>Peserta dikehendaki menyanyi satu Varnam. Peserta dikehendaki menyanyi Sahithyam sahaja.</i>	J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	5 min
VC03	Krithi	Sing one Krithi of any carnatic composers. <i>Peserta dikehendaki menyanyi satu Krithi dari mana-mana komposer.</i>	SJ, J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	8 min
VC04	Divine Classics	Any devotional song composed by well known composers in any Indian language. <i>Nyanyikan satu lagu bertemakan "Devotional Classic" dari komposer yang bertauliah.</i>	SJ, J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	5 min
VC05	Concert Competition	Concert list preparation for a duration of 60 min or 90 min. Contestant will be tested based on the list prepared with some concert elements like ragam, swaram, niraval. <i>Penyediaan senarai konsert untuk tempoh 60 min atau 90 min. Peserta akan diuji berdasarkan senarai yang disediakan dengan beberapa elemen konsert seperti ragam, swaram, niraval.</i>	Open	✓ Individu/ <i>Individual</i>	20 min
VCG06	Group Vocal	Group singing in carnatic genre. <i>Nyanyian berkumpulan genre karnatik.</i>	SJ, J, SS, S	✓ Group/ <i>Kumpulan</i> (4 pax /4 peserta)	8 min

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CLASSICAL INSTRUMENT COMPETITIONS PERTANDINGAN INSTRUMEN KLASIKAL

CAT# KAT#	CATEGORY KATEGORI	DETAILS PENERANGAN	AGE GROUP UMUR	TYPE JENIS	MAXIMUM DURATION TEMPOH MAXIMUM
IN01	Geetham	Play one Geetham from any Carnatic composer using any instrument. <i>Mainkan satu Geetham. Instrumen pilihan dari komposer karnatik.</i>	SJ, J	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	3 min
IN02	Varnam	Play one Varnam using any instrument <i>Mainkan satu Varnam menggunakan instrumen pilihan.</i>	J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	5 min
IN03	Krithi	Play one Krithi of any carnation composers. <i>Peserta diminta memainkan satu Krithi dari mana-mana komposer</i>	J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	8 min
IN04	Percussion Basic	Percussion Instrument - Mridangam, Khanjira, Ghatam, Tabla, Taval. Choose one talam and play basic. <i>Instrumen "Percussion"- Mridangam, Khanjira, Ghatam, Tabla, Taval. Pilih salah satu tala dan mainkan rentak asas</i>	SJ, J	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	3 min
IN05	Percussion Advance	Percussion Instrument - Mridangam, Khanjira, Ghatam, Tabla, Taval. Choose one talam and play advance lessons. <i>Instrumen "Percussion" - Mridangam, Khanjira, Ghatam, Tabla - Pilih salah satu tala: Adi, Roopaka, Mishra Chapu.</i>	J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	5 min
IN06	Concert Competition	Concert list preparation for a duration of 60 min or 90 min. Contestant will be tested based on the list prepared with some concert elements like ragam, swaram, niraval. <i>Sediakan senarai konsert untuk tempoh 60 min atau 90 min. Peserta akan diuji berdasarkan senarai yang disediakan dengan beberapa elemen konsert seperti ragam, swaram, niraval.</i>	Open	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	20 min
ING07	Ensemble	4 Instruments, either the same or different instruments to be played in the group. <i>4 Instrumen sama ada instrument yang sama atau berbeza untuk dimainkan dalam kumpulan.</i>	SJ, J, SS, S	✓ Group/ <i>Kumpulan</i> (4 pax /4 peserta)	8 min

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PERTANDINGAN TARIAN KLASIK CLASSICAL DANCE COMPETITION

CAT# KAT#	CATEGORY KATEGORI	DETAILS PENERANGAN	AGE GROUP UMUR	TYPE JENIS	MAXIMUM DURATION TEMPOH MAXIMUM
DC01	Bharatha Natyam	Only Indian Classical Music to be used. <i>Peserta hanya dibenarkan menggunakan muzik klasikal India.</i>	SJ, J, SS, S	✓ Individual/ <i>Individu</i>	10 min
DCG02	Group Classical Dance	Only Indian Classical Music to be used. <i>Peserta hanya dibenarkan menggunakan muzik klasikal India.</i>	Open	✓ Group/ <i>Kumpulan</i> (4 pax /4 peserta)	10 min
DCG03	Indian Folk Dance <i>Tarian Rakyat India</i>	Type of Folk Dances <i>Jenis Tarian Rakyat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● South Indian - Tamil Folk, Telugu Folk, Malayalam Folk ● North Indian - <i>Bhangra, Giddha, Ghoomar, Garba, Kalbelia, Rasila, etc.</i> 	Open	✓ Group/ <i>Kumpulan</i> (6 pax /6 peserta)	10 min

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CREATIVE COMPETITION PERTANDINGAN KREATIF

CAT# KAT#	CATEGORY KATEGORI	DETAILS PENERANGAN	AGE GROUP UMUR	MAXIMUM DURATION TEMPOH MAXIMUM
CR01	Multimedia	<p>Video submission of a Power point presentation with/without audio/video with a topic relating to Carnatic Music.</p> <p><i>Multimedia merangkumi persembahan video Power Point dengan / tanpa sampel audio / video dengan topik pilihan anda berkaitan dengan Karnatik Muzik.</i></p>	Open	3 min
CR02	Fancy Dress	<p>Dress up as any Indian Cultural Hero and play the character with a speech.</p> <p><i>Berpakaian seperti Wira Budaya India yang terkenal dan memainkan watak tersebut.</i></p>	SJ, J	-
CR03	Craft	<p>Send a video presentation to include the making of the craft, speak about background/history about the craft, show final product</p> <p><i>Video merangkumi cara membuat kraf, bercakap tentang latar belakang / sejarah tentang kraf dan tunjuk produk akhir.</i></p>	SJ, J	3 min
CR04	Visual Art	<p>Contestants should explore the rich heritage of Carnatic music and dance and are encouraged to interpret the theme creatively, emphasizing the visual representation of rhythm, melody, dance postures, and emotions associated with Carnatic arts.</p> <p>Theme: Tradition Meets Today</p> <p>Medium: Contestants are free to choose their preferred visual art medium, including but not limited to painting, drawing, collage, or mixed media.</p> <p>Size restrictions: Artwork should be within a standard A3 size (297 x 420 mm) to facilitate exhibition and judging.</p> <p><i>Peserta harus meneroka warisan muzik dan tarian Karnatik yang kaya dan digalakkan untuk mentafsir tema secara kreatif, menekankan perwakilan visual irama, melodi, postur tarian dan emosi yang dikaitkan dengan seni Karnatik.</i></p> <p><i>Tema: Tradisi Bertemu Masa Kini</i></p> <p><i>Medium: Peserta bebas memilih medium seni visual pilihan mereka, termasuk tetapi tidak terhad kepada lukisan, lukisan, kolaj atau media campuran.</i></p> <p><i>Sekatan saiz: Karya seni hendaklah dalam saiz A3 standard (297 x 420 mm) untuk memudahkan pameran dan penghakiman.</i></p>	SJ, J, SS	-

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- Participation in the competition implies that participants accept these rules. Non-compliance with the rules results in the automatic cancellation of the participation in the competition and of the candidacy for the prize.
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Pengisytiharan yang tidak tepat atau tidak jujur, atau sebarang penipuan, boleh mengakibatkan peserta hilang kelayakan.
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Thank you for your participation.
Terima kasih atas penyertaan anda.