COMPLETE REGULATION

MARKBASS VIRTUOSO INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

8.10.2023 – 9.10.2023: Submit your application

9.15.2023: Announce of the winners

Parsek Srl with its Markbass brand has been producing bass amps for over twenty years, currently exports to more than 60 countries, and today Markbass is a brand leader in the world of bass amplification.

Parsek Srl is organizing a contest for all young talented bass musicians, fully inclusive of all identities assigned or otherwise, in the world. The first three young bass players that stand out as examples of international excellence will be recognized with incredible Markbass awards!

1. **Promoter:** Parsek Srl, a company based in Italy, Via PO 52, San Giovanni Teatino (CH)
2. **Name of the contest:** Markbass Virtuoso International Contest
3. **Contest period:** Registrations are open from August 10th to September 10th 2023 (Inclusive). The applications received after the publication of our Call for Application (August 10th at 12.00 AM) until September 10th at 11.59 PM (Italian time) that follow the guidelines below will be accepted.
    a. Winners will be selected based on shared videos and the first, second and third places will be announced on September 15th.
    b. The winner, first place, will be invited to attend an award ceremony that will take place in Pescara on October 8th, at the Aurum – La Fabbrica delle idee building, Address: Largo Gardone Riviera, 65126 Pescara (PE) ITALY.
4. **Geographical area:** Registration can be sent from any worldwide location from young bass players of any nationality. To partake, email a completed registration form, along with a video performance and signed authorization for the processing of data to: **virtuoso@markbass.it**
   The award ceremony will take place in Italy on October 8th at Aurum – La Fabbrica delle idee, Address: Largo Gardone Riviera, 65126 Pescara (PE) ITALY.
   The first prize winner will be invited to join the ceremony. Second and third places will receive awards shipped directly to their houses using the addresses supplied on their registration form.
5. **Competitors**: The contest is open to any young talented bass player, fully inclusive of all identities assigned or otherwise, around the world between the ages of 15 and 29 years old. Eligible musicians will need to be older than 15 and younger than 30 years on the day of the award ceremony on October 8th, i.e. people born between October 2008 and October 1993.
6. **Advertising**: The Markbass Virtuoso International Contest will be advertised on:
    - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/markbassamps
    - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/markbassamps/
    - Tik Tok: https://www.tiktok.com/@markbass_official
    - YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@MarkbassAmps
    - Markbass Website: https://www.markbass.it/
    - Virtuoso Contest special webpage: virtuoso.markbass.it
    - Online magazines where the event poster will be published
    - Printed posters and fliers that will be distributed by Markbass and Markbass dealers' shops, dealers will also promote the contest on their social networks.
7. **Contest development**: the Call for applications, Regulation and forms will be published on our website: **virtuoso.markbass.it** on August 10th 2023, at 12.00 AM.

For all the bass players that wish to send their application, the following is required for submission by email:

- **Completed Registration form**: the form can be downloaded from **virtuoso.markbass.it** (in the same section complete competition regulations can also be downloaded). Included with the application form is a Release Authorization form for data – MOD B (on the last page of the PDF file).
- **Release Authorization for data processing – signed** (MOD B) – integrated in the application form, automatically downloaded with the Registration form.
- **Copy of a valid passport or identity card**
- **Performance Video**, maximum duration of the video: 5 (five) minutes. Participants can select a song of their choice from the following genres: **Traditional Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, Latin Jazz, Jazz rock and Fusion.** The performance recording must be shot on video with a single camera, in a one take, live performance only with no edits. The video frame must show the entire performer, i.e. the whole person and the whole bass. No hand close-ups permitted.
  The jury will decide the winners based on the shared videos. Only young bass players who meet the age requirements indicated in the section 5, Competitors, may participate.

8. **CONTEST PHASES:** The outcome of the contest will be determined via a single phase. The jury will judge the video performances shared by email and first place, the absolute winner, will be presented with their awarded in Pescara on October 8th at the Aurum – La Fabbrica delle idee during the annual SoundExpo event.
   To be accepted videos must be: up to 5 minutes, the video frame must show the entire performer, that is, the whole person and the whole bass. The bass player is free to choose the kind of music they wish to perform; however, the performance must be from the above mentioned genres: **Traditional Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, Latin Jazz, Jazz rock and Fusion.**
   The video of the performance must not be subject to editing.
   Interested competitors should send a completed Registration form, including consent for data processing signed (MOD B), a copy of relevant identity documents and the video performance via email**:** **virtuoso@markbass.it** **;** with the subject line: Markbass Virtuoso International Contest.
   Deadline for applications: **September 10th 2023, inclusive.**
9. **EXPERT JURY PANEL**: each performance will be examined and judged by a special jury, composed of Marco De Virgiliis, Markbass CEO and Jury President, Riccardo Damiani, Maurizio Rolli, Nicola di Camillo, Pippo Matino and Alain Caron, bassist famous worldwide - Alain won't just express his preference, he will also perform on the day of the Awards Ceremony with his band. The entire Jury panel that will rank submitted videos are renowned musicians, experts in the national and international musical world, particularly in the musical field of electric bass. When the Jury is sworn in, each member of jury shall disclose if they have family or educational relationships (if they had educational relationship in the last 48 months) with any of the competitors, and will abstain from debate and voting. Such abstention will come detailed in our report.
   Competitors must not contact the jury member until the publication of winners, under penalty of disqualification.
10. **JUDGING TO DETERMINE THE WINNERS:** the jury will determine the winners on the basis of the following criteria: **virtuosity, musicality, technique, intonation, rhythmic precision and sound**. For each of the criteria, a score from 1(one) to 10 (ten) will be assigned. The first three participants that achieve the highest scores will be awarded. If the jury considers them examples of world class excellence, it will assign an award corresponding to the position reached.
11. **SONG OF PERFORMANCE:** Each competitor shall play a song, recorded in a video up to 5 minutes duration. The song chosen by players must be from these prescribed genres: Traditional Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, Latin Jazz, Jazz rock and Fusion.

12. **FINAL STAGE:** After receipt of all videos, our judges will decide the first, second and third classified on the basis of the above indicated criteria. Winners will be made public on September 15th on the company socials and website. First place winner is invited to join the awards ceremony in Pescara on October 8th, at the Aurum – La Fabbrica delle idee, during the annual music festival: SoundExpo. All transports costs and accommodation for the first-place winner will be charged to the Parsek Srl. Any companions should be managed themselves.
    If required, the winner attending the award ceremony can request a Visa invitation letter. The Contest secretary will support the winner with an invitation letter, any procedures to obtain a Visa will be charged to the winner and eventual companion.
    During the award ceremony the winner will receive the prizes as overall winner of the contest and they will open the concert of Alain Caron with their winning song on October 8th.
    By entering the Contest, the competitors authorize audio and video registration, broadcast by streaming via internet of any videos and images, possible live streaming of the award ceremony on the Markbass social pages, above-mentioned, and consent to any other event or media distribution related to the Contest.
    By registering for the Contest, competitors attribute all rights relating to photos, videos or web related to the Markbass Virtuoso International Contest, submissions (video and audio), images of the first video and final exhibition to Parsek SrL. Parsek Srl can use these without acknowledging or requiring any compensation.
    Competitors registering are also asked to sign consent for personal data processing, video, images, audio submission, attached in the registration form.
13. **PRIZES:** Markbass prizes are indivisible. At judges' discretion the prizes may not be assigned if the experts deem the level is not at a sufficiently excellent level.
    PRIZES:

    For 1st place:

    - **Little Mark 58R head**
    - **MB58R 104 Energy cabinet**
    - **Bass: JF1 Old Yellow 4 CR RW**

    For 2nd place:

    - **Little Mark 58R head**
    - **Bass: MB GV 5 Gloxy Val Black CR MP**

    For 3rd place:

    - **Mark Vintage Pre**
    - **Bass: MB GV 4 Gloxy Val Surf Green CR MP**

Any participant who submits misrepresented or fraudulent materials will be excluded from all the future editions of the Competition.

14. **CONCERT FOR THE WINNER:** The winner will perform on the stage of SoundExpo, an event dedicated to music and all music lovers, which will be held on October 8th in Pescara, at Aurum. The winner will be asked to play their winning song and open for **Alain Caron and his band's concert.**
15. **DEADLINE FOR PRIZES DELIVERY:** The prizes assigned will be shipped to winners within 15 days of the awards Ceremony: October 8th 2023.
    The shipment address used will be the one indicated on the original registration form, in case of any changes please contact **virtuoso@markbass.it** indicating the updated shipment, inserting in the subject of the email: Change address for the MB Contest prizes' shipment.

Registration and application to the Markbass Virtuoso International Contest implies the implicit full acceptance of the content of this Regulation.

16. **PRIVACY:** The personal data provided in registering for this contest will be processed in compliance with the Italian Current legislation pursuant to GDPR 2016/679 and subsequently amended.

The Markbass Virtuoso International Contest is organized by Parsek Srl under Italian legislation, respecting the current Italian Legislation. Markbass Virtuoso International contest falls among the event excluded from the Prize contests ex. art 6 par. 1 Lett. A DPR 430/2001.