

The International Year of Sound

Sound plays an important role in the enjoyment of landscapes as well as in all human activities. Natural and anthropized soundscapes are fundamental components of the identity of places. Studying them from a historical, naturalistic and social point of view helps to safeguard and enhance them.

The **International Year of Sound (IYS 2020)** is a global initiative that refers to UNESCO Charter of Sound No. 39C/59. Its purpose is to highlight the importance of sound and the related sciences and technologies in society and the world, taking into account landscape aspects and noise control in nature, in the built environment and in workplaces. IYS 2020 includes activities organized at the regional, national and international level by the International Commission for Acoustics (ICA).

In the frame of the IYS 2020, an **international competition for students** of Primary, Middle and Secondary Schools from all over the world is promoted. The competition is structured in two categories:

1) Competition for students of Primary and Middle Schools (approximately from 5 to 12 years old). Students are asked to produce hand-made drawings, pictures, patchworks, collages and similar, related to their world of sounds, inspired by the **motto of IYS2020 “Importance of Sound for Society and the World”** and, possibly, by melody and refrain of the **song “The Sound Of The World”**.

2) Competition for students of Secondary Schools (approximately from 13 to 18 years old). Students are asked to write a stanza of 4 verses in mother tongue and/or in English, inspired by the melody and the refrain of the song “The Sound Of The World” as well as by the motto of IYS2020 “Importance of Sound for Society and the World”.

Participants can be students: as individual or organized in groups and whole classes, considered as representatives of their school.

The song “The Sound Of The World”, together with notes, chords and the text of the refrain, and the regulations for the student competition are available for listening and downloading at: <https://sound2020.org/society/student-competition/>.

You are invited to participate in the competition!

Attached is the poster of the competition.

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