

New deadlines of the International Year of Sound

(information reported by Sergio Luzzi on July the 27th of 2020)

The **International Year of Sound 2020** has been **extended to 2021**. Due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the ICA decided that the IYS would become a 2-year celebration of sound. For details, please see the news on official website: sound2020.org/news/coronavirus/. The extension regards all IYS initiatives: postponed events and new events and activities can be scheduled for 2021 and included in the list of IYS events. The **International Competition for students** will be extended to school year 2020-2021.

Students from all over the world can join the competition, structured into two categories:

- 1) a competition for students of Primary and Middle Schools (approximately from 5 to 12 years old), where 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) a competition for students of Secondary Schools (approximately from 13 to 18 years old), where 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”**.

The deadlines have been revised: participants must send their items to the IYS2020 National Representative by 31 December 2020 and winners and awarded items will be announced by 25 April 2021.

For further information, visit the IYS official website: <https://sound2020.org/>

Anyway, during the lockdown, the IYS's team and some schools of different countries have been working for the promotion of the scheduled initiatives.

About 50 recorded contributions were collected for the making of Promotional Clips, inviting students to join both the Competition for Primary/Middle Schools and the Competition for Secondary Schools.

The five promotional clips (1 minute each) will be soon available on IYS website and related social media pages.

Besides, there was a constant involvement of schools, choirs, theatres, and conservatories. Posts and news on social media pages (LinkedIn, Facebook) were shared for keeping up the enthusiasm of participants.

EAA member societies are kindly asked to help the IYS Competition Office inviting students of their countries to join the competition.



Frame of one promotional clip with the IYS Competition Team: Rossella Natale, Sara Delle Macchie, Sergio Luzzi (Coordinator), Gianluca Forlani, Paola Pulella, Chiara Bartalucci.