CALL FOR ENTRIES

XIX International Guitar Competition

Culiacán 2026

ONLINE EDITION

The **Fundación Cultural de la Guitarra A.C.**, the **City of Culiacán**, through the **Instituto Municipal de Cultura Culiacán**, and the **Instituto Sinaloense de Cultura** announce the **XIX International Guitar Competition Culiacán 2026**.

1 Key dates

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS
Until December 6
Sunday · 11:59 p.m.
Open from the publication of this call.
Culiacán time (UTC-7).

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED
December 10
Thursday
On the Festival's Facebook page.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED
December 12
Saturday
Live stream on Facebook.

2 Prizes

PLACE	PRIZE	APPROX.	ALSO INCLUDES
1 First prize	**$18,700.00** MXN	USD 1,000	A solo performance with the **Orquesta Sinfónica Sinaloa de las Artes** at the next edition of the Sinaloa International Guitar Festival, with a fee of **MXN $10,000.00**, lodging, and travel support to be agreed upon.
2 Second prize	**$11,200.00** MXN	USD 600	—
3 Third prize	**$7,450.00** MXN	USD 400	—
4 Fourth prize Special Prize	**$2,800.00** MXN	USD 150	—

The official amounts are those stated in Mexican pesos; the US dollar equivalents are for reference only, based on the exchange rate on the date of publication. All prizes are subject to applicable tax withholdings and fees.

3 Who can enter?

- Guitarists of any age and nationality.
- Who have not won first prize at the International Guitar Competition Culiacán in any previous edition.
- Entrants under 18 must submit an authorization signed by a parent or legal guardian.

4 How to register

01

Pay the entry fee

USD 27.00 at this link: https://buy.stripe.com/5kQ7sLfzhd8G39V3xUcQU0c

02

Record your video

Follow the requirements in section 5.

03

Upload it to YouTube

Set the visibility to **"Unlisted"**.

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Send an email

To **competition2026@culiacanguitar.com** before the submission deadline.

Your email must include:

- Full name, country, date of birth, phone number, and email address
- A copy of an official ID
- Proof of payment
- Link to your YouTube video
- Your repertoire list (composer, title, and duration of each piece)

5 Video requirements

- ✓ **One video, 6 to 16 minutes long,** of classical guitar repertoire of your choice.
- ✓ **A single take:** no audio or video editing, no cuts between pieces, and no on-screen text.
- ✓ **Fixed camera**, with the performer's hands and face visible throughout the recording.
- ✓ Timing starts with the first note of the first piece and includes the pauses between pieces.
- ✓ All pieces must be performed **from memory**.
- ✓ At the start, the entrant must state **their full name** and the phrase **"Culiacán es Cultura Musical 2026"** (in Spanish or English).

Videos that do not meet these requirements will not be judged.

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6 Judging

The competition has **two rounds, judged on the same video**:

ROUND 1

Preliminary round

The jury will review all submitted videos and select the finalists. The number of finalists will be determined by the jury. Finalists' videos will be posted on the Festival's Facebook page.

Finalists: Thursday, December 10

ROUND 2

Final

The jury will deliberate on the finalists' videos. Winners will be announced during a live stream on Facebook.

Winners: Saturday, December 12

- Any prize may be declared void if the jury so decides.
- In the event of a tie, the prize amount will be split.
- The jury's decision is final.

7 Jury

The jury will consist of at least three musicians with extensive professional careers and recognized integrity. At least two of them will be internationally renowned guitarists, and at least one will be a member of the Fundación Cultural de la Guitarra A.C.

8 General terms

- By registering, entrants authorize the publication of their video to promote the competition, on a non-profit basis.
- The entry fee is non-refundable.
- Registration implies knowledge and acceptance of these rules.
- Any matters not covered will be resolved by the organizing committee.
- The Spanish version of this call is the official version.

9 Contact

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