

"FRANCISCO TÁRREGA" INTERNATIONAL GUITAR COMPETITION BENICÀSSIM 2026

Preview of the call for the **LIX "Francisco Tárrega" International Guitar Competition of Benicàssim.**

Pending the official approval of the Rules of the **LIX "Francisco Tárrega" International Guitar Competition of Benicàssim** by the Government Commission of the Town Council, the proposal will be as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The town of Benicàssim, Spain, the organizer of the FRANCISCO TÁRREGA INTERNATIONAL GUITAR COMPETITION, hereby announces the LIX edition of this competition that will take place from 27 August to 4 September, 2026.
2. The competition is open to any classical guitarists and aims to encourage the performance of guitar works, with a special emphasis on those of FRANCISCO TÁRREGA.
3. All guitarists are welcome to participate, except past winners of the First Prize at the competition. Age limit: 35. The candidates must not celebrate their 36th birthday during the Contest.

PRESELECTION

A free choice repertoire having works (or movements) in which **“Preludio nº1 en Re menor” (2ª serie) Ed. Bèrben** and **“Studio-Scherzo” (T. Damas) Ed. Bèrben** by **FRANCISCO TÁRREGA** will be necessarily included. This test will not exceed 15 minutes.

SEMI-FINAL SESSIONS

The contestants who have passed the Preselection test, will perform freely chosen works, in which **“Danza Mora” by FRANCISCO TÁRREGA has to be compulsory included, as well as another work by the same composer.**

The program to be performed will last 25 minutes as a minimum up to 30 maximum and must not include any work performed during the Preselection.

FINAL SESSION

As a tribute to Maestro Joaquín Rodrigo (1901-1999) in commemoration of the 125 anniversary of his birth

1. A guitar concert to be chosen among the following works:

Fantasia para un Gentilhombre Ed. Joaquín Rodrigo	Joaquín Rodrigo
Concierto de Aranjuez Ed. Joaquín Rodrigo	Joaquín Rodrigo
Concierto para una Fiesta Ed. Joaquín Rodrigo	Joaquín Rodrigo

2. Francisco Tárrega's works to be chosen amongst those that were not performed during the previous sessions and the maximum duration is no more than 9 minutes.

The **LIX "Francisco Tárrega" International Guitar Competition of Benicàssim**, will be held from August 27th to September 4th 2026.