

RULES & REGULATIONS

International Craftsman Competition in Silversmithing
1st – 3rd 2023

I. Goals

- To present and promote the tradition of the silversmith craft with the used in the past tools, patterns, techniques and materials;
- To show the contemporary artistic interpretations of the craft.

II. Terms & Conditions

The Competition will be held from the 1st of September (Friday) from 10:30 o'clock until the 3rd of September (Sunday) till 15:00 o'clock.

- Artisans from Bulgaria and abroad who have received an invitation from the organizers will participate.
- The participants shall create a compulsory object on the spot and shall present a second (author's) object of their own choice.
- The compulsory object is made using the filigree technique, selected by the jury. The original is shown to the participants. The goal is to create an article, which resembles the original as much as possible, using a creative approach. The traditional technology process must be observed.
- The organizers provide the needed materials for the making of the compulsory article.
- The second object must have the typical of the country where the artisan comes from technique, pattern, material or storyline. The participants in the Competition shall organize themselves and at their own expense the exporting of the second object from their native country.
- The organizers shall provide equal working conditions to all participants.
- The participants in the Competition shall provide themselves the needed for their work set of instruments.
- The objects created and presented by the participants at the Craftsman Competition shall become property of the Museum.
- Upon the end of the Competition they will become part of a temporary exposition, exhibited at the Museum until the end of October 2023.
- The materials, needed for the making of the first object and the expenses of the participants for the holding of the Competition (transport, daily allowances and up to 4 overnight accommodations) are provided by the organizers.

III. Jury session

Both articles, subject of the Competition will be evaluated on the 3rd of September at 16:00 o'clock by professionals and experts, appointed by the order of the Director of the Museum. The results will be announced on the 3rd of September (Sunday) during the official "Evening of the Master".



IV. Prizes

- Grand Prix – Silver Bell, diploma and money prize (BGN 1500/750 €) as well as the right to an exhibition bazaar at Etar REOM during the next year;
- Special Prize of the Municipality of Gabrovo – a diploma and money prize (BGN 1200/600 €);
- Special Prize of Etar REOM, Gabrovo – a diploma and money prize (BGN 1000/500 €);
- The participants in the Competition shall organize on their own and at their own expense the needed documents and costs for the importing into Bulgaria of the second object for the Craftsman Competition.

