

The Malta International Fireworks Festival

17th - 30th April 2022



**Seven Spectacular Nights
in
Seven Different Locations**



Malta
Tourism Authority

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Introduction

The Malta International Fireworks Festival (MIFF/Festival) is an event produced solely and exclusively by the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA). The event found its origins in 2001 and has been organized without any gaps for the last 20 years. The Festival gained importance within the local calendar of event and was even used to celebrate important dates in Maltese History – such as EU-Accession.

The Malta International Fireworks Festival 2022 is going to be the 21st edition of this internationally renowned Festival.

This festival has gained quite a following as well as a positive reputation and is keenly awaited by the Global Fireworks Industry. Testament to this reputation is the successful bid for the hosting of the **International Symposium on Fireworks** in Malta which was planned to happen in 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the organisers decided to postpone this important event to 2023 to ensure an increased foreign participation.

The International Symposium on Fireworks is the world's premiere international gathering of the pyrotechnic industry. Each Symposium focuses on bringing together individuals of diverse pyrotechnic background, to provide a fertile atmosphere in which to see the newest technology, to trade experience and ideas on ways to enhance the industry and to move the science forward. The emphasis of the Symposia is on the presentation of papers and the discussion of topics dealing with the safety, scientific, engineering, artistic, and regulatory aspects of fireworks and other pyrotechnics associated with entertainment and celebration on a global basis.

The International Symposium on Fireworks, will give the opportunity to local pyrotechnics, to further their education on health and safety, new products on the market, new and advances in science and technology, as well as networking with the International Industry.

The Festival

The Festival gives the opportunity to host world-renowned foreign companies to compete with local firework factories on an international level over different idyllic locations of the Maltese Islands.

The Festival Theme

Each year the Festival has a different theme, where those competing against each other need to create an Artistic Fireworks Display in relation to that chosen theme as creatively as possible. The theme being suggested for this year is:

“A Night with Legends”.

This theme is inspired by Legendary Artists and Musicians who have passed away but left masterpieces that people still enjoy and sing to till this very yday. In fact, each participant will be asked to select the Musical Score for the Pyro Musical Display from the likes of Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Amy Winehouse, Freddie Mercury and many more.

The Festival Format

The Malta Tourism Authority is proposing that for the 21st Edition of the Malta International Fireworks Festival, a new production format is adopted, in preparation for the International Symposium of Fireworks.

It is being recommended that the Judges for this edition are nominated from the Board Members of the said International Symposium. For this year's edition, it also being recommended that all let-off of fireworks will be from the sea – a special setting that is important as a preparation for the 2023 Fireworks Festival that will host the International Symposium.

The event will be hosted in seven (7) different locations over different days, three of which will host a competition between foreign and local competitors, whilst the last day of the festival is the ‘Grand Finale’ where the Malta Tourism Authority takes the opportunity to announce the winner chosen by the Jury.

Application Form

The Malta International Fireworks Festival 17th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th & 30th April 2022

Registration of Interest for the Pyro-Musical Display Competition

The Ministry for Tourism together with Malta Tourism Authority is organizing the 21st edition of the Malta International Fireworks Festival 2022, to be held in Malta from the 17^h April till the 31st April 2022 (here in after referred to as the 'Festival').

1. General Details

Organizer: Malta Tourism Authority
Location: Malta / Gozo

2. Specifications of the show

- a) The Applicant Company shall create and perform a unique show specifically designed for the Festival of not less than fourteen (14) minutes duration, which shall comprise a combination of fireworks and music (hereinafter referred to as the 'Pyro Musical Display' or 'Show').
- b) Two (2) minutes within the display shall be without accompanying music, highlighting different fireworks effects and sound.
- c) The theme for this year's International Fireworks Festival is "**A Night with Legends**" which means all the music shall be chosen from legendary music artists who are no longer with us.
- d) The music selected and brief description shall be included in the official Festival's program and all social media platforms.

3. Payment

In consideration for the creation and performance of the Show, the Organizer shall pay the Company the amount of twenty thousand Euro (€20,000).

4. Prizes

The top three (3) competitors gaining the most points overall will be given a placement trophy and cash prizes of Five thousand Euro (€ 5,000), Three thousand Euro (€ 3,000), and One thousand, five hundred Euro (€ 1,500) respectively.

A participation trophy is to be presented to all participants.

5. Jury

The competition shall be judged by an international jury, consisting of not less than three (3) adjudicators.

The result shall be determined on a number of criteria including quality of shell, best colors, best effects and sound, synchronization, artistic impression, originality, choice of music and let-off site inspection.

6. General Time Schedule (Subject to Change)

Friday 15th April 2022	Afternoon	Barges & pontoons will Arrive on site Setting up Display from 13:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Saturday 16th April 2022		Setting up Display from 07:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Sunday 17th April 2022		Setting Up Display from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs Barges & pontoons will Depart (12:00hrs) from the setting up location to position Showcase start at 20:00hrs
Monday 18th April 2022		Firing site cleaning, barges & pontoons from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs

Monday 18th April 2022	Afternoon	Barges & pontoons will Arrive on site Setting up Display from 13:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Tuesday 19th April 2022		Setting up Display from 07:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Wednesday 20th April 2022		Setting Up Display from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs Barges & pontoons will Depart (12:00hrs) from the setting up location to let-off position Showcase start at 20:00hrs
Thursday 21st April 2022		Firing site cleaning, barges & pontoons from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs

Thursday 21st April 2022	Afternoon	Barges & pontoons will Arrive on site Setting up Display from 13:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Friday 22nd April 2022		Setting up Display from 07:00hrs till 20:00hrs

Saturday 23rd April 2022		Setting Up Display from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs Barges & pontoons will Depart (12:00hrs) from the setting up location to let-off position Showcase start at 20:00hrs
Sunday 24th April 2022		Firing site cleaning, barges & pontoons from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs

Thursday 28th April 2022	Afternoon	Barges & Pontoons will Arrive on site Setting up Display from 13:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Friday 29th April 2022		Setting up Display from 07:00hrs till 20:00hrs
Saturday 30th April 2022		Setting Up Display from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs Barges & Pontoons will Depart (12:00hrs) from the setting up location to let-off position Showcase start at 20:00hrs
Sunday 1st May 2022		Firing site cleaning, barges & pontoons from 07:00hrs till 11:00hrs

This time schedule is to be seen as a first preliminary time schedule. The organizer reserves all rights for modifications. In case of modifications the participants will be informed.

7. Firing Site

Each participant will have a dedicated area on the barge measuring 30mtrs x 6mtrs as shown in Page 7 and 5 pontoons measuring 3mtrs x 3mtrs as shown in pages 3,4 & 5.

8. Pyrotechnic effects may be fired as following:

- a) The size of the fireworks must not exceed three hundred (300) millimetres.
- b) Foreign participants may NOT purchase shells that are manufactured from licenced fireworks factories in Malta.
- c) Local participants are solely permitted to let off only local manufactured fireworks in their display.

Pyrotechnic effects on Barge is allowed as following:

- Traditional Fireworks shells must not exceed the 10 inches
- Water Shells are not allowed to be used

9. Equipment/material

Participants must submit:

- a) Details of firing system to be used.

- b) A complete list of the pyrotechnic material to be displayed in the show.

10. Participant details

- a) Company details and CV are to be provided including previous participation in other competitions/festivals.
- b) Local participants are to be registered with Malta's Pyrotechnic Association either as full members or as an observer status.

11. Transportation of material

The transportation of material and equipment (as well as the cost incurred) from the Applicant Company's warehouse to a specified warehouse in Italy, if applicable, is the responsibility of the Company **(not applicable to Maltese participants)**.

12. General Conditions

For the teams it is important to respect certain kind of behaviour during the setting up of the show:

- All Participants need to have team uniforms with company name and logo.
- Setting up area needs to remain clean for safety measures. Safety is of utmost importance to other team members, crew and audience during the show.
- Choreographies and design show angles initially proposed are to be respected and changes during setup are not permitted. Also, it is important to respect safety distance to the public.
- A full cooperative working attitude between different teams is important and well appreciated.
- During the period of installation and preparation no Photos or Videos can be posted on social networks.

13. Participant's Obligations

It shall be the responsibility of the Company to be in possession of an insurance policy in its own name and at its own expense which shall cover the Company against any theft, loss, or damage of the Material as well as to cover the Company in case of injury or damage to third parties caused by the Material in overseas transit **(as in the storage site in Malta / not applicable to Maltese participants)**.

- Good Music synchronising
- Good quality products
- Original design show and choreographiess
- New concepts & New Ideas

Participants needs to deliver a complete show:

The inventory of all the items and consumable items must be given to the Malta Tourism Authority as the Organiser.

Participants must submit all necessary documents as follows:

- Details of firing system to be used
- Type of Products and active weight of all products
- All Fireworks Materials to be placed on a Euro Epal Pallet during the convey
- Inspections can be carried out at any time during transportation

The Participant is fully responsible to provide and bring over the following material as the organiser is not responsible for them:

- Nylon
- Igniters
- Wire
- Connectors & all related material needed during the festival

The Participant is obligated to provide the Authority a copy of a valid fireworks licenses, passports of licensee & crew.

14. What the Participant is Expecting from the Organiser

On the same day:

- Three (3) Pyro Show participants will show case, with a twenty (20) minutes gap between one and the other.
- Six (6) participants will show case their Traditional Local Product.

Each Participant who will be participating in the Pyro Show will have the following:

- Quantity 5 Pontoons measuring 3metres by 3metres
- Total length can be stretched up to 180metres with a 25metres clearance from each pontoon.
- Maximum fireworks material is allowed up to 350kg on each pontoon.
- On the barge you will have an area of 2metres by 28 metres (Ref to: Page 7)
- Each Participant who will be participating in the Traditional Fireworks will have an area of 3metres by 3metres on the Barge. (Ref to: Page 7)

Pyrotechnic effects on Pontoons are allowed as following:

- the size of the fireworks shells must not exceed the 3 inch
- the foreign participants are not allowed to use or to buy any local products to be used during the festival.
- Local Participants are solely permitted to let off only local manufactured fireworks during the festival.

15. Organiser Obligations

- a) The Organiser will provide the Company with the necessary storage facilities for the Material in Malta free of charge (**not applicable to Maltese participants**).
- b) The Organiser shall provide the Company with the services of a fully licensed local pyro-technician who will be responsible to host the Company, store the material and equipment and to assist in the setting up of the material and equipment for the performance of the Show (**not applicable to Maltese participants**).

- c) The organiser shall provide the foreign participants with up to four (4) direct air-tickets to Malta. Furthermore, the Organiser shall provide the crew with accommodation (**not applicable to Maltese participants**).
- d) Local participants who have their display let off at Gozo will be given accommodation on B&B basis for four (4) licensed Pyro-Musical competitors & ferry charges.
- e) All participants will be covered by an Insurance Policy issued by the Organiser during the Event, from the factory to the setup and let off the display.

16. Closing date

Closing date of application is Monday 7th March at 23.00hrs local time and chosen participants shall be notified within a week of the closing date.

All applicants must address their applications either by:

- a) Email on fireworks@visitmalta.com
- b) Hard copy must reach the following address:

Malta Tourism Authority
c/o Malta International Fireworks Festival
Suite 301-306, SCM01
Smart City
Xgħarja
Malta

The Organizers will choose those applicants who offer the most advantageous and attractive proposal. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any offer. Decisions taken by the Selective Committee are final and cannot be appealed to.

PARTICIPANTS APPLICATION FORM PYRO – MUSICAL COMPETITION - 2022

General Information

The Applicant submitting the Application Form

Name: _____ Surname: _____

ID Card/Passport Number/Valid Identification: _____

Home Address :

City : _____ Country : _____

Zip Code : _____

Full Name of Company/Factory: _____

Company Biography (not more than 250 words) :

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Company Information

Full Name of Company/Factory: _____

Date: _____

Address of Company/Factory:

City : _____ Country : _____

Zip Code : _____

Licensee E/Legal Representative Name and Surname: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Licensee E/Legal Representative: _____



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Appendix III

Details	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Name:				
Surname:				
Valid Fireworks Licences No:				

Please note that each crew need to submit a copy of the license.
Application will be automatically refused if you do not present all necessary documents

Music Tracklist including (Youtube/ Spotify links) which will be used
during the show.

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Appendix IV

Name of Pyromusical Show

Synopsis and description of the Pyromusical Show

NB: This will be the narrative said by the compare before the start of the show.

Description of not more than 100 words

