



Press release

Second International Circus Award MASTER

The second International Circus Award MASTER will take place on 01-05 July 2016 in Sochi, Russia. Until 31 March circus artists and professionals can apply for participation in 14 nominations. The MASTER Award is arranged by the Russian State Circus Company (Rosgostsirk). Established in 2015 it remains the only international prize in the circus sphere.

Moscow, Russia, XX February 2016 – The Russian State Circus Company (Rosgostsirk) will run the second International Circus Award MASTER from 01-05 July 2016 in Sochi, Russia. A circus celebration dedicated to the award will attract the cream of the international circus society

Circus artists and professionals from all countries of the world (both, professional and amateur) can apply for participation in the MASTER Award at the official website <http://circusawards.com/> until 31 March 2016. In order to do so it is only required to register and upload a video of their act, attraction or circus show. Participation is free.

In 2016 the MASTER Award features 14 nominations: Best Act, Best Circus Attraction, Best Show, Best Male Artist, Best Female Artist, Best Tamer, Best Clown, Best Director, Best Production Designer, Best Composer, Best Choreographer, Best Producer, Best-Trick, and Best Festival.

The International Circus Award MASTER is run by Rosgostsirk with the support of the Ministry of Culture of Russia. MASTER is the only international award in the circus sphere and was found in 2015. The Award immediately became internationally acknowledged and attracted participants from all over the world, spanning from the USA and Cuba to China and New Zealand. The ceremony was attended by world famous personalities of culture, art and politics, including the Minister of Culture of Russia Vladimir Medinskiy, the legendary Russian clown Oleg Popov, Russian national artist Josef Kobzon, and Charlie Chaplin's son Eugene Chaplin.

“Each time the new MASTER will differ from the previous one. This time we decided to tie the circus award celebration with cinema. There are lots of wonderful Russian and foreign movies dedicated to circus, including films starring Charlie Chaplin and made by Federico Fellini. We wanted to bridge these two arts. During all five nights we will show movies that are dedicated to or involve circus in the storyline”, – said Vadim Gagloev, the General Director of Rosgostsirk.

The circus celebration of the MASTER Award will take place from 01-05 July 2016 in Sochi, Russia, and will prove an exciting event that will feature striking innovatory ideas. One of which will be participation of rollers and skateboarders in the show, who will demonstrate their skills on a specially constructed ground with springboards, ramps and pyramids.

“These acrobatic genres deserve to be returned to circus arena as they are very popular and spectacular. We are going to amaze the public by both, traditional and innovatory circuses”, – said Oleg Chesnokov, the First Deputy General Director of Rosgostsirk.



The International Circus Award MASTER was founded by Rosgostsirk and supported by the Russian Ministry of Culture. Today it is the only circus award in the world. The prize is awarded for professional achievements in creating circus acts and shows based on an international online vote and a decision of an international expert jury. The award is designed to promote circus art, to attract public attention to artists and circus workers, as well as to create new names and light circus stars.

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