

CON SPIRITO



2026

29th Annual Eisteddfod

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CON SPIRITO

Culture with enthusiasm

Con Spirito is a unique Cultural Association that is now in its 24th consecutive year. Con Spirito is a national competition that takes place in the following regions:

- Gauteng-East
- Gauteng-South
- Gauteng-West
- Gauteng-North
- Namibia (Online)
- KwaZulu-Natal
- Mpumalanga
- North West
- Limpopo
- Free state
- Northern Cape
- Eastern Cape
- Western Cape
- Southern Cape

Con Spirito is there for any form of culture. This Cultural Association wants to promote culture, create opportunities to promote culture and discover and develop talents.

Cultural competitions of various kinds are presented annually, providing opportunities for those who do not always get a chance in their school. Any school/institution may participate in Con Spirito and private entries are also accepted.

Learners who want to participate have an option between **TWO PLATFORMS**:

- Online participation via a WhatsApp video call.
(Please note that no pre-recorded videos are accepted.)
- Lively participation at specific venues.
- **IMPORTANT: By registering for any of Con Spirito Art Association & FAK's projects and/or competitions, I/we/school confirm that I/we may collect personal information, as referred to in Section 26 of POPIA.**

TAKE NOTE:

- Learners may choose during the first (Provincial) round which items they wish to enter for online or "live" venue participation.
- Con Spirito therefore offers two platforms and a learner may participate in both.
- However, Forte participation MUST be done under the same platform. In other words, if you continue with your Afrikaans poem under the online option, the learner MUST do it again online during the Forte round. Non-negotiable.
- Prestige Awards ceremonies for the Online and Venue competitions will be held on the same day.

ENTRY FEES

2026

PROVINCIAL ENTRIES

Con Spirito Art Association requires NO affiliation fees.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- R95 per participant per item
- R120 per participant per item where sound is required, e.g. singing, dancing, etc.

DUET & TRIO & QUARTET

- R60 per participant per item
- An additional R30 per group per item will be charged where sound is required, e.g. Singing, dancing

GROUPS

- 5 to 20 participants: R40 per participant per item
- More than 20 participants in a group (e.g. spoken word choir, dance groups, revue, choirs, pompoms, theater) amounts to R600 per item per group.
- Program (e.g. Choir program) – R600 per choir (more than 20 members)
- Individual choir items – R220 per additional item or song
- An additional R30 per group per item will be charged where sound is required, e.g. Singing, dancing

TEAM ORATORS

- R300 per team per item (4 learners)



ENTRY FEES

2026

CON SPIRITO FORTE (National final round)

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- R75 per participant per item
- R90 per participant per item where sound is required, e.g. singing, dancing, etc.

DUET, TRIO & QUARTET

- R30 per participant per item
- An additional R30 per group per item will be charged where sound is required, e.g. singing, dancing

GROUPS

- 5 to 20 participants: R35 per participant per item
- More than 20 participants in a group (e.g. speaking choir, dance groups, revue, choirs, theatre): R390 per item per group
- Program (e.g. Choir): R390 per choir (more than 20 members)
- Individual items: R120 per additional item or song
- An additional R30 per group per item will be charged where sound is required, e.g. singing, dancing, etc.

TEAM ORATORS

- R200 per team per item (4 learners)

BANK DETAILS

First National Bank
Cheque Account
Account Number: 627 919 864 60
Branch Code: 201 209
Reference: School / Organization / Name

SCHEDULES & PROGRAMMES

Time schedules will be emailed to the schools or institutions well in advance (at least 2 weeks in advance). Any changes after the schedules have been drawn up will incur a R30 admin fee per item.

NEW! Learners may not participate outside their region! If there is a valid reason, application must be made by email. Each application will be handled on merit.

Remember, no one is allowed to move from one platform to another in the National Final. Non-negotiable!

Please note that if a participant does not compete within his/her item group in the first round, he/she cannot be considered for an item or division winner.

If a participant does not participate within his/her Item Group in the Forte round, he/she cannot be considered for an item or division winner.

If a person has NOT received any communication 2 weeks BEFORE the scheduled date regarding the schedules of the certain competition, please contact us OR make sure your items show PAID on the system. The system cannot pull an item through to the schedule if an item does not show paid. So go make sure it shows PAID.



CATEGORY: READING

Please see the clear guidelines for the reading section below.

In the prepared selection, **THREE** pieces must be prepared. If the guidelines are not followed, the participant may be penalized and may not be an item winner under the specific item OR proceed to the next round.

Remember, the choice of work must match the participant's age and will also be judged accordingly.

The same works from previous years may not be used again.

Times: Primary schools: 30 to 60 seconds High schools: 60 to 90 seconds

These guidelines are valid for both online and live performances.

Complete guidelines and information about the Reading section are available on the website. Click here:

Reading information



READING : READING

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION

READING DEPARTMENT: PREPARED READING

Learners must still prepare **THREE** readings. (No copies need to be emailed in advance.)

Mark EACH reading clearly. (Reading 1, Reading 2 and Reading 3). The judge will instruct which piece (1, 2 or 3) she/he wants to hear.

Please note: Only the poems may be pasted onto cardboard as poetry books are very rare. However, do NOT recite the poems from memory, they must be read aloud.

Presentation is judged, so make sure you stand so that the judge can see your entire upper body.

We know it can be uncomfortable for learners to use the platform and this will be taken into account during assessment.

READING SECTION: UNPREPARED READING

Have **2 to 3** reading books on hand to read from. The judge will choose a book and page number. When the judge has listened enough, she/he will ask you to stop reading.

Because we cannot offer books to you online, we ask that parents and learners choose books that are at the child's level.

Presentation is judged, so make sure you stand so that the judge can see your entire upper body.

We encourage the children to practice with the help of online services so that the learners can become comfortable in front of the camera.



CATEGORY : PUBLIC SPEAKING

Individual and Team Orators

Prepare a persuasive speech.

You can enter for SIX sections (Afrikaans and/or English) separately under individual and/or team speakers:

- PREPARED: Own choice (including the ATKV themes)
- PREPARED: Prescribed theme (Con Spirito's themes)
- PREPARED: Bilingual speech Own choice (50% Afrikaans and 50% English) – is entered under English only.
- PREPARED: Experimental, own choice (i.e. aids are allowed)
- MOTIVATION SPEECH: Own choice

UNPREPARED SPEECH

- Grade 4 to 12 learners ONLY
- 30 minutes preparation time for the individual speeches
- 60 minutes for Team Orators
- An already formulated topic is given and the learner must decide for themselves whether they speak FOR or AGAINST it.
- No sources are given.
- Cell phones are permitted for any research. Con Spirito trusts your honesty.
- **IMPORTANT:** The same speech may not be used for other sections. For example: A motivational speech must be different from a prepared or experimental speech.
- Please note that participants must indicate whether they are registering for First or Second Language. Participants register according to their grade.

Please note, **ONLY** Grade 4 to 12 learners may register for the unprepared sections.



CATEGORY : PUBLIC SPEAKING

Prescribed Times

- Individual speakers – all items' prescribed times: Grades 1 to 3: 2-4 min; Grades 4 & 5: 4-5 min; Grades 6 & 7: 4-6 min; Grades 8 to 12; 5-7 min
- Unprepared speeches:
All grades: Between 2 and 6 minutes
- Group Orators:
(Grades 1 to 7 time is 10 to 12 min; Grades 8 to 12 time is 12 to 15 min)
Unprepared - all grades 5 - 10 minutes

Speakers who speak longer than the maximum times may be penalized.

Team Orators (four speakers per group in the SAME grade)
Team members may NOT change forts after the final.

PRESCRIBED THEMES FOR 2026

	AFRIKAANS	ENGLISH
Grade 1 tot 3	Pret / Skitter	Busy / Sharp
Grade 4 & 5	Verkyker / Braai	Data / Shine
Grade 6 & 7	Sirkus / Woeker	Brands / Dice
Grade 8 & 9	Snel / Bladsye	AI / Prison
Grade 10 tot 12	Aanlyn / Stof	Ignite / Flow

CATEGORY :

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL

INSTRUMENTAL:

For the instrumental section, participants must bring a copy of each item selection's sheet music for the judge.

PRESCRIBED TIME:

Maximum 3 minutes per item.

Participants may be stopped by the judge if they exceed their time.

Examination papers may be longer.

VOCAL:

PRESCRIBED TIME:

Maximum 2.5 minutes per item.

Participants may be stopped by the judge if they exceed their time.

NB! BACKTRACKS!!! All music must be pre-recorded uploaded to the online system for "live" participations. Please ensure that your music is uploaded correctly and that you meet the time limits. If you exceed the time limits, you will not be able to upload your music. Only MP3 format will be accepted.

Please also bring a memory stick with you on the day of the competition with all your music for your various items.

Sheet music will be given to the participant an hour before the time. So please register at least an hour before the time. The learner will therefore have 60 minutes to prepare WITHOUT an instrument or any accompaniment.



CATEGORY : LARGE GROUPS

CHOIRS, SERENADE GROUPS, ORCHESTRAS, ENSAMBLES, CHORAL VERSE, POMPOMS

- Choirs can enter under any of the categories below.
- A particular work may not be presented in more than one section.
- Works of contrasting styles must be presented.
- Transposition is permissible.
- Always use your own choice but make sure the standard is appropriate for the age group. The standard of the works will be taken into account in the assessment.
- A copy of the choral works must be handed to the adjudicator before the performance.
- Accompaniment by means of piano or any other musical instrument, as well as soundtracks, is permissible.
- Pompoms will perform on a stage - maximum members are 20.
- Accompaniment by means of piano or any other musical instrument, as well as sound tracks, is permitted. The organizers must be informed if the group requires sound.

Please note: Please select the correct link on the website if you are registering for the large groups.



CATEGORY : LARGE GROUPS

CATEGORIES

CHOIR PROGRAM

From 5 to 8 minutes, consisting of:

1. Traditional song
 2. Light song
 3. Any other song
- One of the three songs must be a capella to be sung.
 - Use at least two different languages.

CHORAL VERSE

- A singing choir is a group of learners who perform a poem (of their own choice according to age level) together.
- Minor adjustments such as repetitions of certain parts, minor changes to the format and additions to the piece are permissible.
- Afrikaans and/or English. Own choice.
- Duration: 2 to 4 minutes.
- Minimum of 15 learners per group.
- Uniform dress code.
- Decor and props are permissible provided that they can be handled by the learners themselves and make a positive contribution to the poem.
- However, when judging, the emphasis is placed on the use of voice and voice changes, facial expressions, tempo variation, etc. and not necessarily on decor, props and costumes.
- NOTE: No "conductor" is allowed to lead a Choral verse group.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

(±3 minutes per song) **additional choices** are as follows:

- Unanimous song
- Two-part song
- Polyphonic song (3 voices or more)
- Africa works
- Classic contemporary
- Light contemporary
- Devotional song
- Traditional
- ±3 minute per song

CATEGORY : LARGE GROUPS

CATEGORIES

ENSEMBLES:

- Own choice.
- From 5 to 8 minutes.
- Use songs and themes of your own choice throughout, but make sure the standard suits the age group.
- One of the songs must be sung a capella.
- Use at least two different languages.
- Singing groups may use any accompaniment at all times.

SERENADE GROUPS:

- Own Choice
- 8 to 10 minutes
- Must sing A Capella but may also use any melodic instruments for a maximum of 3 minutes.
- Any rhythmic instruments can be used.
- Any movements or props must be effective and motivated.

POMPOMS:

- 5 - 30 cheerleaders per team
- Categories: Primary & Secondary school (mixed grades)
- Uniforms: With shoes or barefoot
- Pompoms must be used throughout . Other props (e.g. flags, hats, banners etc.) are allowed
- Timing 3 - 6 minutes

ORCHESTRA:

Any form of orchestras e.g. Marimbas, symphony, djembes and any other instruments.

Orchestral program of 7 to 10 minutes, consisting of 4 pieces:

- Formele lied / Formal song
- Informal song
- Traditional song
- Own choice (any genre) / Own choice (any genre)

Individual orchestral items can consist of different (own choice genres maximum 4x individual pieces):

e.g. Classical, Jazz etc.



CATEGORY

DANCE

NB! SOUNDTRACKS!!!

- All music must be uploaded to the online system in advance. Please ensure that the music is uploaded correctly and that it meets the time limits. If the time limits are exceeded, the music will not be able to be uploaded. Only MP3 format will be accepted.
- Please bring a memory stick with you on the day of the competition with all your music for your various items.
- Dance items may be a maximum of 2 minutes long!
- Among dance groups e.g. Duet, quartet, etc. no dancer may change after the final Forte round. In other words, the same dancers must dance in both rounds.
- Dance genres are available on the website: [Dance genres](#)

If a participant's item genre does not appear on the online profile, it can be entered under the Open section.



CATEGORY: ART

- Artwork must be the learners' **OWN** work. Con Spirito relies on the integrity and honesty of the learners, parents and schools. If schools want learners to do the artwork under supervision at their schools, it is the school's own organization and responsibility.
- **NO** artwork that was entered into Con Spirito in previous years may be entered again.
- **NB! Only ONE artwork per ITEM** (there are only **fourteen** mediums – see below)
- Results and reply forms, along with the artwork, will be sent to your schools approximately 7 days later. If the judging takes place at the school, the results will be distributed the same day.
- Artworks can **ONLY** be entered under the following categories and **prescribed themes**. See our website for category description: [Art genre description](#)

ITEMS / KATEGORIEË

Collage	Oil Pastels
Grey Pencil	Dry Pastels
Coloured Pencil	Oil paint
Charcoal	Acrylic Paint
Wax crayon (Only Preschool to Grade 7)	Photograph
Mixed Medium	Water paint
Digital Art	A5 size greeting card Only Preschool to Grade 7

CATEGORY: ART

PRESCRIBED THEMES

Skitter / Shine	Avontuur / Adventure
Kamers / Rooms	Selfportret / Self portrait
Refleksie / Reflection	Toekoms / Future
Transformasie / Transformation	Bybel / Bible

NOTE: The above themes may appear more than once in the different mediums. be used! Boys and girls' themes are the same. However, the theme must be clearly stated on the back of the artwork.



NEW!

- Art entries must comply with the following:
- Mounted on A3-sized cardboard or canvas (note NOT A4 except for photography).
- Mounting on any other material such as wood, metal, glass, etc. will NOT be accepted or judged.
- No artwork may be larger than A3 due to handling and transportation.
- Please check the website (see link below) for the definition of each medium.
- Artworks may be penalized if they do not meet the requirements.
- No artwork may be submitted on a memory stick. For example, photography and digital art must be printed and A4 size is sufficient.

PLEASE NOTE: There is an additional form that must be attached to the back of each artwork - click here: [Art form](#)

CATEGORIES : CREATIVE WRITING

Only grade 4 to 12 learners may participate in this section.

This is an unprepared section. Themes are given on the day of the competition.

PLEASE NOTE! Creative writing is ONLY done **ONLINE** and no longer at the venues and may be typed on the computer.

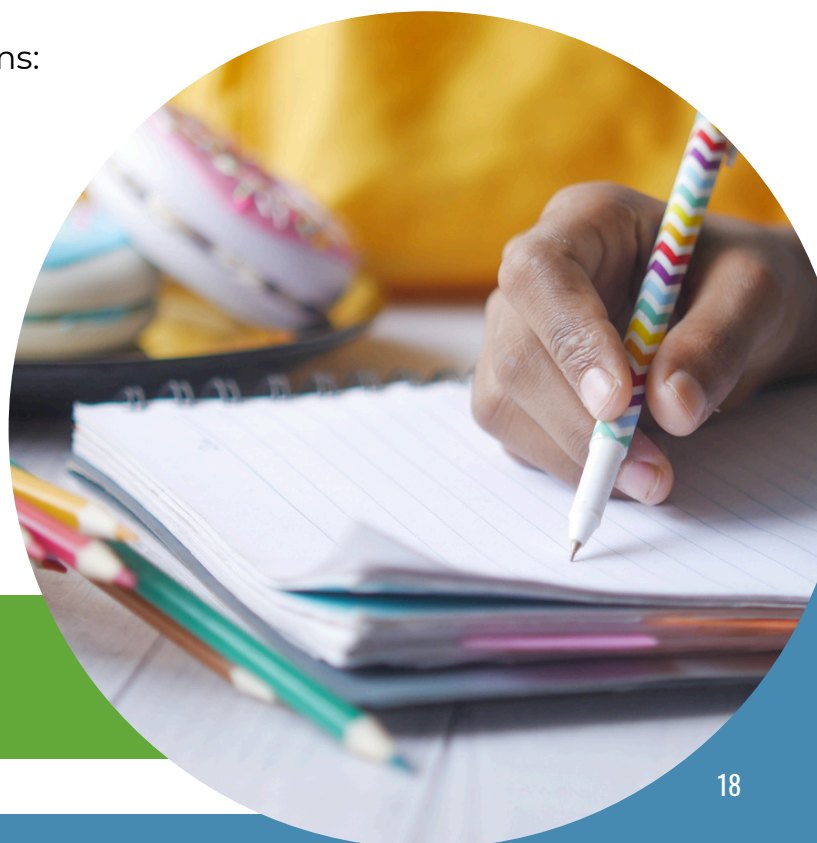
Specific days (see ONLINE's annual program) are provided and all learners participate on those days at their own home/venue. Written work is then done by hand or on the computer and must be emailed back to Con Spirito within 60 minutes. Detailed guidelines will be sent to all participants in advance.

The results will be sent out at least 4 weeks after the competition, along with the certificates.

Topics are issued on the day of the writing competition. In other words, it is an unprepared item.

Participants can enter for the following items:

- Afrikaans Opstel (First Language)
- Afrikaans Opstel (Second Language)
- Afrikaans Gedig (First Language)
- Afrikaans Gedig (Second Language)
- English Essay (First Language)
- English Essay (Second Language)
- English Poetry (First Language)
- English Poetry (Second Language)



CATEGORY : DRAMA

Participants can enter the still poem under their own choice and/or prescribed poem by Con Spirito, as available on our website: [Prescribed theme](#)

Remember, the choice of work must match the participant's age and will also be judged accordingly.

The same works from previous years may not be used again.

Please note: Participants who register for MIMIEK can only register in the Afrikaans section.

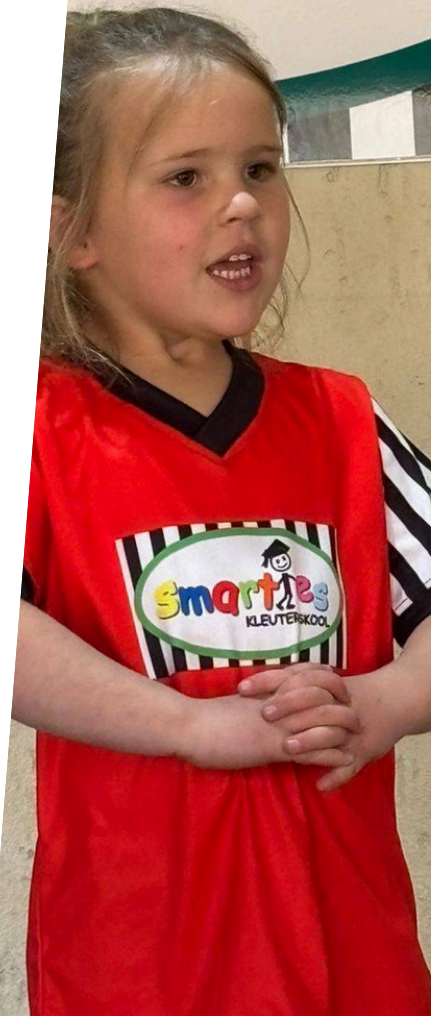
Drama/Acting groups are also welcome to register!

BUT MUST BE REGISTERED UNDER LARGE GROUPS!

We will accommodate the theatre groups at their respective schools as much as possible. Contact the organizer.

TIMES:

- Improvisation: (3 min)
- Dramatized Poetry: Gr. 1 - 7 (3 min), Gr. 8 - 12 (4 min)
- Prose, Dramatized Prose: Gr. 1 - 7 (3 min), Gr. 8 - 9 (4 min), Gr. 10 - 12 (6 min)
- Monologue: Gr. 1 - 7 (3 min), Gr. 8 - 9 (4 min), Gr. 10 - 12 (6 mins)
- Plus 3 minutes for setup
- Group poetry and group prose: Gr. 5-7 (4 min), Gr. 8-9 (5 min), Gr. 10-12 (6 min)
- Bible Prose: Gr. 1 - 2 (1 min), Gr. 3 - 7 (2 min), Gr. 8 - 12 (3 min)
- Dialogue: Gr. 1 - 7 (4 min), Gr. 8 - 12 (6 min)
- Plus 3 minutes for setup
- Mime and storytelling: Gr. 1 - 7 (2 min), Gr. 8 - 9 (3 min), Gr. 10 - 12 (4 min)



NATIONAL FORTE ROUND

27 August - 05 September 2026: ONLINE participation only

August 12 to 29, 2026: Only for **LIVE** participation at the venue at Crawford International Ruimsig, Johannesburg.

Participants with the highest scores (standard and numbers are taken into account per item) from each region will be invited to the **CON SPIRITO FORTE** where the National item winners will be determined. Everyone will be notified via email within THREE days, directly after the conclusion of each section/competition. This will also be available on the website.

Item winners (first and final rounds) must achieve a minimum of 90% to qualify.

PRESTIGE Awards ceremony

**Saturday
12 September 2026**

All Forte item winners are invited to the Prestige Day.

Trophies, medals, buttons and bars are presented during this event.

If a learner is NOT present, he/she cannot receive the award.

The parent or coach of the learner may apply in writing via email to receive the award(s) after 14 September. Please contact Zelmarié Maré on zelmarie@conspirito.co.za.

Con Spirito will handle applications on merit.

Important: An admin and courier fee will then be charged to cover expenses.

AWARDS

FIRST ROUND

Diploma	90% - 100%	A+++	95% - 100%
		A++	90% - 94%
Certificate (Gold)	80% - 89%	A+	80% - 89%
Certificate (Silver)	70% - 79%	B+	75% - 79%
		B	70% - 74%
Certificate	69% and less		
Item winner	Highest achievement in item	Minimum of 90%	
LIVE & ONLINE FIRST ROUNDS: Item winner certificates		Item winners in the First round receive Item winner certificates that is available for download on the participant's profile)	

FORTE ROUND

Diploma	90% - 100%	A+++	95% - 100%
		A++	90% - 94%
Certificate (Gold)	80% - 89%	A+	80% - 89%
Certificate (Silver)	70% - 79%	B+	75% - 79%
		B	70% - 74%
Certificate	69% and less		
Item winner	Highest achievement in item	Minimum of 90%	

AWARDS

FORTE ROUND

FORTE LIVE participation buttons
FORTE ONLINE participation buttons

Every learner who advances to the Forte round AND participates receives a Forte participation button and a certificate. Certificates are downloadable on the participant's profile. Buttons can be ordered AFTER the National Awards Ceremony

FORTE ITEM WINNERS
LIVE & ONLINE
PARTICIPANTS

Forte Item Winner Buttons Every learner who is an item winner during the National Final round receives a National Item Winner Button at the Prestige Prize Giving.

DIVISION WINNERS
LIVE & ONLINE
PARTICIPANTS

Division winners in each category are when a learner has performed in at least three different items in this division in the National Forte round. They receive a lapel pin plus a recognition certificate plus a medal.

Special awards:
LIVE & ONLINE
PARTICIPANTS

Trophies plus a bar are awarded to the most versatile Con Spirito learner in various divisions and regions. See the list of Con Spirito Achievers 2025:
[Achievers 2025](#)

GENERAL RULES

- All communication takes place via email. No Whatsapp or SMS requests can be handled.

Important: ALL entries are done online: [Con Spirito website](#)

- Parents/coaches/teachers must first register themselves and then the learners. After that, they can enroll.
- Entries close on various dates. See Annual Program at the bottom or on the website.
- NO late entries will be accepted.
- For any changes after the schedules have been drawn up, a R30 admin fee per item is also charged. Requests for any changes must be emailed to admin1@conspirito.co.za.
- In the National Forte round, learners from groups/teams may not be replaced with another learner. This may happen in the first round, but changes must be notified in writing at least 2 weeks before the competition date.
- Learners can register privately or through their school.

Payment options:

- All online entries can be made through the Payfast secure payment platform. This platform allows for both electronic transfers and credit card payments.
- If a direct internet payment (EFT) is preferred, it is payable to CON SPIRITO. See bank details on p. 5. If the EFT option is used, proof of payment must be sent to admin1@conspirito.co.za with clear references (name, surname and participant number), so that the funds can be allocated.

GENERAL RULES

- Participants cannot be placed on the program if proof of payment has not been received. However, please **MAKE SURE** we receive proof of payment if you prefer an EFT.
- If a person has **NOT** received any communication 10 days **BEFORE** the scheduled date regarding the specific competition schedules, it is the participant/parent/organizer's responsibility to follow up with Con Spirito. Always make sure your items show **PAID** on the system.
- Entry fees are **NOT** refundable or transferable, except in cases where the relevant competition does not take place.
- You may only enter the same item **ONCE**. (E.g. Only 1 entry for drama mime, even if the participant has two different pieces.)
- Participants participate by grade. This means Grade RRR through Grade 12.
- Participants can enter their own choice and/or prescribed pieces prescribed by Con Spirito Art Association.
- No participant or group may present the same work for two consecutive years.
- Time limits for items as indicated in the brochure may not be exceeded. Participants may be stopped.
- Participants who do not comply with the rules and regulations will be disqualified.
- An entrance fee of R20.00 per person will be charged at the doors for spectators during the first rounds. Entry for coaches and participants is free.

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FIRST ROUNDES

ALBERTON

Contact person: Zelmarie Maré
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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
Reading	25 & 26 March	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	6 Maart
Public Speaking (Individual)	13 & 15 April	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	20 Maart
Dance	19 – 23 May	Laerskool President Steyn, Alberton	20 April
Instrumental	2 – 5 June	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	20 April
Drama	22 - 25 June	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	20 Mei
Art (Submission)	Saturday 27 June	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	20 Mei
Art (Collection)	Saterdag 4 July	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	
Group Orators	22 & 23 July	NG Kerk Brackenhurst	20 Junie

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FIRST ROUNDS

BOKSBURG

Contact person: Zelmarie Maré
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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
Reading	18 – 20 March	Laerskool Concordia	3 March
Public Speaking (Individual)	12 – 15 May	Laerskool Concordia	20 April
Vocal	8 – 10 June	Laerskool Dellville Lambton, Germiston	20 April
Dance	11 - 13 June	Laerskool Dellville Lambton, Germiston	20 April
Drama	1 - 5 June	Laerskool Concordia	20 April
Group Orators	27 – 29 July	Laerskool Concordia	20 June
Art (Submission)	Monday 6 July	Laerskool Concordia	20 May
Art (Collection)	Monday 13 July	Laerskool Concordia	

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FIRST ROUND

GAUTENG

Contact person: Lizelle van Staden
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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
LARGE GROUPS Choirs, orchestras, song groups, choral verse	24 & 25 June	St. Catherine's School Germiston	20 April

KEMPTON PARK

Contact person: Lizelle van Staden
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CATEGORIES	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
Public speaking & Group Orators	21 & 22 May	Hoërskool Kempton Park	20 April

PRETORIA

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CATEGORIES	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
Public Speaking, Art, Group Orators, Reading, Drama	25 - 28 May	Laerskool Anton van Wouw	20 April
Vocal & Instrumental	29 - 30 May	Hoërskool Garsfontein	20 April

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FIRST ROUND

RANDBURG

Contact person: Zelmarie Maré
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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
Public speaking, Group Orators & Drama	4 - 6 May	Laerskool Unika	20 March

SASOLBURG

Contact person: Leoni Boucher
leoni@conspirito.co.za

CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	4 - 6 May	Vaalpark Articon High School	20 March

ROODEPOORT

Contact person: Zelmarie Maré
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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	26 - 28 May	Crawford International Ruimsig	20 April

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FIRST ROUNDS

MPUMALANGA

Contact person: Zelmarie Maré
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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	17 - 20 June	Laerskool Secunda	20 May
All categories	22 - 24 June	Laerskool Laeveld Nelspruit	20 May

FREE STATE

Contact person: Lizelle van Staden
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CATEGORY	WHERE	WHEN	CLOSING DATE
All categories	4 - 6 June	Hoërskool Witteberg Bethlehem	20 April
Alle categories	4 - 6 June	Grey Kollege (Primary school)	20 April

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FIRST ROUNDS

KWAZULU-NATAL

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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	28 - 30 April	Hoërskool Ferrum Newcastle	20 March

KWAZULU-NATAL

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CATEGORIES	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	21 - 23 May	Kuswag Skool Amanzimtoti	20 April
	25 - 26 May	Hoërskool Suid-Natal Port Shepstone	
	27 & 29 May	Laerskool Arberotum Richardsbaai	

LIMPOPO

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CATEGORIES	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	31 July & 1 August	Laerskool Piet Hugo Polokwane	20 May

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FIRST ROUND

WESTERN-CAPE

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All categories	8 - 11 June	Hoërskool Durbanville	20 April

NORTH WEST

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AFDELING	WANNEER	WAAR	SLUITINGSDATUM
All categories	21 - 22 July	Hoërskool Lichtenburg	20 May
	22 - 25 July	Hoërskool Vryburg	

NORTHERN-CAPE

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CATEGORY	WHEN	WHERE	CLOSING DATE
All categories	27 - 29 July	Hoërskool Diamantveld Kimberley	20 June

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FIRST ROUND

ONLINE COMPETITIONS (All regions)

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CATEGORY	WHEN	CLOSING DATE
Online Reading 1	09 - 11 March	3 March
Online Public speaking 1	15 - 17 April	20 March
Online Creative writing	23 - 25 April	20 March
Online Vocal & Instrumental	18 - 20 June	20 May
Online Drama	22 - 25 June	20 May
Online Reading 2	17 & 18 July	20 June
Online Group Orators (Only opportunity)	24 - 25 July	20 June
Online Public speaking 2	29 July - 1 August	20 July

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NATIONAL FORTE ROUNDS

WHERE	CATEGORY	CLOSING DATE
7 - 9 August	Creative writing (Only offered on the Online platform)	August 1 TAKE NOTE: Register as soon as possible after you have qualified and decided to participate.
29 August - 6 September	ONLINE National Forte Round	
12 - 29 August	National Forte Round (for LIVE participation) at Crawford International, Ruimsig	

CON SPIRITO PRESTIGE AWARDS CEREMONY (Live & Online)

WHEN	WHERE
12 September	NG Kerk Brackenhurst, Alberton, Gauteng

NASIONALE Debat

NASIONALE CON SPIRITO AFRIKAANSE DEBATSKOMPETISIE

Sien meer ligting hier: [Debatskompetiesie](#)

Eerste rondes Sluitingsdatum 24 April 2026

15 en 16 Mei	Hoërskool Potch Gimnasium, Noordwes
5 en 6 Junie	Grey Kollege Bloemfontein, Vrystaat
12 & 13 Junie	Hoërskool Stellenberg, Wes-Kaap
13 Junie	Hoërskool Langenhoven, Riversdal, Suid-Kaap
19 en 20 Junie	Hoërskool Dr. EG Jansen, Boksburg, Gauteng
23 - 25 Julie	Hoërskool Eldoraigue, Pretoria, Gauteng
31 Julie en 1 Augustus	Hoërskool Pietersburg, Limpopo
Semi-finale rondes	
30-31 Julie & 1 Augustus	Paul Roos Gimnasium, Stellenbosch, Wes-Kaap
14 & 15 Augustus	Laerskool Concordia, Boksburg, Gauteng
27 - 29 Augustus	Hoërskool Garsfontein, Pretoria, Gauteng
Finale ronde	
23 en 24 September	Wes-Kaap

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'n Afrikaanse Nasionale Debatskompetiesie aan.

Hierdie is 'n baie gewilde kompetisie vir leerders vanaf Gr. 6 tot 12.

NEW Competitions

New!!

NATIONAL CON SPIRITO COMPETITIONS FOR:

**Animato Serenade
Cantabile Choir
Strumento Orchestra**

First round	Closing date: 30 May 2026
7 or 8 July	Eastern Cape
30 - 31 July & 1 August	Western Cape
31 July & 1 August	Hoërskool Pietersburg, Limpopo
3 & 4 August	C & N Oranje Meisieskool, Bloemfontein, Vrystaat
7 & 8 August	KZN
21 & 22 August	Pretoria

Final round for Serenade, Choirs and Orchestras

8 - 10 October	Pretoria
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