



## Yeshua Azoulay Violin and Kamancheh Competition – Ashdod

**Thursday, 4 Tishrei October 3, 2019 and Sunday, 7 Tishrei October 6, 2019  
Monart Center for the Arts and Performing Arts – Ashdod**

The competition honors the memory of the late mythological musician Yeshua Azoulay and his contribution to Andalusian music in Israel. One of the instruments most characteristic of Arabic and Andalusian musical culture is the kamancheh, which looks like a western violin but is played differently, with music that is built on a scale system called the maqamat.

There are long-standing competitions in Israel for musicians who play Western instruments, such as the Arthur Rubinstein piano competition, the International Harp Competition, and more. There are also eastern music competitions such as the Samy Elmaghribi Oud Competition in Ashdod. These are now joined by the competition for eastern violin and kamancheh.

The violin and kamancheh competition expands and updates the list of musical instruments that are creating a new and vital spirit to fill the stages in Israel and worldwide.

The competition is open to all ages, in two categories: youth up to 25, and adults.

Musicians of all ages can participate, provided they have registered on the website and paid the registration fee.

(The registration fee is NIS 150.)

The contestants must perform an improvisational / taqsim segment in a maqam of their choice, and a composed segment: tushiya or part of an Andalusian nuba, samai, longa, or a modern or classical segment from any eastern culture. Total of 10 minutes.

The judges are permitted to stop a competitor's performance before the end of the allotted time. A judge shall not take part in the judging of one of his or her students participating in the competition. The judges' decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

The finals are open to the public for their listening pleasure.

### **Prizes at the competition:**

The first place winners will be invited to perform as part of the Tor HaZahav (Golden Age) Festival in Ashdod. Monetary prizes of NIS 8,000 will also be awarded for each category, for a total of NIS 16,000.

**First Prize:** 4,500 NIS

**Second Prize:** 2,000 NIS

**Third Prize:** 1,000 NIS, and Consolation Prize: 500 NIS

The prizes will be distributed according to the judges' decision.

Link to the registration form on the competition's website