



T.R.
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
General Directorate of State Opera and Ballet

ONLY A FEW DAYS TO 2ND İSTANBUL INTERNATIONAL BALLETT CONTEST

Countdown has started for 58 finalists who became entitled to participate in 2nd İstanbul International Ballet Contest that will be conducted as the European Culture Capital project by General Directorate of State Opera and Ballet between 5- 10 July 2010.

Following dvd eliminations conducted recently, 22 people from children's category and 38 people from adults' category became entitled to contest in semi-final. Finalists are very excited about the contest.

2nd İstanbul International Ballet Contest was accepted to membership in its first year by International Federation for Ballet Contests (IFBC) last year. Between 5-10 July, the organization will host its guests from Russia, Japan, France, America, Hungary, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Serbia, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tatarstan, Moldova, Malaysia, Venezuela, Belarus, Finland, Belgium, Portugal, Ukraine, Taiwan, China, Mexico, Azerbaijan and Germany at CemalReşit Rey Concert Hall.

Great Prize of the contest is 12.500 euro. Furthermore, the organization will host world known ballet stars including Yuri Grigorovich, IrekMukhamedov, Julia Bocca and Vladimir Malakov, as members of the jury panel. The organization will finish with the award ceremony and gala night that will be held on 10 July. Chief dancer of English Royalty Ballet AlinaCojocar, and Nacho Duato Group that will come to İstanbul for the first time upon special invitation of 2nd İstanbul International Ballet Contest will be among surprise guests of the gala night.

Followed by Turkey and the whole world, this great organization will be broadcasted by NTV television, which is the main media sponsor as in the previous organization.

Being one of the most prestigious contests of ballet world, 2nd İstanbul International Ballet Contest intends both to introduce Turkish ballet to the world and to create synergy and cooperation not only countries, but also continents by gathering global stars under the art of our country.

