

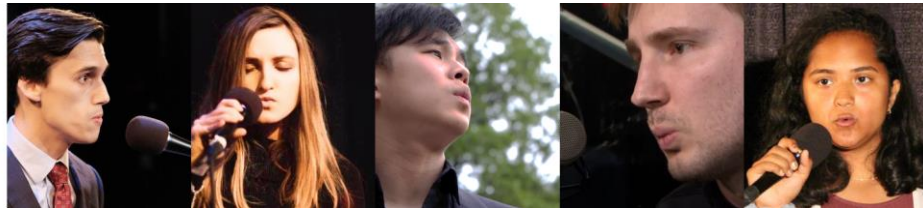
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WORLD'S LARGEST WHISTLING COMPETITION RETURNS AFTER THREE-YEAR HIATUS



- **Online global whistling competition held virtually**
- **Whistlers from all backgrounds** will compete for the **third Global Whistling Champion title**
- Participants must **submit a video recording by October 15th** to compete against whistlers globally

August 2024 - From September 3rd (World Whistling Day) to December 15th, the *International Whistlers Guild (IWG)* is holding the third *Global Whistling Championship (GWC)*, a first of its kind online international whistling competition on YouTube.

The *IWG* was founded with the aim of bringing to light hidden musical whistling talent from the farthest corners of the globe. *GWC* is the first ever online international whistling competition, making a new mark in the little known 50+ year history of competitive whistling. The inaugural *GWC* in 2020 broke boundaries, becoming the largest and most diverse whistling competition in history with 131 contestants from 23 countries. For over half of all contestants, *GWC* was their first whistling competition, and 11 of the top 25 made their debut at *GWC*. The *IWG* continues to cultivate community through the membership program, which helps connect whistlers and provides guidance through events such as online concerts and masterclasses.

GWC was created with the vision of providing a platform for anyone with a love of whistling and reducing barriers to entry that many faced with in-person competitions. The virtual aspect of *GWC* greatly reduces the usual costs incurred when attending a global competition, which often requires travel

to another country. An online event provides an opportunity for almost anyone with a device and an internet connection to vie for the title of Global Whistling Champion. “As whistling is a universal human talent, this competition will attract many previously unknown talents globally and surprise the existing whistling community,” says Taro Kuchibue, trustee of the Japan Whistlers Federation.

Contestants must submit a video by October 15th. Each submission will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges consisting of professional whistling musicians. The top 25 whistlers will reach the final round, in which they submit another piece for evaluation by the judges and a public vote (which is used to grant the People’s Choice Award). Finally, on December 15th, the third Global Whistling Champion will be crowned, and will be sent a trophy.

For further information about the Global Whistling Championship, please contact the International Whistlers Guild. www.whistlersguild.org / whistlersguild@gmail.com / Facebook: [/WhistlersGuild](https://www.facebook.com/WhistlersGuild)

Global Whistling Championship - Summary of key details for participants

- Submission method: Fill form on <https://whistlersguild.org/competitions/gwc-2024/>
- Submission due date: October 15th, 2024 (11:59PM Pacific Daylight Time)
- Entry fee: Free for members of the *IWG*, 20.00 USD otherwise (payment via PayPal)
- Announcement of results: December 15th, on *IWG* website and by livestream on *IWG* Youtube channel