



Ayuntamiento de  
**Pamplona**  
Iruñeko Udala

Dear Sir/Madam

In behalf of the city of Pamplona, I would like to encourage you to submit the application for the band you conduct and to participate in the International Festival of Bands of Pamplona, IFOBand, that will take place in the Citadel in 2019, from the 12th to the 16th of June, coinciding with the centenary of the music band of Pamplona, "La Pamplonesa".

The International Festival of Bands is a non-competitive event that includes concerts in first-class locations, such as Gayarre Theater and Baluarte Auditorium, as well as open-air stages in City Council Square (Plaza del Ayuntamiento) or Plaza del Castillo. There will be a lot of opportunities to meet bands from all over the world, to attend workshops with renowned conductors and international composers, and also to enjoy the hospitality of the region of Navarra.

Founded in 1919, La Pamplonesa is the municipal band of Pamplona and plays an important role in all official festivals of the city. It also offers an active concert schedule along the year in the theaters and auditoriums of the city.

Yearly, the band participates in the most significant activities of the city on special dates such as Christmas, Easter and, of course, La Pamplonesa keeps the streets animated with its irreplaceable music during our world-renowned Festival of San Fermin.

Even though Pamplona achieves worldwide notoriety thanks to the fascination of Ernest Hemingway and the description of the thrilling running of the bulls in his novels, this city, otherwise quiet, is doubtless much more than that frenzy often used to define it. This is a city with centuries of history within its walls, which are nowadays one of the most valuable patrimonial asset. The winding streets of the historic centre hold architectural treasures, nice squares and an active trade, along with bars and cafés where you can savor the local cuisine, which is also another attraction.

I do very much hope that you consider this opportunity to join us at IFOBand Pamplona 2019. From our side, it will be a pleasure to welcome you in our city

I take this opportunity to send you our warmest greetings to you and your band.

Kind regards,

Joseba Asiron Saez  
Mayor of Pamplona