



THE 12TH INTERNATIONAL CONTEST
OF YOUNG VOCALISTS

„BALTIC VOICE 2024“

JUODKRANTĖ 1ST – 5TH JULY 2024

REGULATIONS

The contest „*Baltic Voice*“ is going to take place in the beautiful town Juodkrante, which lies on the shore of the Curonian Spit- a unique man and nature’s creation that was inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2000. During the competition, participants will be able to show their talent on stage, get acquainted with the musical culture of different nations, and in their free time discover magnificent places located at the seaside resort (the Lithuanian Maritime Museum and other interesting places in Curonian Spit).

I. CONTEST

Participants (from 7 to 29 years) will have to perform 2 songs.

The first song is free (July 2), the second is a world hit (July 3).

- Soloists are divided into the following age groups: 7-9; 10-12; 13-15; 16-18; 19-23; 24-29 years old. The first song is freely chosen, and the second is a world hit.
- Ensembles (up to 12 participants) are divided into the following age groups: 7-12; 13-19; 20-29 years old. The first song is freely chosen, and the second is a world hit.
- Age groups are subject to change. Soloists can use recorded backing vocals that do not duplicate the main melody. Duets and ensembles sing without recorded backing vocals.
- The duration of each song is up to 3:40 minutes.

II. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

- The deadline for submission of the application and two photos – 15th April 2024. All the information has to be e-mailed to baltic.voice@gmail.com
- If the number of participants reaches the limit, contest organizers reserve the right to stop the application submission.
- Participants must send 2-3 samples of songs they performed (link to YouTube or audio files), with the exception of those who took 1-3 places in “Baltic Voice 2022” or “Baltic Voice 2023”.
- If your application is approved, you will receive a notification no later than May 1st.
- Backing tracks of both songs should be emailed to baltic.voice@gmail.com (.mp3 files) or transferred via www.wetransfer.com (.wav files) by 15th June 2024.
- Name your backing tracks according to this format: [song 1 or 2] [name, surname] [song title]
- During the competition, you must have a backup copy of your songs (in .mp3 or .wav format) on a USB drive.

III. PARTICIPATION FEE

Soloist - 80 €, duet - 100 €, tercet, quartet – 120 €, ensemble (5-12 participants) - 25 € from each participant.

FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL BE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY DURING THE COMPETITION:

Those interested can independently book a room in any hotel in Juodkrante by phone or online. Then you will only pay the member fee. A list of Juodkrante hotels and other information will be sent to those interested.

Once you have received notification that your application has been approved, please send 50% of the application fee to the account below by May 15th.

Submit the remaining 50% by June 15th. Alternatively, you can send the entire amount at once before May 15th. In the purpose of the transfer, indicate which participant you are paying for.

If you do not attend the competition, the transferred amount will not be returned.

IV.ACCOMMODATION

1. Hotel "AURORA" - 270€ (+breakfast and dinner) or

2. Hotel "AURORA" - 230€ (+breakfast)

The price includes 4 nights at the hotel (2-bed, 3-bed and 4-bed rooms July 1-5), ferry cost, environmental fee, bus from the ferry to Juodkrante, work of judges, technical maintenance of the competition (stage, sound, lighting).

Send an advance payment for the hotel before May 15 (30% of the total amount). In the purpose of the transfer, indicate which participant you are paying for. You will pay the rest of the amount upon arrival to the competition accountant on July 1 on the ground floor of the hotel from 20 to 21 hours.

Extra night: 40 euro per person per day (only with breakfast)

Commission and translation costs are paid by the competitor.

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V. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS

Organizers can book transfers from the airports of Vilnius (VNO), Kaunas (KUN), Riga (Latvia RIX) or Palanga (PLQ). The cost of transfer from the first three cities is 60 euros per person (from/to the airport). The price of transfer from Palanga depends on the number of people.

VI. AWARDS

In each age group, places are distributed according to the average points scored. 1st place – 9.6 – 10.0; 2nd place – 9.1 – 9.5; 3rd place – 8.6 – 9.0; 4th place – 8.1 – 8.5; 5th place – 7.6 – 8.0; participant diploma - 7.5 and below.

Contestants are going to compete for:

1. Grand Prix Gold (+cash prize);
2. Grand Prix Silver (+cash prize);
3. Grand Prix Bronze (+cash prize);
4. Grand Prix Junior (+cash prize);
5. A Special Prize from the Mayor of Neringa Council;
6. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes & diploma holder (honorable mention);
7. prizes from organizers of international festivals and gifts from competition sponsors, invitations to competitions in other countries;
8. all participants will receive a diploma for participation.

The jury consists of professional, highly qualified specialists in children's and youth vocals from different countries, organizers and producers of festivals and competitions. Their decision is final and indisputable.

The jury members do not evaluate their own participants.

During the Gala concert, winners and diploma winners of the competition will be awarded. Songs for the Gala concert are selected by the jury and the organizers of the competition. Their decision is final and irrevocable.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Organizers of the contest have right to take photos, videos during the contest, as well as distribute any audio, video and photo material.
- Leaders are responsible for health and safety of their students.
- By submitting the application, participants are agreeing to comply with the regulations.
- Contest participants and accompanying persons pay their own travel and living expenses.
- The contestants themselves are responsible for observing the copyrights of the songs they perform.
- Any questions or problems you may have should be solved with the organizers of the contest.
- Organizers reserve the right to make changes to the competition regulations. Any changes made will be announced on the website <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BalticVoice/> or by email no later than one week before the contest.
- Organisers should be informed of any changes on your song choice no later than a week before the contest.

BANK DETAILS

Name of the organization: **VISUOMENINE ORGANIZACIJA „Lietuciukes“**

Organization code: **302304802**

Organization address: Draugystės 8. Mazeikiai

Bank's name: 'Swedbank' AB,

Address of the bank: Žemaitijos 1A, Mažeikiai

IBAN : **LT197300010113953180**

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