THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL CONTEST
OF YOUNG VOCALISTS

„BALTIC VOICE 2027“

JUODKRANTĖ 1ST – 5TH JULY 2027

REGULATIONS

The contest *Baltic Voice* is going to take place in the beautiful resot 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, dolphinarium and other interesting places in Curonian Spit).

I. CONTEST

- **Participants (aged 6 to 35) perform 2 songs to a backing track, a cappella or with live instrumental accompaniment.**
- **The first song is free (July 2), the second is a world hit (July 3). Points for both songs are added up. Note: A hit is not required for singers under 11 years old.**
- **Soloists are divided into the following age groups: 6-9; 10-12; 13-15; 16-18; 19-23; 24-35 years old.**
- **Ensembles (up to 12 participants) are divided into the following age groups: 6-12; 13-19; 20-35 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.**
- **Songs should be varied! Duration of one song: 6-14 years old - up to 3:30 min., 15-35 years old - up to 3:40 min.**

II. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

- **The deadline for submission of the application and two quality photos – 15th April 2027. 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 at the "Baltic Voice" competitions of previous years.**
- **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.swisstransfer.com* (.wav files) by 31st May 2027.**
- **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 backing tracks (in .mp3 or .wav format) on a USB drive.**

III. PARTICIPATION FEE

Soloist - 110 €, duet, tercet, quartet – 120 €, ensemble (5-12 participants) - 30 € from each participant.

FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL BE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY DURING THE COMPETITION:

Participants can book a room at any Juodkrantė hotel by phone or online. You will then only pay the participation fee. A list of Juodkrantė hotels and other information will be sent to interested participants.

After receiving notification of approval of your application, please transfer 50% of the registration fee to the account specified below by May 15th. In the payment details, indicate which participant you are paying for.

Pay the remaining 50% on July 2nd during registration.

In case of no-show, the transferred amount is non-refundable.

IV.ACCOMMODATION

1. **Hotel "AURORA" - 310€ (+breakfast and dinner) or**
2. **Hotel "AURORA" - 250€ (+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 remaining amount upon arrival to the competition accountant on July 1 at 8:00 pm on the first floor of the hotel.**
- **Extra night: 35 euro per person per day (only with breakfast)**
- **Commission and translation costs are paid by the competitor.**
- **If you do not attend the competition, the transferred amount will not be returned.**

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 one-way transfer price is 35 - 40 euros per person. The price of transfer from Palanga depends on the number of people.

VI. AWARDS

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 holders (4, 5 places);**
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.

VII. 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.

VIII. COMPETITION PROGRAM

July 1st – arrival day;
July 2nd – first song competition (free theme);
July 3rd – second song competition (world hit);
July 4th – gala concert and awards ceremony for all competition participants;
July 5th – departure day.

IX. BANK DETAILS

Name of the organization: VISUOMENINE ORGANIZACIJA „Lietuciukes“
Organization code: 302304802
Organization address: Draugystės 8. Mazeikiai
Bank's name: 'Swedbank' AB,
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