



**LAUDATE PUERI, 1ST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG VOCALISTS  
KAUNAS SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC  
CELEBRATING THE 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**RULES & REGULATIONS OF COMPETITION**

**I. GENERAL RULES**

1. Rules & Regulations of the 1st International Competition for Young Vocalists LAUDATE PUERI regulates the competition's goals and objectives, as well as the time, conditions for participation, evaluation process and awards for the laureates.
2. The competition is organized by the Kaunas School of Sacred Music.
3. The competition will be held online.
4. Applications are being accepted from Lithuanian and foreign participants – pupils of music and art schools – soloists, ensembles, and choirs.
5. By sending the application form you confirm that you have read and agreed with the rules and regulations of the competition.

**II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION**

6. Nurture Christian / academic singing traditions.
7. Encourage the artistic self-expression in pupils by cultivating the need for the sacred chant and the art of academic singing.
8. Reveal the creativity, artistic individuality, and the excellence of the performance of the pupils.
9. Develop stage experience.
10. Promote creative cooperation and dissemination of professional experience of students of Lithuanian and foreign music and art schools and their teachers.

**III. COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS**

11. The participants of the competition are divided into groups according to the category and age group:

Category	Age group			
	A	B	C	D
Soloist	Children under 6 years of age	Pupils aged 7-10	Pupils aged 11-14	Pupils aged 15-19

Ensemble (duet, tertiary or other ensemble up to 12 people)	Children under 6 years of age	Pupils aged 7-10	Pupils aged 11-14	Pupils aged 15-19
Choir	Children under 6 years of age	Pupils aged 7-10	Pupils aged 11-14	Pupils aged 15-19

12. An ensemble or choir is assigned to an age group according to the average age of the ensemble members.

#### IV. CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION AND SUBMISSION OF THE VIDEO

13. The competition will take place remotely April 2-15, 2021.

14. **The participants of the contest present a freely chosen music piece ranging from sacred to christian songs by heart.** Duration of the performance is up to 5 min.

15. Participants submit a video of the completed work, filmed from the beginning to the end - without editing and stops.

16. The video must be shot with a stable, still, horizontal camera. The record must show the artist at full height.

17. The participant's concert clothing is desirable.

18. The contestant will post their video on the personal or school's YouTube platform.

19. When uploading to the YouTube platform, select "**Unlisted**" and "**Yes, it's made for kids**".

20. The title of the video must include the author of the music piece being performed (in the original language) and the exact title of the piece.

21. The name of the performer, as well as the name of the concertmaster (if applicable) must be indicated in the description of the video.

22. A link to the Youtube video must be indicated in the participant's application.

23. Participation fees:

soloists – 5 Eur,

ensembles – 3 Eur for each member of the ensemble,

choirs – 2 Eur for each member of the choir.

24. **Applications are being accepted until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2021:**

24.1. by sending the application form and the proof of payment (bank transfer receipt) to the e-mail [laudatepuerikonkursas@gmail.com](mailto:laudatepuerikonkursas@gmail.com), or

24.2. filling the application form online <https://forms.gle/jDYNHqSbNdK3ZozR6>.

#### **Bank details for payment**

Account holder: Kauno sakralinės muzikos mokykla

Institution code: 190144834

Address of the account holder: M. Valančiaus g. 8, LT-44275, Kaunas

SWIFT: AGBLLT2XXXX

IBAN: LT714010051004563647

Bank code: 40100

Bank name: Luminor Bank AB

In the **Purpose of Payment** please indicate the **Name&Surname** of the Participant (Leader of the Ensemble or Choir), and specify that it is a **Donation to the LAUDATE PUERI FESTIVAL**.

The cost of money transfers are paid by the sender (applicant).

## **V. JURY AND AWARDS**

25. The performances of the participants are evaluated by the competent jury of the vocal teachers and professional artists.

26. Participants are evaluated according to the following criteria: musicality, artistry, mastery of the work, the performer's stage behaviour.

27. The winners of the competition are awarded diplomas of laureates (I, II, III degree) and graduates in each category. All participants of the competition, their teachers and concertmasters are awarded letters of gratitude. By the decision of the commission, participants may be awarded additional nominations (for the performance of an original song, for the most persuasive interpretation of the piece, etc.).

28. The jury will evaluate the submitted videos in April 2-14, 2021.

29. The results of the competition will be announced on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021 on the website of Kaunas School of Sacred Music, [www.cantoresdavid.lt/](http://www.cantoresdavid.lt/) .

30. The winner's diplomas and letters of gratitude will be sent within three working days after the results are published to the teacher's e-mail specified in the application form.

31. The decisions of the jury are final and cannot be appealed.

## **VI. FINAL PROVISIONS**

32. The participant's parents (guardians) and participants must be acquainted with the Regulations of the Competition and agree that the organizers of the competition will publish the participant's name, achievements, photos and videos taken during the competition on the official website and school's Facebook account. The teacher who prepared the student for the competition is responsible for this.

33. Project coordinator is a singing teacher Jurgita Žilinskaitė (tel. +370 682 30289, e-mail: [laudatepuerikonkursas@gmail.com](mailto:laudatepuerikonkursas@gmail.com) ).