



## **REGULATIONS OF THE 1st INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PIANISTS OF MUSIC AND ART SCHOOLS “LAKES’ MUSE”**

### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The regulations of the 1st International Virtual Competition for Young Pianists of Music and Art Schools “LAKES’ MUSE 2026” are prepared based on the regulations of the Zarasai Faustas Latėnas Art School, aiming to ensure comprehensive musical education for talented children.
2. These regulations define the aim and objectives of the competition, program requirements, participation fee, and the procedures for organization, registration, evaluation, and awards.
3. The competition is organized by the Zarasai Faustas Latėnas Art School.

### **II. AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION**

4. To encourage and develop students’ self-expression, artistic, technical, and performance abilities using information technologies.
5. To improve teachers’ and students’ information technology skills by presenting performances in a virtual environment.
6. To promote cooperation between Lithuanian and foreign music and art schools.

### **III. PARTICIPANTS**

7. The competition is open to piano students (soloists and duets) from Lithuanian and foreign art (music) schools.
8. Participants must perform one freely chosen piece not exceeding 6 minutes.
9. Participants are divided into groups according to their level of music education:
  - 9.1. Group 1 – grades 1–2
  - 9.2. Group 2 – grades 3–4
  - 9.3. Group 3 – grades 5–6
  - 9.4. Group 4 – grades 7–8
  - 9.5. Group 5 – extended education (graduates of music programs)
  - 9.6. Group 6 – duets, grades 1–2
  - 9.7. Group 7 – duets, grades 3–4
  - 9.8. Group 8 – duets, grades 5–6
  - 9.9. Group 9 – duets, grades 7–8
  - 9.10. Group 10 – duets, extended education (graduates)

### **IV. COMPETITION PROGRAM, DURATION, AND VIDEO REQUIREMENTS**

10. The competition will be held remotely.
11. Participants must perform one freely chosen piece not exceeding 6 minutes.
12. Soloists must perform from memory; duets may use sheet music.
13. Performances must be recorded using a stable, horizontal, non-moving camera (a phone camera is acceptable). The performer/ensemble must be visible in full (concert attire preferred). The recording must be unedited and created no earlier than 2025–2026.
14. The video must be uploaded to YouTube. When uploading, indicate:
  - 14.1. Composer, title of the piece, performer's name and surname;
  - 14.2. Audience setting: "Yes, it's made for kids";
  - 14.3. Privacy setting: "Unlisted".

## **V. TIME AND PLACE OF THE COMPETITION**

15. The competition will be held remotely.
16. Applications must be sent to [sv.dalia@gmail.com](mailto:sv.dalia@gmail.com) by May 5, 2026.
17. A copy of the participation fee payment confirmation must be submitted with the application.
18. Evaluation of performances will take place from May 7 to May 14, 2026.
19. Results will be announced on May 18, 2026, on the website of the Zarasai Faustas Latėnas Art School: [www.zmm.lt](http://www.zmm.lt)

## **VI. PARTICIPATION FEE**

20. The participation fee is 10 euros.
21. The fee must be paid to the account of Zarasai Faustas Latėnas Art School (company code 190212420), Swedbank AB, account No. LT507300010088067978. The payment reference must include: competition name, participant's name and surname, and group.

## **VII. EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

22. Performances will be evaluated by a jury appointed by the organizers.
23. The jury composition will be announced before the competition.
24. Participants will be evaluated based on musicality, artistry, technical performance, and stage presence.
25. The jury's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
26. Diplomas for participants and certificates of appreciation for teachers will be sent by email to the addresses provided in the applications.

## **VIII. AWARDS**

27. Each group will be awarded Grand Prix and diplomas for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place laureates.

## **IX. ORGANIZERS**

28. Organizer – Zarasai Faustas Latėnas Art School.
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