



IV International Contest for Young Singers of Christmas Songs REGULATION

I. General questions

1. These Regulations set the procedures for the organisation, preparation and arrangements of the IV International Contest for Young Singers of Christmas Songs.
2. The aim of the Contest is to promote the development of the musical abilities of young people, to discover talented children and young people in an international contest, to encourage their creative self-expression, to stimulate the experience of young singers and teachers by participating in the contest both remotely and in person.
3. The Contest takes place from December 5, 2022 to January 8, 2023.

II. Contest organizer

4. The Contest is organized by Daugavpils City Municipality Department of Culture, K.Valdemara street 13, Daugavpils, LV-5401, kultura@daugavpils.lv, phone: +371 65476799, +371 65423601, www.daugavpils.lv/kultura (hereinafter referred to as the organiser), in cooperation with Daugavpils Municipality budget institution Vienības nams (Unity House).
5. Contest coordinator - Jevgenijs Ustinskovs, +371 29538278, latviancontests@inbox.lv.

III Contestants, application procedure

6. Contestants are soloists and ensembles in the following age groups:
 - A1: girls up to the age of 10 years (including);
 - A2: boys up to the age of 12 years;
 - A3: girls in the age from 11 till 12 years;
 - A4: girls in the age from 13 till 14 years;
 - A5: boys in the age from 13 till 17 years;
 - A6: girls in the age from 15 till 17 years;
 - A7: youth in the age from 18 till 25 years;
 - B1: duets up to the age of 14 years;
 - B2: duets in the age from 15 till 25 years;
 - B3: children vocal ensembles (4-11 participants) up to the age of 15 years;
 - B4: youth vocal ensembles (4-11 participants) up to the age of 25 years;
 - C1: children choirs (12-45 participants) up to the age of 15 years;
 - C2: youth choirs (12-45 participants) up to the age of 25 years.
7. The age of the contestants is set for 8 January 2023. In choirs and vocal ensembles, 10% of the participants are allowed to participate outside the age limits.

8. Contestants have to submit the following to latviancontests@inbox.lv until 11 November 2022:*

- Short description of creative biography,
- Photo of good quality;
- Filled in application form (Annex 1);
- sheet music in PDF format;
- payment order for the payment of the participation fee (the payment order must contain the following information: the name of the Contest, the name of the ensemble, the name and surname of the soloist, for the duet - the names, surnames of both participants).

9. Participation fee for the participants of the Contest:

Soloists– 20.00 EUR

duet – 20.00 EUR

ensembles and choirs – 50.00 EUR.

Requisites for payment of the participation fee:

Daugavpils City Municipality

Reg. No. 90000077325

Kr.Valdemara street 1, Daugavpils, LV-5401

AS "Swedbank"

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Account No. LV69HABA 0001 4020 4125 0

(the following information must be included in the payment order - *participation in the IV International Contest for Young Singers of Christmas Songs, name of the choir/ensemble* _____, *for soloist* – _____ *name, surname, for duet* – _____ *name, surname of both participants*)

10. By submitting the application form, the contestant confirms that he/she agrees to the processing of personal data. Before submitting an application, the leader of the choir/ensemble must obtain written consent from the legal representatives of the minor members of the choir/ensemble for the processing of personal data, including photographing or filming the members during the Contest and publishing photographs or audio-visual material in the publicity materials of the Contest and after the Contest.

IV. Contest procedure

11. The competition takes place in 2 rounds.

12. The 1st round of the competition takes place remotely.

13. Contestants have to send their contest entries to latviancontests@inbox.lv with a link to the online on the YouTube platform until 5 December 2022. Entries from other contests cannot be submitted; entries must be of good audio and video quality and must be uploaded to YouTube platform.

14. Contestants can participate in one or more Contest categories:

- Traditional original Christmas song;
- Christmas folk song;
- Sacred composition of the Christmas time;
- Contemporary Christmas song;
- Christmas song by Latvian author.

15. In every category the contestants perform one song with a timing of up to 6 minutes. The songs may be performed *a cappella* or with acoustic accompaniment.

16. The Contest is evaluated by international Jury.

17. The technical and artistic aspects of the contestants' performance are evaluated on a 25-point system. According to the score, contestants receive:

- Diploma of Participation – till 17,99 points;
- III degree Diploma – from 18 till 19,99 points;
- II degree Diploma – from 20 till 21,99 points;
- I degree Diploma – from 22 till 25 points.

18. After the evaluation, all contestants will receive their diplomas electronically to the e-mail address provided in the application form.

19. The 2nd round of the Contest - the Grand Prize - will take place in person on 8 January 2023 at Daugavpils Vienibas Nams (Unity House, Rigas street 22a, Daugavpils). Only I degree winners are allowed to participate. The Grand Prize contestants will perform one Christmas composition of their choice.

20. All Grand Prize contestants will be awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold Diplomas, as well as various prizes.

21. The best contestants will receive cash/financial prizes:

- The best soloist or duet up to 14 years of age – 100.00 EUR;
- The best soloist or duet up to 25 years of age – 300.00 EUR;
- The best children ensemble or choir up to 15 years of age – 800.00EUR;
- The best youth ensemble or choir up to 25 years of age – 1000.00 EUR.

22. All expenses related to participation in the Contest (including travel, meals and accommodation) are covered by the contestants themselves.

** Due to the geopolitical situation and circumstances, participants from Russia and Belarus will not be able to take part in the Contest this year.*

**APPLICATION FORM OF THE
IV INTERNATIONAL CONTEST
FOR YOUNG SINGERS OF CHRISTMAS SONGS**

Name, surname, full birth data of the participant / full name of the group	
Country, city represented by the participant	
Contest group and category	
Name, surname of the pedagogue /conductor; postal address, contact phone, e-mail	
Programme and timing	

(Please fill in the form in computer type and send it electronically in Word format to latviancontests@inbox.lv)