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12th INTERNATIONAL CONTEST „MUZIKOS BURTAI 2026"
FOR YOUNG FOLK INSTRUMENT SOLOISTS
REGULATIONS

This document is a reglament of 12th International Contest's MUZIKOS BURTAI 2026 for Young Folk Instrument Soloists (further Contest) purpose, participants, programme, application, implementation, evaluation and awards.

CONTEST ORGANIZERS
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CONTEST'S PURPOSE AND TASKS
1. Embrace students' musical self - expression, focusing on their individuality.
2. Encourage young artists to appreciate and value folk instruments.
3. Expand cooperation experience between music and art teachers giving them an opportunity to share their professional knowledge.

CONTEST PARTICIPANTS
The competition invites participation from music (art) schools, non-formal children's education institutions, and primary music education:
• 2nd grade students playing kankles, kokle, kannel, kantele, bandura;
• 2nd and 3rd grade students playing birbyne, lumzdelis, sopilka.

TIME AND PLACE
The competition will take place on December 5, 2026, at the Klaipėda Jeronimas Kačinskas Music School (address: Statybininkų pr. 5, Klaipėda, Lithuania).
The contest will be held by contact method, participation fee 10 euros.
For foreign performers only – remotely (based on video recordings), free of charge.
Active links to the video (WeTransfer, GoogleDisc) will be accepted till 14 November, 2026 by email muzikosburtai@gmail.com.
If you have the opportunity to come, you are very welcome to the contest, we invite you on December 5, 2026. Address: Klaipėdos Jeronimo Kačinsko muzikos mokykla (Statybininkų pr. 5, Klaipėda).
Please send the participation fee and the application by email to muzikosburtai@gmail.com by November 14, 2026. Registration until iki 10:30. Start of the contest 11:00.
Participation fee 10 euros. Payment details:
Beneficiary's bank: AB Swedbank, Klaipėda Branch
Beneficiary's account: LT687300010191498366
Beneficiary: Klaipėda Jeronimas Kačinskas Music School
Company code: 190453866
Payment reference: "Muzikos burtai 2026", participant's full name, school.
The fee is non-refundable in the event of non-attendance.
Travel and meal expenses are to be covered by the competition participants themselves.

CONTEST PROGRAMME

2nd year kanklės, kokle, kannel, kantele, bandura artists have to play **one piece** by heart and with repetitions.
You have to choose from these options prepared by contest organizers:
Cornelius Gurlitt (1820-1901) - „Šuoliavimas su kliūtimis“ („Steeplechase“ from opus 17);
Susan McDonald (1935- 2025) - Concert etude;
Oksana Herasymenko – Etude;
Erkki Melartin (1875-1937) - „Rytas“ („Morning“);
Carolyn Miller - „Razz-A-Ma-Tazz“.

2nd and 3rd year birbynė, lumzdelis, sopilka artists have to play **two pieces** of a different character by heart:
1. Any piece of your choice;
2. Mandatory piece - any from these options prepared by contest organizers:
Balys Dvarionas – „Skrido uodas“.
Elena Laumenskienė – „Linksma ožkytė“.
Vytautas Klova – „Per šilą jojau“.
Nijolė Kavaliauskaitė – „Voro rūpestis“.
Marija - Jolanta Černienė – „Valsas“.

All participants of the competition will perform the Lithuanian folk song "Žalią pupą sodinau" together.
All the prepared sheet music you can find in the attachment „Kankliu natos 2026.zip“ and „Birbynes natos 2026.zip“

EVALUATION AND AWARDS
Soloists’ performance will be evaluated by this criteria:
accurate technical performance; artistry; mastered subtlety; performance culture.
Jury is formed by organizers.
Jury’s decisions are final and non - appealable.
Participants will be awarded according to the collected points - 1st degree, 2nd degree, 3rd degree Diploma or Gratitude for participation.
Contest results will be announced December 6, 2026 on the website: https://www.jkacinsko.lt/
Diplomas and Gratitude for participation will be sent by email given in the application form.

APPLICATION AND VIDEO SUBMISSION
Application forms and active links to the video (WeTransfer, GoogleDisc) will be accepted till November 14, 2026 by email: muzikosburtai@gmail.com.
Video of the performance has to be one shot, without any editing or pausing.
The soloist and the instrument has to be visible full size.
The soloist has to announce their name, the name of the piece and author in the video.
The soloist’s outfit is concert attire.
By sending the Application form, you agree that your video may be uploaded to Klaipėda’s Jeronimas Kačinskas music school website https://www.jkacinsko.lt/ and Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Klaipedoskacinskomuzikosmokykla/

PROCESSING AND PUBLICATION OF PERSONAL DATA
By submitting an application to participate in the competition, the participant (or, in the case of a minor, their parents/guardians) confirms their agreement with the competition rules and the processing of personal data as set out therein.
For the purposes of organizing, administering, and publicizing the competition, the organizers process the following participant data: first name, surname, date of birth, grade, and results achieved.
Participants agree to the public disclosure of their first name, surname, date of birth, grade, results, and photographs taken during the competition on the organizers' websites, social media, or in the press.
The submission of an application by a minor participant is deemed to constitute the consent of their parents or legal representatives; therefore, separate consent is not collected.

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