



The XIth INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION COMPETITION “Ascoltate 2015”

I. ORGANIZERS. Lithuanian national accordionist’s union, Kaunas accordion society, Kaunas J.Gruodis conservatory.

II. PLACE AND TIME. Competition will be held in **Lithuania, Kaunas** city in **april 24-26, 2015** at Kaunas J.Gruodis conservatory concert hall by address J.Gruodis str. 6 in Kaunas.

III. PARTICIPANTS. The competition is open for young accordionists of different ages. They can participate as soloists or as the members of an ensemble or an orchestra.

IV. COMPETITION PROCEDURE AND REPERTOIRE

It is a one - round competition.

The lists will be made according to the age of participants.

Competitors will be divided into the following categories:

CLASSICAL MUSIC CATEGORIES (A):

category	age group	duration
A1	2006 and after	up to 5 min.
A2	2004 - 2005	up to 7 min.
A3	2002 - 2003	up to 9 min.
A4	2000 - 2001	up to 11 min.
A5	1998 - 1999	up to 13 min.
A6	1996 - 1997	up to 15 min.

The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions:

- a. Baroque, classical or classical style composition(s);
- b. Free choice program.

The program should consist of pieces reflecting different moods.

The number of the participants will be limited. The organizing committee will admit the first 100 application forms of the candidates.

VARIETE CATEGORIES (B):

category	age group	duration
A1	2006 and after	up to 4 min.
A2	2004 - 2005	up to min.
A3	2002 - 2003	up to 8 min.
A4	2000 - 2001	up to 10 min.
A5	1998 - 1999	up to 12 min.
A6	1996 - 1997	up to 14 min.

The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions in variete style.

The number of the participants will be limited. The organizing committee will admit the first 100 application forms of the candidates.

ENSEMBLE CATEGORIES (C):

Category	Cast	Duration	Age
C1	2-5 accordions	Up to 12 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - up to 15 year old
C2	2-5 accordions	Up to 15 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - from 16 year old and over

The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions reflecting different moods.

MIXED ENSEMBLE CATEGORIES (D):

Category	Cast	Duration	Age
D1	2-7 music instruments (at least one accordion)	Up to 12 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - up to 15 year old
D2	2-7 music instruments (at least one accordion)	Up to 15 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - from 16 year old and over

The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions reflecting different moods.

ACCORDION ORCHESTRA CATEGORY (E):

Category	Cast	Duration	Age
E	Not less than 8 accordions	Up to 20 min.	Unlimited

The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions reflecting different moods.

You won't be allowed to make changes in your program on arrival.

V. JURY

The performances will be judged by an international jury appointed by the organizer. The names of the jury members will be announced prior to the beginning of the competition.

The jury reserves the right to interrupt performances exceeding the time limit.

The jury's decisions will be final and not be subject to appeal.

VI. AWARDS AND PRIZES

Grand Prix – will be awarded for the absolute winners in each category. Diplomas, money prizes and other valuable prizes will be handed to Grand Prix winners and their teachers.

Diplomas and valuable prizes will be handed to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners.

Diplomas and valuable prizes will be handed to the teachers of the laureates - for their highest professional skills (at the discretion of the jury).

Diplomas and prizes will be handed to other highly evaluated participants of the competition.

A certificate and a gift will be handed to each participant of the competition. Their teachers and accompanists will receive the certificates as well.

The Competition reserves the right to the recordings of all live performances and concerts of the Competition without any compensation to the competitors. This applies to any format including but not limited to electronic audio, video and digital media, radio and TV broadcasts.

VII. THE REGISTRATION FEE (Cannot be repaid):

For the participants of categories A1, A2, B1, B2 – 35 EUROS;

For categories A3, A4, A5, A6 – 50 EUROS;

For categories B3, B4, B5, B6 – 50 EUROS;

For categories C1, C2, D1, D2 – 60 EUROS;

For category E- 70 EUROS;

VIII. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Entries must be made on the attached application form and must reach the competition secretary **before the 1th of April, 2015**. The following documents should be included with the application form:

- a) a copy of birth certificate (it is necessary to have the original on the arrival at the competition);
- b) an official confirmation of the payment of the fee.

IX. PLEASE SEND YOUR DOCUMENTS:

By e-mail: mindaugas@akordeonas.lt

X. THE BANK DETAILS (where the registration fee must be transferred):

Beneficiary: Kaunas accordion society (code 193294725)

Beneficiary s Acc.No: LT457180900000606650 EUR

Beneficiary s Bank: AB ŠIAULIŲ BANKAS

BIC (SWIFT) – CBSB LT26;

Lithuania

XI. INFORMATION

All the information about registration and rehearsals will be sent out by e-mail with an invitation card by the **6st of April, 2015**.

The organizer does not take any responsibility for loss or damage of documents prior to receipt.

Travelling and accommodation costs are at the expense of the competitors and their accompanists.

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XII. ACCOMMODATION

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