

16th International Accordion Festival–Competition
„LINKSMASIS AKORDEONAS“ 2026

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The regulations of the 16th International Accordion Festival–Competition “LINKSMASIS AKORDEONAS” (hereinafter referred to as the Festival–Competition) define the aims and objectives of the competition, the organizers and participants, the organization procedure, and the awarding of participants.

The organizer of the Festival–Competition is the Šiauliai Saulius Sondeckis Arts Gymnasium (P. Višinskio St. 19, Šiauliai 76351. Tel. +370 41 43 29 32, e-mail: rastine@sondeckis.lt).

Persons responsible for organizing the Festival–Competition:

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PARTICIPANTS OF THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

Young performers from music schools of the Šiauliai region and guests from other cities of Lithuania and foreign countries may participate in the festival-competition.

Participants from foreign countries may take part in the competition virtually by uploading video recordings to the YouTube platform. The link to the saved YouTube recording must be included in the application form.

TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

Terms of the festival-competition:

Soloists are divided into 6 age groups:

Group A1 – up to 9 years old (born after April 22, 2017);

Group A2 – up to 11 years old (born after April 22, 2015);

Group A3 – up to 13 years old (born after April 22, 2013);

Group A4 – up to 15 years old (born after April 22, 2011);

Group A5 – up to 17 years old (born after April 22, 2009);

Group A6 – up to 19 years old (born after April 22, 2007).

Ensembles (2–5 performers, with at least one accordion in the ensemble) are divided into 3 age groups:

Group B1 – average age up to and including 11 years;

Group B2 – average age up to and including 14 years;

Group B3 – average age up to and including 18 years.

The audition of the young performers' competition participants will take place on **April 24, 2026**.

Festival-competition requirements:

Groups A1, A2, A3, B1 – perform 2 freely chosen pieces of contrasting character;

Groups A4, A5, A6, B2, B3 – perform 2 or 3 pieces of contrasting character, one of which must be from the light music genre.

The maximum duration of the participant's performance program:

Group A1 – up to 6 minutes;

Group A2 – up to 9 minutes;

Group A3 – up to 12 minutes;
Group A4 – up to 15 minutes;
Group A5 – up to 18 minutes;
Group A6 – up to 20 minutes;
Group B1 – up to 6 minutes;
Group B2 – up to 9 minutes;
Group B3 – up to 12 minutes.

EVALUATION AND AWARDS OF THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

Performances will be evaluated by a jury.

The composition of the jury will be announced before the start of the competition.

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

Competition participants will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree laureate diploma. Grand Prix winners will receive category winner trophies.

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS OF THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

Participation fee:

- Soloists A1, A2, A3 – EUR 15;
- Soloists A4, A5, A6 – EUR 20.

For ensembles:

- Groups B1, B2, B3 (duet) – EUR 20;
- Larger ensembles – EUR 30.

Travel, accommodation, and catering expenses are covered by the participants themselves.

Participants' documents are accepted until **April 1, 2026**.

The first 100 submitted application forms will be registered for the festival-competition.

The participation fee should be transferred to the following account:

Šiauliai Saulius Sondeckis Arts Gymnasium

Account No.: LT044040063610001637

Bank: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania

SWIFT code: MFRLLT22XXX

The participation fee may also be paid upon arrival.

Application form details:

- Participant's name, surname, date of birth;
- Name of educational institution, specialty, grade;
- Teacher's name and surname;
- Performance program and its duration.

Documents should be sent:

By email: linksmasis.akordeonas@sondeckis.lt