

FORTDUOFEST 2026

The Tenth International Šiauliai Piano Duo Festival

JUNIOR PIANO DUO COMPETITION REGULATIONS

I. General Provisions

1. The Junior Piano Duo Competition (hereinafter referred to as the Competition) is a part of the International Šiauliai Piano Duo Festival FORTDUOFEST.
2. These Regulations define the goal of the Competition, age limitations applying to the participants, the repertoire, the program, evaluation of the performances and the awards.
3. The Competition is held by the VšĮ „Bendruomenės pilietinės veiklos projektai“ (Public Institution Civic Engagement Projects for the Community). Project Manager: Rimantas Vingras, E-mail: rvpifas@yahoo.com.
4. The Competition shall be administered by the Šiauliai Saulius Sondeckis Arts Gymnasium (P. Višinskio St. 35, Šiauliai, Lithuania; E-mail: rastine@sondeckis.lt). In case of any questions, please contact Kristina Drakšienė by phone at +370 601 13 545.

II. Goal and Objectives

5. To encourage students' self-expression through art.
6. To help young performers to discover the joy of making music together and the value of partnership.
7. To encourage cooperation among music teachers.

III. Terms and Conditions of the Competition

8. The Competition is comprised of two parts: the competitive program and the non-competitive program.
9. The performances of the non-competitive program will not be assessed. The performances of the competitive program will be evaluated by the special committee.
10. The participants of the Competition shall choose the program (competitive or non-competitive) they want to take part in and indicate their choice in their applications.
11. If a duet wishes to take part in both competitive and non-competitive programs, the same pieces of music cannot be performed in both programs.
12. The participants of the Competition shall be grouped as follows:

Group	Participant Age	Performance Duration
Competitive Program		
A	Under 11 years of age, inclusively	Up to 6 minutes
B	12–14 years of age, inclusively	Up to 9 minutes
C	15–18 years of age, inclusively	Up to 13 minutes
D	Adult and child duet (e.g., with teacher or parent)	The duration of the performance depends on the child's age, as indicated in Groups A, B or C
Non-Competitive Program		
All age groups		Up to 10 minutes

13. If the members of the duet taking part in the competitive program falls under different age groups (e.g., one performer is 8 years old and the other one is 16 years old), the duet shall be classified based on the age average.

14. The non-competitive concert program can include duets of children or child and an adult.

15. Piano duos playing on one or two grand pianos and other piano ensembles (piano six hands, eight hands, etc.) can take part in both the competitive and non-competitive programs.

IV. Repertoire

16. The participants of the competitive program have to play two pieces of music of different character for the evaluation by the committee.

17. The participants of the non-competitive program can perform one or several pieces of music of their own choice.

18. The sheet music can be used during the performance.

V. Participant Evaluation and Awards

19. Performances in the competitive program will be evaluated by the committee:

Šviesė Čepliauskaitė (Chairwoman), Associate Professor, Piano Department, Vytautas Magnus University.

Neringa Puišytė, Teacher expert at the National Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis School of Arts

Beata Andriuškevičienė, Associate Professor, Piano Department, Vytautas Magnus University.

20. The winners of the competitive program will be invited to perform at the Winners' Concert, which will be held at the Organum Concert Hall in Vilnius (Savanorių pr. 1) on the 21st of March 2026.

21. The winners in each Group (A, B, C and D) of the competitive program will be awarded diplomas.

22. All participants of the competitive program and their teachers will receive certificates of acknowledgement.

23. All participants of the non-competitive program will receive certificates of acknowledgement.

24. The decisions of the evaluation committee shall be final and not subject to appeal.

VI. Place and Date of the Competition

25. The Competition will be held at the Šiauliai Saulius Sondeckis Arts Gymnasium (P. Višinskio St. 23, Šiauliai, Lithuania) on the 19th of March 2026.

26. The Competition agenda, performance and rehearsal schedules will be announced on the Šiauliai Saulius Sondeckis Arts Gymnasium website on the 12th of March 2026.

27. The order of appearance of the participants will be determined by the Competition holder.

VII. Submission of Applications

- 29. The competition participants shall submit their applications by the 10th of March, 2026.
- 30. The participants cannot change their repertoire after submission of the applications.

VIII. Participation Fee

- 31. The participation fee is EUR 15 (fifteen) per participant, i.e. EUR 30 (thirty) per duet.
- 32. The participation fee shall not be refunded in case of failure to participate.
- 33. The participation fee should be paid into the following account :

Recipient: VšĮ Bendruomenės pilietinės veiklos projektai

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