

## RULES OF COMPETITION 2024

The competition is organized by Väike-Maarja Music Society in cooperation with Vello Jürna's family and Väike-Maarja Municipality Government.

The competition is open to singers between the ages of 18-35 (as of September 1, 2024) who are Estonian citizens, permanent residents of Estonia or foreign students studying in Estonia.

### Registration

The final day of registration is 11:59pm October 1, 2024

Registration fee of € 25 has to be paid to: Väike-Maarja Muusikaselts, account number EE042200221050501574, keyword jürna konkurs 2024.

(Registration fee is non-refundable, except in case of competition being cancelled by organizer.)

The competition material is to be sent to: [jyrnakonkurss@gmail.com](mailto:jyrnakonkurss@gmail.com)

- participant form - <https://forms.gle/Y4E8MRriL5PjccPeA>
- portrait photo (image of printing quality, not smaller than 1MB)
- audio or video recording – lied/solo song/romance or aria  
(may be in the competition repertoire, must be recorded not more than 1 year ago)  
*Video files will be converted to audio files so the jury can evaluate them anonymously.*
- confirmation of payment of the participation fee

The pianist will be provided for all participants. Every participant has a 30-minute rehearsal with pianist before each round. Participants are free to bring a pianist of his/her own choice.

Sheet music must be forwarded to the pianist by October 17, 2024 at the latest.

*\* Sheet music has to be taped together, with the title of the piece, author and name of performer/participant written on it.*

### Competition program:

1<sup>st</sup> round            1 opera aria (of participant's own choice)  
                          1 lied or solo song (of participant's own choice)

*Duration of performance max 10 min.*

2<sup>nd</sup> round            1 opera aria (different from previous round)  
                          1 song by Estonian composer (different from previous round)

*Duration of performance max 15 min.*

Final round        2 opera arias (different from previous rounds)  
                          1 lied or solo song (different from previous rounds)

*No time restrictions.*

- All rounds are with piano accompaniment and open to the public.
- The repertoire must include works sung in three different languages.
- The arias and songs in repertoire list have to be sung from memory, in original key and original language.
- Opera arias have to be performed with recitativos (if they exist).

#### **Awards:**

First prize	1500 €
Second prize	1000 €
Third prize	500 €

#### **The jury:**

Aile Asszonyi – chairman of the jury (Estonia/Austria)

Jorma Silvasti (Finland)

Levente Török (Hungary)

The organizers and sponsors have the right to award additional prizes.

#### **Pre-selection**

The jury (of 3 members) appointed by the organizers will announce the selected contestants for the 1<sup>st</sup> round by October 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the latest.

#### **Ballot for the order of performance**

The draw for the order of performance will take place one day before the 1<sup>st</sup> round, on November 27, 2024 in Estonian National Opera (all participants are required to be present. Participants must have with them an identity document.)

#### **1<sup>st</sup> round**

November 28, 2024 in Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> round**

November 30, 2024 in Väike-Maarja.

#### **Final round**

December 1, 2024 in Väike-Maarja.

#### **Notification of results**

The singers accepted to the next round will be announced after each round on the spot, on the FB page of the competition and by a personal message sent to participant's e-mail.

#### **Media**

All rounds of the competition will be open to the public, may be recorded and broadcast by radio, television and through social media channels (Facebook, YouTube). Contestants have no monetary claim on recordings or broadcasts. The organizers reserve all rights for the competition materials.

#### **Other information**

Accommodation and traveling expenses are covered by participants. The singers may participate in the competition every year, but not more than three times. The winners of I, II and III prize can not take part in the next competition (in 2026).