

RULES OF COMPETITION 2026

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

The competition is open to singers between the ages of 18-40 (as of September 1, 2026) 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, 2026

Registration fee of € 25 has to be paid to:

Väike-Maarja Muusikaselts, account number EE042200221050501574,
keyword jürna konkurss 2026.

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

The competition material is to be sent to: jyrnakonkurss@gmail.com

- participant form - <https://forms.gle/pJZZYnzo5qTH95U57>
- 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 a 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 26, 2026 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:

1st round 1 opera or oratorio aria (of participant's own choice)
 1 lied or solo song (of participant's own choice)

Duration of performance max 10 min.

2nd 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 recitative (if they exist).

Awards:

First prize	2000 €
Second prize	1500 €
Third prize	1000 €

The jury:

3 members, names will be announced soon.

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 1st round by October 10th 2026 at the latest.

1st round

November 24, 2026 MUBA Music school - big hall (Pärnu mnt 59, Tallinn)

2nd round

November 25, 2026 MUBA Music school - big hall (Pärnu mnt 59, Tallinn)

Final round

November 28, 2026 UKUARU music house - Fratres hall (Vabaduse 4, Rakvere)

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.