

Kaunas Musica Festa
1st Online International Choral Competition
25–26 June 2021

1. Programme

June 25: Opening online concert.

June 26: Online competition.

June 26: Award ceremony.

June 26: Online concert on Facebook with live interpretation.

2. Competition

Categories

A: Children's choirs (up to 16 years)

B: Youth choirs (mixed or equal voices, up to 25 years)

C: Equal voices

D: Mixed choirs

E: Ensembles (mixed or equal voices)

X: Virtual choirs

Online Competition

- Participants of the online competition should send an *a cappella* program of their own choice. Instrumental accompaniment is allowed for no more than one piece.
- Recommended video duration: 3 to 7 minutes.
- Choral categories: minimum 14 singers in any category.
- Category E: minimum 4 singers.
- Categories A and B: 10 % of singers may be older than 25 years.
- All groups may take part in Category X with different programs.

3. Ranking and Prizes

- Participants will be rated by a 5-member jury.
- The jury will rank technical and artistic qualities of each participating group using the 30-point system. The key criteria include intonation, sound quality, dynamics,

rhythm, stylistic nuances, interpretation, repertoire dramaturgy, expression, artistic impression, scenography, and choir uniforms.

- **Example:**

Number of pieces	Artistic points	Technical points	Final points
1.	25	22	
2.	20	27	
3.	22	19	
4.	24	18	
Average	22.75	21.5	22.125

- The group earning the maximum points at category level may be awarded the Grand Prix, subject to jury approval.
- Category X winners will get a special prize for the best virtual choir video.
- Each member of the jury will write a report containing reviews and other remarks regarding the repertoire chosen by the choirs. The reports will be sent to the choirs by email.

The jury may award a maximum of 30 points to a choir within the following framework:

Excellent level certificate: 25 to 30 points

Very good level certificate: 15 to 24 points

Good level certificate: 10 to 14 points

Participation certificate: less than 9 points

Prizes

- A group wins the category if it gets the highest points in the category, but no less than 21.
- Grand Prix for the best choir of the competition (with maximum points).
- Audience Award

4. Registration

- Registration fee: 100 euros per choir. Deadline: 30 April 2021
- Early bird fee: 75 euros per choir. Deadline: 15 April 2021

- **Bank details for transactions:**

Beneficiary: VŠĮ Lithuania Cantat
Account No.: LT75 7300 0101 5308 6240
AB Swedbank
Bank code: 73000
Legal code: 304630939
Swift code: HABALT22

- Please enter the name of your choir and the name of the festival in "Purpose of payment".
- The organizers will issue an invoice containing the details provided by the choir in its application form.
- The fee is non-refundable.
- Participants must provide the organisers with the following:
 1. Application form: <https://forms.gle/Ydq8yucTiAhnNAcZ8>
 2. A short description of the choir in English (up to 250 words).
 3. Good quality photos of the choir and the conductor.
 4. Samples of the choir's recordings (via Google Drive/WeShare/Wetransfer/Dropbox)
 5. Short video presentation of the choir (up to 2 minutes).
 6. Sheet music in PDF.

The participant fee covers:

- Dispatch of diplomas.
- Live interpretation on YouTube.
- Advertising and live interpretation on Facebook.
- Jury costs.

5. Important dates

Early bird registration: until 15 April 2021

Registration deadline: 30 April 2021

6. Other information

- The organizers reserve the right to change the programme.
- By sending the application, applicants agree to all rules, terms and conditions of the event.