

# **JONAS ALEKSA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG CHOIR CONDUCTORS**

Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania  
National M.K. Čiurlionis School of Art

## **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

The main goal of the International Jonas Aleksa competition for young choir conductors is to perpetuate one of the most prominent personality in Lithuanian music history, to introduce his achievements to the young generation motivating creativity of the students, developing mastery and experience of the young choir conductors.

## **TIME AND VENUE**

Competition takes place in Vilnius on 15th – 16th of March of 2019 at National M. K. Čiurlionis School of Art.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The participants of the competition are students from vocational music secondary educational institutions from Lithuania and abroad.

### **Age categories:**

**Group A** – participants who are younger than 17 on a day of competition (2019 03 15);

**Group B** – participants who are older than 17 on a day of competition (2019 03 15);

It is allowed for the participants from group A to enter group B.

## **COMPETITION PROCESS FOR GROUPS A AND B:**

**1st round** – conducting with a piano accompaniment;

**2nd round** – conducting with a National M. K. Čiurlionis School's of Art mixed choir and choir „Vilnius“;

Participants will be judged by the international jury. Decision of the judges is final.

All rounds of the competition are open to public.

## **PROGRAM OF THE COMPETITION**

### **Group A**

#### **1st round. Conducting with a piano accompaniment**

1. Free choice piece a cappella.
  2. Piece by V. Augustinas - „Ažuolėli šimtašaki“, lyrics by V. Braziūnas
- Total duration of the performance - not more than 10 min.

## **2nd round. Conducting with a choir**

Participants selected to the 1st round of the competition have to perform the piece by V. Augustinas and V. Braziūnas „Ažuolėli šimtašaki“ (without a rehearsal) and one of the Lithuanian folk songs, harmonized by M. K. Čiurlionis (participant's choice):

„Oi giria giria“ (4 verses),

„Bėkit, bareliai“,

„Vai močiute“

„Sutems tamsi naktužėlė“.

Each participant is given an eight-minute rehearsal with a choir for M. K. Čiurlionis piece.

Teachers of the participants are allowed to attend the rehearsal.

Participants will be working with a National M. K. Čiurlionis School's of Art mixed choir.

## **Group B**

### **1st round. Conducting with a piano accompaniment**

1. Free choice piece with an accompaniment

2. „Taikos dvasia“ by V. Augustinas, lyrics by B. Brazdžionis

The length of the performance – not more than 15 min.

### **2nd round. Conducting with a choir**

Participants selected to the 2nd round of the competition have to perform the piece by V. Augustinas „Taikos dvasia“ (without a rehearsal) and one of the compulsory pieces from the given list (below), chosen by the drawing lots.

Each participant is given a ten-minute rehearsal with choir for the piece from the given list.

Teachers of the participants are allowed to attend the rehearsal.

Participants will be working with a choir „Vilnius“.

#### List of pieces for the drawing lots of the 2nd round:

E. Balsys „Laduta to“ (developed Lithuanian folk song)

E. Balsys „Oi, teka bėga vakarinė žvaigždėlė“ (developed Lithuanian folk song)

E. Balsys „Lek gervė“ (developed Lithuanian folk song)

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

During the registration all participants will be asked to provide two copies of the score of the free choice pieces.

All the scores of the pieces, performed in the competition, will be uploaded on the website: [www.cmm.lt](http://www.cmm.lt).

The winners of the competition, participants and pedagogues will be awarded with diploms and special prizes.

## **HOW TO ENTER**

Each musician, that wants to participate in the competition, has to fill the application form and send it together with one document photo of the contestant to the following email address by the

**1st of February, 2019:** [dalia@ciurlioniomm.lt](mailto:dalia@ciurlioniomm.lt). It is required to pay the entering fee to the following bank account:

Nacionalinė M. K. Čiurlionio menų mokykla

company code 11196695

address: T. Kosciuškos g.11, LT – 01100 Vilnius

IBAN: LT 57 7044 0600 0155 2624

**(When transferring the fee please write name, surname of the participant and „J. Aleksa competition“ in the purpose of the payment field)**

The fee for entering the competition is **30 euros**.

The participants of the competition cover accommodation, catering and travel expenses by themselves.

Upon request of competition participants, they may be offered accommodation at the dormitory of the National M. K. Čiurlionis School of Art ( 15 euro per day)

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APPLICATION FORM

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[E. Balsys - Laduta to](#)

[E.Balsys - Lek gervė](#)

[E. Balsys - Oi, teka bėga vakarinė žvaigždėlė](#)

[M. K. Čiurlionis - Bėkit, bareliai](#)

[M. K. Čiurlionis - Oi, giria, giria](#)

[M. K.Čiurlionis - Sutems tamsi naktųžėlė](#)

[M. K. Čiurlionis - Vai močiutė](#)

[V. Augustinas - Ažuolėli šimtašaki](#)

[V. Augustinas - Taikos dvasia](#)