



The Republic Of Latvia  
Saldus county municipality  
**SALDUS MUSIC SCHOOL**

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**I International young pianist competition**  
*FORTE & PIANO*  
as part of Whitsun Chamber Music Festival

**Regulation**

On May 29 and May 30, 2020, Saldus Music School in cooperation with Saldus local government and Saldus Art School will hold the First International young pianist competition that will be organized every two years and shall be open to young pianists ages 5 through 12.

The competition is open to public — anyone can attend it.

***Aims of the competition***

1. To enrich music performance art traditions in Latvia and to promote piano music of Latvian composers.
2. To promote development of academic piano playing skills for young pianists (both solo and in four-handed ensembles).
3. To build up stage experience for young pianists.
4. To increase recognition of Saldus and Saldus Music School.

***Contestants***

Competition can be entered by young pianists in the following categories and age groups.

**Category PIANO SOLO**

- DEBUTANT GROUP (5–6 years)
- GROUP A (7–8 years)
- GROUP B (9–10 years)
- GROUP C (11–12 years)

**Category PIANO DUET (FOUR-HANDED ENSEMBLE)**

- GROUP A (7–8 years)
- GROUP B (9–10 years)
- GROUP C (11–12 years)

Competitor ages will be determined based on their age on May 29, 2020.

***Competition procedure***

Application for the competition is to be conducted electronically and the deadline for submitting the applications is April 10, 2020. When applying for duet category, only one form needs to be submitted (by selecting category “Duet” and indicating both students). If students are going to participate in both solo

and duet categories, one form per student needs to be filled in for the solo category and a separate form for duet category. Application forms are available online: <https://forms.gle/YgwptF3yrXYgpJRD6>

The list of contestants will be published on the website of Saldus Music School (<https://muzikasskola.saldus.lv/>) on April 15.

Participation fee is **20 EUR** for every contestant (regardless of whether the student participates in one or both categories).

The participation fee must be paid to any of the bank accounts indicated below by **May 15, 2020**.

SALDUS NOVADA PAŠVALDĪBA  
Reģistrācijas Nr. 90009114646  
Bankas rekvizīti: SEB Banka AS  
Konta Nr. LV24UNLA0050015029987

SALDUS NOVADA PAŠVALDĪBA  
Reģistrācijas Nr. 90009114646  
Bankas rekvizīti: SWEDBANK AS  
Konta Nr. LV39HABA0551027582720

SALDUS NOVADA PAŠVALDĪBA  
Reģistrācijas Nr. 90009114646  
Bankas rekvizīti: DNB banka AS  
Konta Nr. LV25RIKO0002013175097

SALDUS NOVADA PAŠVALDĪBA  
Reģistrācijas Nr. 90009114646  
Bankas rekvizīti: Citadele banka AS  
Konta Nr. LV60PARX0012797400003

If an invoice is required for the payment fee, payer's billing information must be indicated in the application form. If invoice is not required, payment order should include contestant's name and surname as well as the competition code SMS FP.

Travel and accommodation expenses for staying in Saldus are covered by participants themselves. If necessary, accommodation can be organized (10–15 EUR per bed; this requirement should be indicated in the application form). In case of contestant's absence, the participation fee is not refunded. By submitting the application, contestants thereby agree to the rules of the Competition.

#### May 29, 2020 (Friday)

- Registration starts at 9:00 AM.
- Rehearsals
- Opening of the competition
- Competition for category PIANO DUET (four-handed ensemble): groups A, B, C

In the evening all the contestants, as well as guests are invited to attend the Whitsun Chamber Music Festival concert (entrance is free of charge).

#### May 30, 2020 (Saturday)

- Registration starts at 9:00 AM.
- Competition for category PIANO SOLO (debutants and groups A, B, C)
- Closing of the competition and awards ceremony.
- Concert of the winners

All contestants and guests are offered an opportunity to attend the Whitsun Chamber Music Festival's concert at Saldus St. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church (entrance is free of charge).

At 4:00 PM a guided tour of Saldus will be organized.

#### ***Repertoire***

Category PIANO SOLO

Debutant group (5–6 years)

- Sonatina of contestant's choice
- An original music piece by a Latvian composer or Latvian folk song arrangement

Total duration: up to 4 minutes

Groups A (7–8 years) and B (9–10 years)

- Classical sonatina (part I) (for example, Diabelli, Clementi, Kuhlau, Cimarosa and classic composers of Wien)

- One or two original music pieces by a Latvian composer or Latvian folk song arrangement

Total duration

Group A: up to 5 min

Group B: up to 7 min

Group C (11–12 years)

- Sonatina or the first part of a sonata by a classic Viennese composer (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven)
- One or two original music pieces by a Latvian composer or Latvian folk song arrangement

Total duration: up to 8 minutes

Category PIANO DUET (FOUR-HANDED ENSEMBLE)

All groups (A, B, C)

- Classical sonatina
- A music piece of contestant's choice (preferably, composed by a Latvian composer)

Total duration

Group A: up to 5 min

Group B: up to 7 min

Group B: up to 8 min

All works in all categories are to be performed from memory.

### ***Jury***

Jury is selected and confirmed by the organizers of the competition.

Jury will assess the contestants based on a 25 point system – by awarding each contestant with the mean value of the total points gained. The decision of the jury is considered final; is not subject to disputes and is irrevocable.

Members of the jury will not assess their own students that are participating in the contest.

### ***Awards***

In each category and age group diplomas for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as participation prizes are awarded.

In category PIANO SOLO one special prize is awarded to the youngest contestant. Also, in this category a special prize is awarded for the best performance of a Latvian composer's work.

In category PIANO DUET one prize is awarded by the Jury for a particularly outstanding performance.

The contestant or duet with the highest score will receive the *Grand Prix* of 100 EUR. If the *Grand Prix* is won by a duet, the award shall be divided in half between both students. The monetary prize will be transferred to the receiver's bank account in 14 business days after May 30, 2020.