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**UPDATE TO THE RULES**  
**I International Competition for Young Pianists**  
***FORTE & PIANO***

The procedure for the International Competition for Young Pianists “Forte & Piano” (hereinafter – the Competition) is changed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

1. Dates of the Competition: November 2, 2020 – November 7, 2020.
2. The Competition takes place remotely. The performance of the contestants is assessed based on the video entries.
3. The repertoire remains unchanged.
4. The performance of the contestants shall be assessed by the jury:

4.1. **Ventis Zilberts** (Latvia): Head of jury. Pianist, concert master, professor of Piano, Chamber ensemble and Piano accompaniment Department of Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music, received the [Latvian] Grand Music Award, awarded the Order of the Three Stars, received the World Free Latvian Association Music Division Award for the promotion of exile Latvian music in Latvia.

4.2. **Antra Vīksne** (Latvia), pianist, head of Piano Department of Jāzeps Mediņš Riga Music School, concert master of Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music and Jāzeps Mediņš Riga Music College. Master's degree in Latvian Academy of Music chamber ensemble class, since 1987 performs in a piano duet with her spouse Normunds Vīksne. In 2001, awarded the [Latvian] Grand Music Award.

4.3. **Liuda Kasetiene** (Lithuania), pianist, tutor of piano in Šilutė and Klaipėda music schools. Many of her students have received awards in international competitions.

## 5. Procedures of competition:

[note: all dates are in format dd.mm.yyyy.]

Application form submission	01.09.2020. – 16.10.2020.
Video recording submission	16.10.2020. – 01.11.2020.
Evaluation of entries	02.11.2020. – 09.11.2020.
Notification of the results	10.11.2020.
Award ceremony and concert	14.11.2020.

**Application forms are available and must be submitted online:**

<https://forms.gle/uGKrMx9rrQjACp4n6>

## 6. Requirements for the submission of video recordings:

6.1. Deadline for submission of video recordings – 01.11.2020;

6.2. The video must be filmed in a continuous mode, no clipping and editing permitted; the participant should be visible in the side view.

6.3. The participant must upload the video to a *YouTube* channel and send the link to: [muzika.pasakumi@saldus.lv](mailto:muzika.pasakumi@saldus.lv), indicating participant's name, school, class, tutor, and the repertoire in order of performance.

6.4. The Information on *YouTube* should only contain the repertoire in order of performance.

## 7. The results shall be announced on 10.11.2020:

7.1. If there are no restrictions of assembly on the given date, the award ceremony and concert shall be held on 14.11.2020, at 14:00 in Saldus Music school acoustic concert hall.

7.2. If the award ceremony cannot be held live, the results shall be announced in video format. The Head of jury, Mr Ventis Zilberts, will give an overview of participants' performance. The awards and diplomas awarded shall be demonstrated.