

## The XVI INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION COMPETITION “ASCOLTATE 2025”

**I. ORGANIZERS.** CreArt Network partner PE Artkomas, Kaunas accordion society, Kaunas J.Gruodis conservatory, Kaunas 1th music school

**II. PLACE AND TIME.** Competition will be held in **Lithuania, Kaunas** city in **November 28 –29, 2025** at Kaunas J.Gruodis conservatory concert hall by address J.Gruodis str. 6 in Kaunas.

**III. PARTICIPANTS.** The competition is open for young accordionist’s of different ages – in any of the cities taking part in the CreArt | Network of Cities for Artistic Creation:

- Artists born, resident or domiciled in one of the cities in the project network: Kaunas (Lithuania), Liepaja (Lithuania), Skopje (North Macedonia), Aveiro (Portugal), Valladolid (Spain), Lublin (Poland), Venice (Italy), Clermont-Ferrand (France), České Budějovice (Czech Republic) and Oulu (Finland);
- Artists-members of HDLU (Croatian Association of Visual Artists);
- Ukrainian artists through our collaboration with Public Organization Lviv Artistic Council «Dialogue».

They can participate as soloists or as members of an ensemble or an orchestra. **The number of the participants will be limited. The organizing committee will admit the first 100 application forms of the candidates from Craert Network cities.**

### **IV. COMPETITION PROCEDURE AND REPERTOIRE**

It is a one - round competition.

The lists will be made according to the age of participants.

The competition is organized:

The usual way - live on stage; .

**You won’t be allowed to make changes in your program on arrival.**

Competitors will be divided into the following categories:

### **CLASSICAL MUSIC CATEGORIES (A):**

Category	age group	duration	Grand Prix Prize
A1	2017 and after	up to 7 min.	200 eur
A2	2015 – 2016	up to 9 min.	200 eur
A3	2013 – 2014	up to 11 min.	300 eur
A4	2011 - 2012	up to 13 min.	300 eur
A5	2009 - 2010	up to 15 min.	300 eur
A6	2007 – 2008	up to 17 min.	400 eur
A7	2006 and before	up to 20 min.	500 eur

**No fee For participants from CreArt Network**

**Categories A1, A2 participants must perform not less than 2 compositions (The program should consist of pieces reflecting different moods)**

**Categories A3 and A4 participants must perform not less than 2 compositions (including polyphonic or cyclic work (suite, sonata, variations, sonatina or separate parts)**

**Categories A4, A5, A6, A7 participants must perform not less than 2 compositions (Including one Baroque work)**

### **ENSEMBLE’s CATEGORIES (B):**

Category	Cast	Duration	Age	Grand Prix Prize
B1	2-5 accordions	Up to 8 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an	300 eur

			ensemble up to 11 years old	
<b>B2</b>	2-5 accordions	Up to 10 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble – from 12 to 14 year old	
<b>B3</b>	2-5 accordions	Up to 12 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - from 15 to 17 year old	300 eur
<b>B4</b>	2-5 accordions	Up to 15 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - from 18 year old and over	

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The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions reflecting different moods.

Jury will decide which two ensembles from all categories will get money prize. Two Grand Prix money prizes will be awarded.

**MIXED ENSEMBLE's CATEGORIES (C):**

Category	Cast	Duration	Age	Grand Prix prize
<b>C1</b>	2-8 music instruments (at least one accordion)	Up to 8 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble up to 11 years old	300 eur
<b>C1</b>	2-8 music instruments (at least one accordion)	Up to 10 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble – from 12 to 14 year old	
<b>C2</b>	2-8 music instruments (at least one accordion)	Up to 12 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - from 15 to 17 year old	300 eur
<b>C3</b>	2-8 music instruments (at least one accordion)	Up to 15 min.	The average of the age of all the participants of an ensemble - from 18 year old and over	

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The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 2 compositions reflecting different moods.

Jury will decide which two ensembles from all categories will get money prize. Two Grand Prix money prizes will be awarded.

**ACCORDION ORCHESTRA CATEGORY (D):**

Category	Cast	Duration	Age	Grand Prix prize
E	Not less than 8 accordions	Up to 20 min.	Unlimited	500 Eur

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The competitors of these categories must perform not less than 3 compositions reflecting different moods.

**VI. JURY**

The performances will be judged by an international jury appointed by the organizer. Most of jury member are from CIA (Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes).

The names of the jury members will be announced prior to the beginning of the competition.

The jury reserves the right to interrupt performances exceeding the time limit.

The jury's decisions will be final and not be subject to appeal.

**VII. AWARDS AND PRIZES (for participants performed live on stage)**

**Grand Prix** – will be awarded for the absolute winners in each category. Diplomas, valuable prizes will be handed to Grand Prix winners and their teachers.

Diplomas and cups will be handed to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners.

Diplomas will be handed to the teachers of the laureates - for their highest professional skills (at the discretion of the jury).

The Competition reserves the right to the recordings of all live performances and concerts of the Competition without any compensation to the competitors. This applies to any format including but not limited to electronic audio, video and digital media, radio and TV broadcasts.

**VIII. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS**

Complete the online application form by clicking on link: <https://forms.gle/Upbbv9acWYbtuXh9> by 14th September 2025.

By completing the entry form, you agree that your personal data and images will be used free of charge and will be made publicly available on the Internet and in print media.

**X. INFORMATION**

All the information about registration and rehearsals will be sent out by e-mail with an invitation card by the 30th of September, 2025.

Travelling and accommodation costs are at the expense of the competitors and their accompanists.

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## **XI. PARTICIPATION FEE**

**For participants from CreArt Network partner PE Artkomas will cover participation fee**

## **XII. ACCOMMODATION**

For accommodation partner PE Artkomas recommending two Guest houses located in Kaunas Old Town:

<http://www.domuspacis.lt/en>

<https://www.villakaunensis.lt/>

Accommodation price for festival participants from CreArt Network 16 - 18 eur per person/night.

Participants will be offered to purchase meals for 7.5 EUR/person.

You will be able to apply for accommodation and meals after your application is approved.