

**The XVII INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION COMPETITION
“ASCOLTATE 2026”**

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 27 –28, 2026** 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: Aveiro [Portugal]; Valladolid [Spain]; České Budějovice [Czech Republic]; Clermont-Ferrand and Rouen [France]; HDLU Zagreb [Croatia]; Lublin [Poland]; Liepaja [Latvia]]; Lviv Artistic Council “Dialogue” [Ukraine]; Oulu [Finland]; Regensburg [Germany]; Skopje [North Macedonia], and Venezia [Italy], Artkomas, Kaunas [Lithuania]; 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	2018 and after	up to 7 min.	200 eur
A2	2016 – 2017	up to 9 min.	200 eur
A3	2014 – 2015	up to 11 min.	300 eur
A4	2012 – 2013	up to 13 min.	300 eur
A5	2010 – 2011	up to 15 min.	400 eur
A6	2008 – 2009	up to 17 min.	500 eur
A7	No age limit	up to 20 min.	700 eur

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 pefrom not less than 2 compositions (including polyphonic or cyclic work (suite, sonata, variations, sonatina or separate parts).

Categories 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 ensemble up to 11 years old	300 eur
B2	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	
B3	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
B4	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	

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
C1	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
C1	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	
C2	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
C3	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	

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.



V. JURY

The performances will be judged by an international jury appointed by the organizer.

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

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.

VI. 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.

VII. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Complete the online application form by clicking on the link <https://forms.gle/Upbbv9acWYbtuXh9> by **24th October 2026**.

A copy of the bank transfer for the participant's fee is uploaded to the online tender application - **No fee For participants from CreArt | Network**.

A birth certificate or other proof of age must be available upon arrival at the competition and presented at registration.

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 (www.kkad.lt) on the Internet and in print media.

VIII. INFORMATION

All the information about registration and rehearsals will be published in website www.ascoltate.lt

The organizer does not take any responsibility for loss or damage of documents prior to receipt.

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

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IX. PARTICIPATION FEE

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

X. ACCOMMODATION

We recommending: <http://kaunas.lcn.lt/sveciunamai/lt/> www.kaunashotel.lt

www.kaunascityhotel.com

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/kunox-moxy-kaunas-center/>