**regulations of the contest:**

We invite the performers of pop songs and dances to the International Children and Youth Music Contest **“Daugavas pērle” (“The Pearl of Daugava”)** which will take place at the 14th of May in Daugavpils (Latvia). The aim of the contest: revelation and popularization of the young pop song and dance performers’ talents, promotion of the creative dialogues in international music culture.

*Daugavpils- the second bigger town in Latvia, is situated on the banks of Daugava River on the distance of 232km from the capital Riga.*

*Once, the most beautiful jewelry was decorated with exquisite pearls which were found in the waters of Daugava. Today, organizing the International children and youth music contest „The Pearl of Daugava”, we hope that in this contest young and talented “pearls” will introduce themselves and that creative brightness will light up here in Daugavpils, in the banks of Daugava River.*

**The organizers of the contest:** Daugavpils Latvian Centre of Culture.

**Place:** Daugavpils, Daugavpils Latvian Centre of Culture and Daugavpils Theater, Rigas street 22a, the 14th of May, 2016

**The requirements of the contest:**

1. In the contest song children and youth collectives and soloists take part.
2. The participants of the contest are divided in 3 age groups:
* **6 – 9 years** (including)
* **10 – 13 years** (including)
* **14 – 18 years** (including)

In the following nominations:

**6 - 9 years participants:**

-**A1**- soloists

-**B1**- ensembles

**10 - 13 years participants:**

-**A2**- soloists

-**B2**- ensembles

**14 - 18 years participants:**

-A3 – soloists

-A3 - ensembles

**The contest takes place in two stages:**

**Stage 1**- **the selection of the participants** (on the basis of the sent materials)

* By the 15th April 2016 the participants must send:
1. Completed application form of the participant. /Appendix 1 (soloists); Appendix 2 (ensembles)
2. Picture in JPG format, not less than 300dpi /inch/
3. The documents should be sent in electronic form, e-mail: leonova@vienibasnams.lv
4. After **Stage 1** selection , the participants are put forward to the semifinal of the contest (the semifinal will take place on the first day of the contest)
* By the 29th April, 2016 the participants will be announces in electronic form. To the participants the official invitations will be sent.

**STAGE 2 – the Contest**

1. For the contest participants prepare 2 performances, the duration of each must not last more than **4 minutes**.
2. The content of the performance should correspond to the age and perception of the world values:
* **The first song of the contest:** performed on the official language of the country
* **The second song of the contest:** of contestant’s own choice

Phonogram /-1/, in CD format. For soloists –“BACK - vocal” written down on phonogram **(“Back-vocal” cannot duplicate the main melody)**, ensembles are not allowed to use “BACK - vocal”. A phonogram of each song should be handed in on an independent CD.

(In case of non-observation of rules a participant could be disqualificated!).

3.The order performance of participants is arranged alphabetically.

4. The semifinal song must be performed in the official language of the country.

5.The finalists of the contest should perform the second prepared song.

**EVALUATION AND AWARD:**

1. Panel of judges including chairman of judges and executive secretary is formed by organizers of the contest.
2. Performances of contestants are evaluated by 25 scale points system.

Criteria of evaluation:

* Technical merit (25 points max)
* Presentation (25 points max)
1. Judge’s ballot evaluation form cannot be disputable.
2. Judgment is recorded in the Latvian language and is kept by organizers of the contest.
3. Every participant of the contest is rewarded with diploma and a valuable present.
4. Finalists are rewarded with:

- The main prize of Grand Prix **– 200 EUR –** is awarded to one contestant or one collective of final according to jury judgment,

- 1st Place Diploma,

- 2nd Place Diploma,

- 3nd Place Diploma,

- Special award.

7. Finalists of the contest are invited to participate in the celebratory concerts of Daugavpils.

**ACCREDITTION:**

1. All expenses related to participation in the contest are defrayed by participants.
2. Participation fee:
* Soloists – 25 EUR
* duets – 40 EUR
* trios - 60 EUR
* collectives consisting of four and more participants – 10 EUR (for a single participant).
1. Till the 12th of May participation fee should be transferred on the following accounts:

Municipality institution of Daugavpils

“The Center of Latvian culture”

Registration Number: 90000077556

Rigas street 22a, Daugavpils, LV-5401, Latvia

Bank: Citadele banka JSC, Daugavpils branch office

Account:PARXLV22-LV81PARX0000850068802

1. Organizers of the contest can help with hotel and public catering booking (prices: student dormitory starting with 10 EUR, hotels starting with 35 EUR for a single person).
2. In the case participants are not present participation fee will not be recovered.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Organizers of the contest have rights to use the participant’s audio and video materials in printed materials, press materials, Internet web-pages, TV, record studios, public playback, for the purpose to advertise the contest and Daugavpils town.

2. Handing in the application form to the organizer of the contests means the acceptation of the following Regulations.

3. The Grand Prix prizewinner of the contest "Daugavas pērle" have no rights of participation in the age group the prize has been obtained.

**The address of the contest:**

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