

XVI INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOLKLORE FESTIVAL

“BALŲ RAŠTAI 2024” (BALTIC SIGNS 2024)

REGULATIONS



I. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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1. The regulations of the XVI International Children and Youth Folklore Festival “Baltų raštai 2024” (“Baltic Signs 2024”) (hereinafter - the Festival) regulate the Festival organizers, goals, objectives, Festival time, place, organization procedure, requirements for participants and programs, participation fee, awards.
2. The organizers of the festival are Kaunas City Municipality and Kaunas National Culture Centre. The Festival is intended for children and young people, with the aim of introducing them to authentic Lithuanian and Latvian cultural traditions.
3. The project is financed by the Lithuanian Council of Culture.
4. The Festival is traditional held annually in September-October since 2009 in Kaunas.

II. THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FESTIVAL

5. The ongoing goal of the Festival is to encourage Lithuanian society to be interested in the culture and history of the Baltic region, to develop the artistic and social abilities of children and youth, to expand the partnership network of ensembles, which will help preserve and spread Baltic traditional music and to strengthen Latvian-Lithuanian ties. The theme of Festival this year is Fire.
6. The objectives of the Festival:
 - 6.1. To organize public events that promote interest in the development of ethnic culture, ancient and modern Baltic language, culture, history, customs, traditions, art.
 - 6.2. To create conditions for children and young people to acquire knowledge about crafts and folk art through practical activities, and to encourage creative skills of ethnic culture in the life of their family and community.

6.3. To promote communication and cooperation, the development of international relations through the creative acceptance of tradition, interest in the history and customs of the Baltic people.

III. PLACE AND TIME

7. The Festival will take place on **September 20th, October 9-12th, 2024**, in the in-door and out-door places of Kaunas city.

IV. ORGANIZATION PROCEDURE

8. Folklore ensembles and performers wishing to participate in the Festival have to fill the electronic participant application - *Google form* **until the 10th of September**.

8.1. <https://forms.gle/7y5mPik5V8FxRwLS9> (*participants from Lithuania*)

8.2. <https://forms.gle/NArx9X25szd6voTH8> (*participants from abroad*)

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

9. Requirements for ensembles and performers from Lithuania:

9.1. Ensembles of children, youth or families, individual performers can participate in the Festival.

9.2. The number of participants is not limited.

10. Requirements for ensembles and performers from abroad:

10.1. Ensembles of children, youth or families, individual performers can participate in the Festival.

10.2. The composition of the group is no more than 20 persons (including participants, leaders, drivers, etc.).

VI. PARTICIPANT FEE

11. There is no participation fee for ensembles from Lithuania.

11. 1. Travel and insurance costs are paid by the participants themselves.

12. Participants from abroad are charged **20 EUR. for children/per day 30 EUR. for adult/ per day**, to partly cover accommodation, meals, cultural programs.

13. Festival participants from abroad may not be charged the participation fee:

13.1. If the participants themselves decide on their own meals, accommodation, transport within the country, etc. questions;

13.2. After the Center receives project funds, which provide for the costs of food, accommodation, and transportation within the country for the participants, as well as for the participants who have signed a contract with the Center.

14. Participants from abroad must within 2 weeks of receiving the confirmation email, but no later than by **September 18th 2024**, transfer a participant fee payment to the bank account of the Center according to the following details:

Bank account number: LT314010042500030391

SWIFT Code: AGBLLT2X

15. If the participant does not come to the Festival, the transferred money will not be returned.

VII. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

16. Program content – folklore (singing, narrative, small), choreographic folklore (dances, circles, games), instrumental folklore, acting. The participants of the Festival prepare the program by including the legends, innings, and legends of their region.

17. Festival participants will present their program in indoor and outdoor spaces in the city of Kaunas.

18. Festival participants are advised not to use recordings, it is preferred to perform the live program.

18. 1. Ongoing events will not be voiced in all spaces.

19. Participants prepare a concert program (10-20 min.).

20. Participants have the opportunity to organize a separate concert, party, gathering (or other event) of their ensemble, if agreed in advance, no later than two months before the start of the Festival.

21. We recommend theatricalize the program.

VIII. REWARD

22. All participants of the Festival are awarded with gratitude papers and souvenirs from the Center.

23. Educators will receive certificates about the preparation of the student(s) to participate in the Festival.

IX. FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS AND COORDINATORS

24. Information about the festival is published on the Center's website www.ktkc.lt.

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X. FINAL PROVISIONS

25. By participating in this festival, participants agree to its provisions.

26. Festival participants will be photographed and filmed. Photos and video footage are considered the property of the Center and can be used for advertising purposes of the institution with written consent.

27. Consent is not mandatory when photography/filming is taken in a public place or during an event, when the identity of the Data Subject is not clear. Videos and/or photos taken during the event can be

made public and broadcast live on the Center's social networks (Facebook, YouTube, etc.), published on the website, as well as in other means of advertising or information dissemination. While participating in the event, the Data Subject, who notices that he is being filmed (photographed) against his will, has the right to express comments to the person recording him. The will of the individual subject in this matter is always respected (unless the recorded information helps to reveal violations of the law). If the data subject wishes to have his image removed from the Center's social networks or website, he must contact the person responsible for personal data protection appointed by the Center's director and request the removal of the image. Filming and photography during the events organized by the Center is carried out for representational, activity publicity and advertising purposes. The material can be stored for 2 years. from its publication. Learn more about personal data processing at the Center: <http://ktkc.lt/asmen-duomenu-apsauga/>.