

International Nehama Lifshitz Vocal Competition

RULES

1. About the competition

1.1. Nehama Lifshitz (1927 – 2017) was a world-renowned Yiddish singer, often called “the Jewish Nightingale”, whose professional career as a singer started in Lithuania – in Kaunas and Vilnius. She became popular and famous all over the world.

1.2. The competition will take place on 2024 October 27-30 in Vilnius (Lithuania).

1.3. The competition is held in 3 rounds:

- Round I: remotely;
- Round II: the evaluation committee selects 12 semi-finalists from the submitted videos;
- Round III with Vilnius City Municipality St. Christopher's Chamber Orchestra: from the semi-finals the evaluation committee of participants selects 6 participants who participate in the III round (final) of the competition accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

2. The aim of the competition

2.1. To popularize Jewish music, to seek out its most talented performers and composers and to continue cooperating with them.

2.2. We aim at helping creative young people in this field to realize their potential and to communicate with peers the world over.

3. Participants

3.1. Singers-soloists from the age of 21 to 35 can participate in the competition.

3.2. The competition is held in the category of classical music.

4. Repertoire

4.1. Participants submit 2 freely chosen works not older than one year for the first round of the competition videos on *YouTube*.

4.2. Participants perform 3 works in the **semi-final** (2nd round):

- the first – a song by a Jewish composer or a Jewish theme;
- the second – *bel canto* aria;
- the third – a work by a composer from his country.

4.3. **In the final** (3rd round) the participants perform 3 works with a chamber orchestra:

- the first is a song by a Jewish composer or a song on a Jewish theme from the list of works provided (see attachment);
- the second is an aria from the baroque or classicism eras;
- the third – freely chosen work.

4.4. The total duration of all 3 songs does not exceed 18 minutes. The works are performed by heart and original language.

5. Performance

5.1. Soloists selected for the 3rd round (final) of the competition are accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

5.2. The soloist can come to the semi-finals of the competition with his concertmaster or ask the organizer appoint him. The organizing committee can appoint a concertmaster for one rehearsal free of charge and participation in the competition. Additional rehearsal is paid - 30 €.

5.3. The participants themselves choose the order of performance of the works and indicate it in the questionnaire.

5.4. Participants' performances will be filmed.

6. Registration

6.1. The registration form can be completed online [here](#).

6.2. Upon arrival at the competition, participants must register and provide proof of identity the document.

6.3. The registration fee is 50 euros.

6.4. The fee is not refunded for those who do not attend the competition.

6.5. Applications are accepted until July 1. 2024.

6.6. Selection for the second round of the competition is based on the submitted videos.

6.7. 12 participants are selected for the II round of the competition. The list of participants of the 2nd round is published until July 31st.

6.8. The list of participants selected for the 3rd round will be published by October 28 in the evening. 6 participants are selected for the 3rd round of the competition, who will rehearse with the St. Christopher's chamber orchestra on October 29.

6.9. The 3rd round (final) with St. Christopher's chamber orchestra will take place in Vilnius Town Hall on 30 October 2024.

7. Evaluation of participants

7.1. In evaluating the performance of the participants, the Jury is guided by the following criteria:

- Uniqueness, originality, and complexity of the selected program.
- Intonation accuracy, ensemble, and artistic level of the performance.
- Stage culture and artistry of the participant.

8. Awards

8.1. Laureates (winners of 1-3 places) are awarded laureate diplomas and cash prizes:

First prize – **1500** EUR

Second prize – **1250** EUR

Third prize – **1000** EUR

8.2. The winners of the 4th-6th places are awarded with diplomas and gifts from famous Israeli artists by the original works of the group "Matter of Color".

8.3. The evaluation committee has the right to distribute the 3rd prize.

8.4. The decisions of the evaluation committee are final and non-appealable.

8.5. Diplomas and prizes are awarded during the closing ceremony of the competition.

9. Accommodation and travel expenses

9.1. Participants cover their own and accompanying person's travel and accommodation expenses.

9.2. The organizers pay for accommodation for the participants of the 3rd round from 2024. October 29 to 31.

10. Visas

The organizing committee mediates for participants who need everything to come to Republic of Lithuania but does not assume any financial obligations.

11. Consent of the participant

11.1. By completing the registration form participants agree that their personal information, such as name, photo, creative biography, and program may be published online, in the competition catalog, and in other sources. By completing the registration form participants agree that their performance is broadcasted online or/and TV.

11.2. The organizers of the competition ensure that the personal data of the participants are used only for the purposes of the competition.

11.3. Information about the Privacy Policy can be found at [here](#).

12. Organizers

Public institution „Pro partners“ www.propartners.lt;
Support Fund of Nehama Lifshitz International Vocal Competition.

13. Rights of organizers

The organizers have the exclusive right:

- To broadcast the competition on television channels and the Internet or give the right to do so to others.
- To produce and distribute audio and video or other promotional material of all kinds.
- To use or allow others to use the promotional material provided by the participant.
- To dispose of records made during the competition free of charge.

14. Contacts

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15. Payment details

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Purpose of payment: participant's Name, Surname registration fee.