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**"Aprīļa pilieni"**



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**XV. International TV Popular Music Performers Competition - Festival "April's Drops 2026"**  
**Regulations**

The organizers of the XV International Popular Music Competition-Festival "April's Drops 2026" invite you to participate in our competition-festival, which will take place from April 24th to 26th, 2026. Singers - soloists, pop groups, and dance groups will participate in the competition-festival.

**1. Objectives of the Competition:**

- 1.1. To promote the development of children's and young people's musical abilities and creative self-expression.
- 1.2. To popularize children's and youth's pop singing and dancing schools.
- 1.3. To promote the integration of different nationalities living in Latvia into society.
- 1.4. To popularize Latvian and foreign composers' works.
- 1.5. To support the further growth of competition laureates and provide opportunities to participate in international competitions and festivals.

**2. Time and Place of the Competition:**

- 2.1. Competition venue: Latvia, Bauska district, Īslīce parish, Rītausmas, Īslīces Cultural Center.
- 2.2. Competition dates: April 24th - 26th, 2026.

**3. Competition Participants:**

- 3.1. Participants in the following age groups can participate in the competition:

**Singers - Soloists:**

- Up to 9 years old;
- 10 to 12 years old;
- 13 to 15 years old;
- 16 to 18 years old;
- 19 to 22 years old;
- 23 to 25 years old;
- 26+ years old;



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**Pop groups, duets, trios:**

- 6 to 10 years old;
- 11 to 15 years old;
- 16 to 20 years old;
- 21+ years old;

**Dance groups:**

- Mini Kids: up to 6 years old;
- Kids: 7 to 10 years old;
- Junior: 11 to 15 years old;
- Youth: 16 to 25 years old;
- Adults: 26+ years old;
- Solo dances: no age limit

**4. Useful Information for Participants:**

- 4.1. The age of pop groups and dance groups is determined by the age of the oldest participant in the group.
- 4.2. The dimensions of the Īslīce Culture House stage are as follows: width - 12 meters, depth - 6 meters, height - 5 meters.
- 4.3. The GRAND PRIX for a minor is paid to their parents, teacher, or other responsible person only via bank transfer
- 4.4. A cafeteria will be operating during the competition, where it will be possible to order lunch and dinner.

**5. Tasks for Competition Participants:**

- 5.1. Prepare one song (pop, R&B, rap, hip-hop, jazz, breakdance, etc.) or dance of your choice.
- 5.2. Backing vocalists can be recorded or perform live.
- 5.3. The duration of the performance should not exceed 4 minutes.
- 5.4. The deadline for applying for the competition is April 14th, 2025, at 23:59.

**6. Evaluation and Awarding:**

- 6.1. Competition participants are evaluated openly with a score from 5 to 10 points.



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- 6.2. In each age group, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded - the title of "Laureate" with a diploma and a prize.
- 6.3. At the gala concert, 2 Grand Prix will be awarded - 1 for singers and 1 for dancers.
- 6.4. All festival participants will be awarded diplomas and gifts for participation.
- 6.5. The organizers may award free invitations to other festivals and competitions.
- 6.6. In the event of a tie, the jury will make the final decision by secret ballot.
- 6.7. The organizers may award multiple 2nd and 3rd places.

## **7. Jury Evaluation Criteria:**

- 7.1. Complexity of the chosen performance.
- 7.2. Artistic quality of the performance.
- 7.3. Technical execution of the performance.
- 7.4. Quality of the backing track and arrangement.
- 7.5. Acting skills.
- 7.6. Visual appearance of the participant(s).

## **8. Competition Organizers:**

- 8.1. The main organizer is the "April's Drops" association in cooperation with the "Time for Youth" association, Bauska district municipality, and Īslīces cultural center.
- 8.2. The director of the "April's Drops 2026" competition-festival is Nijole Berezina. Contact information: mobile phone +371 29 159 058 and email: [nijoleberezina@inbox.lv](mailto:nijoleberezina@inbox.lv).

## **9. Competition Participation Fee:**

- 9.1. The following participation fee is set for the competition:
  - Solo singer - 70 EUR.
  - Pop group - 30 EUR (per participant).
  - Duet, trio - 35 EUR (per participant).
  - Dance group - 25 EUR (per participant per dance).
  - Solo dance - 70 EUR.
- 9.2. The participation fee must be paid by bank transfer after receiving an invoice.
- 9.3. In exceptional cases, participants can pay in cash on the day of the competition.
- 9.4. Invoices for dance or pop groups are issued to one person or organization/institution and will not be divided.



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9.5. Payment details for participation fee payment:

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Account No. LV49UNLA0055004174000

Reference: For the competition-festival "April's Drops 2026" (participant's name/group name)

9.6. If the competition participant does not attend or withdraws from participation, the participation fee will not be refunded.

**10. Predicted Event Schedule:**

**April 24th - Singers - Soloists**

9:00-9:30 - participant registration (up to 9 years old)

10:00-12:00 - competition, awarding (up to 9 years old)

11:30-12:00 - participant registration (10-12 years old)

13:00-15:00 - competition, awarding (10-12 years old)

14:30-15:00 - participant registration (13-15 years old)

16:00-18:00 - competition, awarding (13-15 years old)

17:30-18:00 - participant registration (16-18, 19-22, 23-25, 26+ years old)

19:00 - ... competition, awarding (16-18, 19-22, 23-25, 26+ years old)

**April 25th - Dance Groups (Mini Kids - up to 6 years old, Kids 7-10 years old, Junior 11-15 years old, Youth 16-25 years old, Adults 26+ years old, and Solo without age limit)**

10:00-10:30 - participant registration

10:30-11:30 - rehearsal

12:00-15:00 - competition (non-stop) and awarding

**April 25th - Pop groups, duets, trios (6-10 years old, 11-15 years old, 16-20 years old, 21+ years old)**

15:30-16:00 - participant registration

16:00-16:30 - rehearsal



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17:00-20:00 - competition (non-stop), awarding

**April 26th - LAUREATE CONCERT (will be filmed; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and invited guests will participate)**

15:00-15:30 - rehearsal (only mass song rehearsal, in concert attire)

16:00-19:00 - laureate concert

The competition schedule may change depending on the number of participants. Attention! All laureates and guests (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) will participate in the Gala Concert.