THE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE COMPETITION
"WINTER PASSAGES 2026"

I. ORGANIZERS

Association of Piano Teachers of Kaunas County, Kaunas 1st Music School.

II. PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to young performers from music and art schools, gymnasiums, and conservatories in Lithuania and abroad, for whom the piano is their secondary instrument.

Students of private music studios who have one weekly piano lesson are also eligible to participate.

The competition is open to both soloists and piano ensembles.

Participants are divided into groups according to their years of study:

A – Music and Art Schools

B – Private Music Studios

C – Specialized Art Schools (Gymnasiums) and Conservatories

A1	**B1**	**C1**	1-2 years of study
A2	**B2**	**C2**	3-4 years of study
A3	**B3**	**C3**	5-6 years of study
A4	**B4**	**C4**	7-8 years of study
A5	**B5**	**C5**	9-12 years of study
A6	**B6**	**C6**	Different years of study (ensemble)

III. COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

The competition consists of a single round.

Participants perform one freely chosen musical piece, with a maximum duration of 4 minutes.

Soloists must perform from memory, while ensembles may perform either from memory or with sheet music.

IV. COMPETITION DATES AND VENUE

The competition will be held online.

Participants' performances will be reviewed and evaluated from **December 8 to 20, 2026.**

The results of the competition will be announced on **December 28–29, 2026**, on the website www.pianistas.lt.

Electronic application forms must be submitted no later than **December 1, 2026.**

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VIDEO RECORDING

- The video must be recorded with a stable, non-moving camera.
- The performer(s) must be fully visible in the video.
- The performer's attire must be concert/formal wear.
- Videos of all competition participants must be set to "Unlisted."
- The video must be marked as made for children ("Yes, it's made for kids").

- The performer's first and last name must be indicated in the video description.
- In the video title include the composer of the performed piece (original) and the exact title of the piece.
- The link to the saved video must be uploaded in the designated section of the participant's electronic application.

Fill out the electronic participant application by clicking on the link:

Etudes https://forms.gle/5tZeBHJ8JviMN8hw6

Polyphony https://forms.gle/v6aJq6QtP6bfeAgf6

Large form https://forms.gle/DRtG6uuuhPhDzzNY9

Piano Pieces https://forms.gle/Jf8Yvdhdm1DhD6wn8

Rhythmic (jazz) pieces https://forms.gle/ZvD6568w384DGWng8

Piano ensembles https://forms.gle/k9kjzUBuGnQqGk269

VI. THE BANK DETAILS (to transfer the registration fee):

PARTICIPATION FEE FOR ALL CATEGORIES – 10 EUR. (for the entire ensemble - 10 eur. as well)
SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO:

Beneficiary: Kauno krašto fortepijono mokytojų draugija / Code 191950127

Beneficiary's Acc. No: LT134010051003878416,

Beneficiary's Bank: LUMINOR bank

SWIFT: AGBLLT2X

Bank code 40100

In the payment order, please indicate the name of the competition and the name, surname and category of the participant.

VII. JURY AND AWARDS

The performances of the competition participants will be evaluated by an international jury.

Jury members do not evaluate the performances of their own students.

The decisions of the jury are final and not subject to appeal.

Based on the results of the performances, participants will be awarded First, Second, and Third Prize Laureate Diplomas. The best performer (or ensemble) in each category will be awarded the Grand Prix.

VIII. INFORMATION

Websites: www.pianistas.lt

Festival Curator:

Rasa Derbutienė – Deputy Principal for Education, Kaunas First Music School

Festival Coordinator:

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