

**V international pop/jazz competition-festival “LAULURAGIN 2019” for choirs and duets on 09th to 10th November in Valga.**

**Competition terms**

We welcome to the competition choirs and duets from Estonia and abroad. There is no age limit for the singers. The competition is held in two categories: choirs (regardless of the type of choir) and duets. First round of the competition or demo round and second round or final.

**Demo round**

Registration deadline for the demo round is **10th September, 2019.** To participate in the competition, you need to send in a filled out registration questionnaire and one recorded song of your free choice in the pop/jazz genres as a mp3 file by this date. The questionnaire can be filled out online on the competition homepage at [**www.valgakultuurikeskus.ee**](http://www.valgakultuurikeskus.ee/)

**Final**

The jury will choose for the final 10 choirs and 20 duets based on the demos. The finalists are announced by **15th September** on the competition homepage. We expect the following information from the finalists by **25th September**:

· CV (short text introducing the choir)

· photo of the choir in JPG format

· sheet music for two songs – computer-made or printed musical notation, authors, arrangers, impeccable description of form with all required indication symbols, chord symbols etc.

NB! CV and photo are not required for duets.

- Payment for participation in the final is **100 euro** per choir and **20 euro** per duet, and this has to be paid by **25th September, 2019** to the account of Valga Rural Municipality Government,EE491010202000577004 in SEB Pank, note “Lauluragin” and name of the choir or names of the singers in the case of a duet.

**Programme (for choirs)**

- programme length max 10 minutes, the jury will dock points for exceeding this time

- performance in the final of the competition will take place together with **Antti Kammiste backup band**

- 2 songs must be performed (different characters):

**1. pop or jazz work of authors from your country in your native language**

**2. pop or jazz work from world music**

**NB! One of the two works may also be performed a cappella.**

**Programme (for duets)**

* one pop or jazz work must be performed, there are no language requirements
* a recording (audio CD) or the piano may be used as accompaniment
* duets are not allowed to use backing singers (neither on the recording nor live).

**Timetable of the festival**

**09th November, in the Valga Culture and Hobby Center**

10.00 – 11.00       Rehearsal of Antti Kammiste band

11.00 – 13.00       Band rehearsal for the choirs (30 minutes per choir, competition programme)

13.00 – 14.00       Lunch break

14.00 – 17.00       Band rehearsal for the choirs continues

17.00 – 18.40 Microphone rehearsals for duets (10)

19.30       **Opening ceremony of the festival. Choir concert. Duet competition.**

All choirs participate. Every choir performs a song of their free choice (not the competition programme) and takes care of their own accompaniment. Recordings are allowed. Piano and drums are available for use.

22.30                **Party for festival participants**

**10th November, in the Valga Culture and Hobby Center**

11.00 – 11.45 Sirje Medell's workshop - Vocal Pilates

11.00 – 12.40 **Microphone rehearsals for duets (10)**

14.00 - 17.30     **Choir and duet competition**

                          Final ceremony, award ceremony.

Choirs and duets are judged by an international jury.

**Awards:** **Choirs Duets**

**I place 500€ 150€**

**II place     300€ 100€**

**III place   200€ 75€**

Competition jury has the right to present additional special awards

Exact information on festival timetable and organization (accommodation, boarding) will be forwarded to the finalists at the latest by **25th September.**

V international pop/jazz competition-festival “LAULURAGIN 2019” for choirs and duets is organized by the Valga Culture and Hobby Center.

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