**

**IV international pop/*jazz* competition-festival “LAULURAGIN 2018” for choirs and duets on 20th to 21st October 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 **01st August, 2018.** 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 10 duets based on the demos. The finalists are announced by **10th August** on the competition homepage. We expect the following information from the finalists by **01st 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 **10th September, 2018** to the account of Valga Town 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/jazz work of authors from your country in your native language**

**2. pop/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.

**Timetable of the festival**

**20th October, 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 rehearsal for the duets

19.30       **Opening ceremony of the festival, duet competition and choir concert.**

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.

22.00                **Party for festival participants**

**21st October, in the Valga Culture and Hobby Center**

11.00 – 11.45 Sirje Medell's workshop Vocal Pilates for the participants

14.00 - 17.00       **Choir competition**

                          Final ceremony, award ceremony.

Choirs and duets are judged by a jury consisting of three members.

**Awards:**

**ChoirsDuets**

**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 by 15th September at the latest.

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