



XV INTERNATIONAL VOCAL SOLOIST COMPETITION-FESTIVAL
"GOLD LEAF" - "Kuldleheke"

REGULATION

TIME AND PLACE

OCTOBER 14 – 17, 2026

Pärnu School of Arts, Pärnu Concert Hall - Pärnu, Estonia

PURPOSE OF THE FESTIVAL

Kuldleheke is a competition-festival for vocal soloists organised by NGO Kuldleheke in cooperation with Pärnu School of Arts. The competition takes place in the category of pop-jazz and classical singing, which is evaluated by an international jury of 3 – 5 members.

The festival is intended for children and young people, whose activities are related to the enrichment of competences in the field of interest.

We want to give the participants the opportunity to perform, gain experience and skills, present themselves to the organisers of international competitions and offer a chance for a musical experience. Instructors have the opportunity to share practical and methodical work experiences.

Through the festival, there is an opportunity to strengthen international ties and perform at concerts held in schools in the city of Pärnu.

Pop-jazz category

- Two songs are performed in the competition. The first is the preliminary round and the second is the Grand Prix round.
- The jury will select 5 singers from each age group for the Grand Prix round based on the results of the preliminary round.
- **The length of the songs must not exceed 4 minutes.**
- The song selection cannot be changed after [registration](#).
- Either one accompanying instrument or a phonogram can be used to accompany the song.
- It is allowed to use 1 – 2 background singers.
- Three prize places and two laureates will be awarded in all age groups.
- The jury has the right to award special prizes.
- **Age levels:**
 - ❖ I age group: – 9
 - ❖ II age group: 10 – 13
 - ❖ III age group: 14 – 16
 - ❖ IV age group: 17 – 20

Classical singing category

- 2 songs will be performed in the competition, one of which is preferably an aria (17 - 18 cent.) and the other a classical song written by a composer from your own country.
- A piano or some other acoustic instrument can be used to accompany the song.
- The performance is without amplification and phonograms are not allowed.
- Song length up to 5 minutes.
- Three prize places and two laureates will be awarded in each age group.
- The jury has the right to award special prizes.
- **Age levels:**
 - ❖ I age group: 11 – 14
 - ❖ II age group: 15 – 17
 - ❖ III age group: 18 – 21

Basis of assessment

- Participants will be judged by an international jury, which will assess
 - ❖ interpretation,
 - ❖ artistic quality,
 - ❖ suitability of the song to the performer,
 - ❖ purity of intonation,
 - ❖ cooperation with the concertmaster.
- The Grand Prix will be awarded in both the classical song and pop-jazz categories.

Information and registration

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration for the competition is **September 15, 2026**. To register, please select the form below:

- **Pop-jazz** category [REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- **Classical singing** category [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

PARTICIPATION FEE

Entry fee if participating in one category - 80 €

Entry fee if participating in both categories - 120 €

The participation fee payment deadline is September 15, 2026.

Bank details:

Payee: MTÜ Kuldleheke

Account: a/a EE057700771010369374

Explanation: Participant's name, Kuldleheke

Venues:

Pärnu Kunstide Kool (Pärnu School of Arts), Pühavaimu 8, Pärnu

Pärnu Kontserdimaja (Pärnu Concert Hall) - Aida 4, Pärnu

Accommodation:

Discounted accommodation for the participants of the competition is offered by [Hotel Victoria Grand Hotel](#).

When booking, please notify the artistic director of the competition festival (Evelin Mei) of your request to receive a discounted price.

Parking: <https://visitparnu.com/en/parking-in-parnu/>

CONTACTS

Artistic director: Evelin Mei - kuldleheke@gmail.com / phone +3725010953

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* The organiser reserves the right to make changes.

The program

October 14	Arrival
October 15	Opening of the competition Classical song rehearsal and competition School concerts in Pärnu city schools Sound check for soloists in the pop-jazz category Awarding classical song soloists Jury's feedback and instructors of the classical competition Discussion group of teachers
October 16	Pop-jazz category competition Workshops Jury's feedback to the singers-supervisors Festival finale, closing, awarding of the pop-jazz category
October 17	Departure

PS: The detailed schedule will be announced before the event.