

Dzidra Braže IV International Festival-Competition of Young Harpists

REGULATION

FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

<u>IS ORGANIZED BY:</u>	Riga Jugla Music School
<u>TIME OF THE EVENT:</u>	June 12–14, 2026
<u>PLACE OF THE EVENT:</u>	Riga Jugla Music School, Murjāņu iela 44, LV-1064, Riga, Latvia

AIMS AND TASKS OF THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

- To support creative, active, and talented students
- To contribute to the professional growth of harpists
- To promote harp playing in Latvia and the Baltic States
- To establish a platform for harp teachers to collaborate, build friendships, and exchange experiences with their colleagues
- Provide an opportunity to meet like-minded people in the specialty

PARTICIPANTS OF THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

Harp students until the age of 16; harpists–soloists in THREE age categories:

Category A – until 9 years of age (full years till June 12, 2026, including)

Category B – between 10 and 13 years of age (full years till June 12, 2026, including)

Category C – between 14 and 16 years of age (full years till June 12, 2026, including)

REPERTOIRE AND TIMING

- Two pieces of a different character. Categories B and C must play one piece of the Baroque or Classical Era
- Duration of the program:
 - Category A – until 9 years of age – not longer than 7 minutes
 - Category B – between 10 and 13 years of age – not longer than 10 minutes
 - Category C – between 14 and 16 years of age – not longer than 12 minutes.

The program must be played by heart. The order of the pieces is free.

The participants of the festival-competition have the opportunity to play on the “Salvi” and “Lyon&Healy” pedal and lever harps.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

- 1) The competition has one round in three categories of age.
- 2) The festival–competition is open; all interested persons can attend it.
- 3) The order for performing within the categories is determined according to the date of birth of the participant.
- 4) At the closing of the festival, the laureates will be awarded, and a concert will take place. The participation in the concert will not be paid.
- 5) During the competition and laureates' concert, audio and video recordings might be made.
- 6) The results of the competition participants will be announced at the closing of the festival–competition on June 14, 2026.
- 7) By participating in the competition, the participant agrees to the publication of their personal data on the Riga Jugla Music School webpage www.juglasmuzikasskola.lv.
- 8) In the event of a disagreement regarding the rules of the competition, the regulations of Dzirra Braže III International Competition of Young Harpists in the Latvian language shall prevail.

HARP MASTERCLASSES

- During the competition-festival, a masterclass and a concert by the harpist Elizabete Gulbe will take place.
- There is no additional fee for participation in the masterclasses.

EVALUATION AND AWARDING

The participants are evaluated by an international jury.

The evaluation criteria are:

1. Repertoire compliance with the requirements, its versatility, and pertinence to the participant.
2. Text accuracy.
3. Technical quality of the performance.
4. Artistry – understanding of the contents, characters' lucidity and versatility.
5. Overall impression of the performance and on-stage behaviour.

The jury's decision is final and not subject to appeal.

- All the participants of the festival-competition and their teachers receive certificates of appreciation.

- The brightest participants receive special awards, and they are invited to perform in the Gala concert of the festival.
- The winners of the first three places receive a diploma and the status of a laureate of the International Competition. One participant receives the Grand Prix of the Dzidra Braže IV International Festival-Competition of Young Harpists.

APPLICATION

To apply for the competition, the participant must fill out a form by **May 15, 2026**. The form is available here: <https://www.juglasmuzikasskola.lv/par-skolu/konkursi/arfu-konkurss/>.

Participant's photo and a copy of their passport or birth certificate must be sent to jms@riga.lv.

Participation fee: **55 €** for each participant of the festival-competition. The fee must be transferred to the Riga Jugla Music School account by **May 15, 2026**.

The payment order for participation in the festival-competition must include the following information

1. **Participant's name and surname**
2. **Purpose** – participation fee for the Dzidra Braže IV International Festival-Competition of the Young Harpists.

Transfer details:	Receiver: Rīgas valstspilsētas pašvaldība Reg. No. 900011524360 Address: Rātslaukums 1, Rīga, LV-1050 Institution: Rīgas Juglas Mūzikas skola Institution address: Murjāņu iela 44, Rīga, LV-1064 Institution code: 21060 Bank: Luminor Bank AS Account: LV72RIKO0021000916200 Swift/BIC: RIKOLV2X
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If the harpist does not participate in the competition, the participation fee will not be returned.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FESTIVAL-COMPETITION

The participants cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

The festival's plan and all other necessary information will be sent via email to each participant by June 1, 2026.

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