**[REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTEST](http://www.saulesziedas.su.lt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10:requirements-for-the-contest&catid=11:regulations-and-information&Itemid=143&lang=lt) **

**I Category: TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUPS**

Number of dancers: 8 to 16. Plus up to 12 others, including musicians/flag bearers.

Age limit: 17 years and over.

Duration of the contest performance: up to 12 min. total.

At least two dances. The sources of origin should be indicated in the application.

**II Category: CHOREOGRAPHED ARRANGEMENTS OF FOLK DANCES**

Number of dancers allowed: 8 to 16. Plus up to 12 others, including musicians/flag bearers.

Age limit: 17 years and over.

Duration of the contest performance: up to 12 min. total.

Two choreographed dances or one dance composition. The authors of music/arrangement and choreography should be listed.

**III Category: INSTRUMENTAL FOLK MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

Number of musicians allowed: 3 to 12.

Age limit: 17 years and over.

Duration of the contest performance: up to 10 min. total.

The ensembles should perform the instrumental traditional music of their country or region. The sources of the performed pieces should be indicated in the application.

**IV Category: ENSEMBLES OF TRADITIONAL SINGING**

Number of singers allowed: 3 to 12. Age limit: 17 years and over.

Duration of the contest performance: up to 8 min. total.

Two traditional one-part or two-part songs.

The instrumental accompaniment is allowed if it is characteristic of the tradition (the piano/grand piano excluded).

The performance of the accompanists will not be evaluated by the jury or awarded. The sources of the songs should be indicated in the application.

**V Category: FOLKSONG SOLO**

Age limit: 17 years and over.

Duration of the contest performance: up to 8 min. total.

Accompaniment is allowed if ft is characteristic of the tradition (the piano I grand piano excluded). The soloist may accompany himself/herself. The performance of the accompanists will not be evaluated by the jury or awarded.

The sources of the songs should be indicated in the application.

**VI Category: INSTRUMENTAL SOLO**

Age limit: 17 years and over.

Duration of the contest performance: up to 8 min. total.

Traditional tune(s) of the competitor’s own country should be performed by a single player on one or several traditional instruments.

The sources of the tunes should be indicated in the application.