

The 5th International Nehama Lifshitz Vocal Competition

Rules of the competition for Yiddish songs

1. About the competition

1.1. Nehama Lifshitz (1927 – 2017) was a world-renowned Yiddish singer, often called “the Jewish Nightingale”, whose professional career as a singer started in Lithuania – in Kaunas and Vilnius. She became popular and famous all over the world.

1.2. The competition will take place on 2025 October 26 in Vilnius (Lithuania).

2. The aim of the competition

2.1. To popularize Jewish music, to seek out its most talented performers and composers and to continue cooperating with them.

2.2. To popularize the Yiddish language and songs in Yiddish.

2.3. To help creative young people in this field realize their potential and connect with peers around the world.

3. Participants

3.1. Singers-soloists from the age of 10 to 35 can participate in the competition.

3.2. Participants are divided into 3 age groups:

- Group A 10-15
- Group B 16-20
- Group C 21-35

3.3. The competition is held in the categories of classical and pop/jazz music.

4. Repertoire

4.1. Participants in the competition perform one piece in Yiddish.

4.2. Participants can find recommended works in Yiddish on the competition website www.competition.lt or use other sources.

5. Language

5.1. The works are performed in Yiddish.

5.2. Consultations on Yiddish pronunciation will be announced separately (only for registered participants).

6. Performance

6.1. Soloists may be accompanied by several acoustic musical instruments or an accompaniment phonogram.

6.2. The song may also be performed a cappella - without accompaniment.

6.3. The soloist may come with his/her own concertmaster or ask the organizers to appoint one. The Organizing Committee may appoint a concertmaster free of charge for one rehearsal and participation in the contest. An additional rehearsal is paid - 30 €.

6.4. During the participants' performance, microphones and equipment necessary for phonograms will be used for recordings. Participants' performances will be filmed.

7. Registration

7.1. The registration form can be completed online [here](#).

7.2. Upon arrival at the competition, participants must register and provide proof of identity the document.

7.3. The registration fee is 30 euros.

7.4. The fee is not refunded for those who do not attend the competition.

7.5. Applications are accepted until July 15. 2025.

7.6. All participants who have submitted applications can participate in the competition.

8. Evaluation of participants

7.1. In evaluating the performance of the participants, the Jury is guided by the following criteria:

- Uniqueness, originality, and complexity of the selected program.
- Intonation accuracy, ensemble, and artistic level of performance.
- Stage culture and artistry of the participant.
- Yiddish pronunciation.

9. Awards

9.1. The winners of competitions (1st-3rd place winners) will be awarded with laureate diplomas and cash prizes or valuable gifts. The amounts of the cash prizes will be announced on July 1.

9.2. The winners of the 4th-6th places are awarded with diplomas and with original works by the famous Israeli artists group "Matter of Color".

9.3. The decisions of the evaluation committee are final and non-appealable.

9.4. Diplomas and prizes are awarded during the closing ceremony of the competition.

10. Accommodation and travel expenses

10.1. Participants cover their own and accompanying person's travel and accommodation expenses.

11. Visas

The organizing committee mediates for participants who need everything to come to Republic of Lithuania but does not assume any financial obligations.

12. Consent of the participant

12.1. By completing the registration form participants agree that their personal information, such as name, photo, creative biography, and program may be published online, in the competition catalog, and in other sources. By completing the registration form participants agree that their performance is broadcasted online or/and TV.

12.2. The organizers of the competition ensure that the personal data of the participants are used only for the purposes of the competition.

12.3. Information about the Privacy Policy can be found [here](#).

13. Organizers

Public institution „Pro partners“ www.propartners.lt;

Support Fund of Nehama Lifshitz International Vocal Competition.

14. Rights of organizers

The organizers have the exclusive right:

- To broadcast the competition on television channels and the Internet or give the right to do so to others.
- To produce and distribute audio and video or other promotional material of all kinds.
- To use or allow others to use the promotional material provided by the participant.
- To dispose of records made during the competition free of charge.

15. Contacts

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Information on the Internet – www.competition.lt

16. Payment details

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Purpose of payment: participant's Name, Surname registration fee.