

VIII INTERNATIONAL PAINTING CONTEST

“A WAVE IN LIELUPE”

2026

Rules

Theme of the contest “With a song, my work was done”

Work done with joy — isn't that the secret to happiness?

Let's look back at the rhythm of work in times that have long gone by. “*Every task had songs appropriate to it. People sang when going to the meadow and grainfield, and they sang upon returning home from the fields. Song accompanied the moments of rest. The work itself was done while singing, if the nature of the work was not contrary to it,*” says Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons in one of his essays.

Work occupies a large part of life. There are pleasant tasks, and others that are not so pleasant. As a Latvian folk song puts it:

“Should I then refuse to sing,

Just because my work was hard?

With a song and joy in heart,

Heavy work was gladly done.”

Nowadays, the love of hard work is just as important as it was a long time ago. Even in our modern world, we can find people who accomplish their tasks responsibly and gladly. They are the happy ones who find joy in the process of transformation and satisfaction in the final result. The way we work may change, but the joy of hard work remains intact.

Organiser of the contest: Music and Art School of Salgale.

Aim of the contest: to promote the creative work and self-expression of art school students through painting.

Objectives of the contest:

- promote the creative work of the students of art schools in different painting techniques;
- promote Latvia and Salgale Parish;

- explore Latvian identity by looking at the past through a modern lens;
- draw public attention to core human values;
- promote cooperation among art schools within Latvia and with those of other countries;
- create new possibilities for cooperation, acquire new ideas, and exchange impressions and experiences among students and teachers.

Participants of the contest: art school students between the ages 7 and 15 are invited to participate.

Venue of the contest: Music and Art School of Salgale.

Submission deadline: All art works must be received by **14th of October 2026**.

Authorship: the works must be created entirely by oneself. Each author is allowed to submit only one artwork.

Size and shipping requirements:

- only original works that correspond to the theme of the contest will be admitted;
- participants must submit paintings **measuring 30 cm x 40 cm**.
- works must not be crumpled, rolled or folded.
- the information about the author, work, teacher and the school must be attached to the back side of the painting (Annex 1). No information should appear on the front side of the artwork.

Number of artworks: an art school is allowed to submit up to 3 works for each age group.

Technique of the work: diverse painting techniques – gouache, tempera, aquarelle, oil, author technique.

Evaluation of works by age groups:

- Group I **7-9 years;**
- Group II **10-12 years;**
- Group III **13-15 years.**

Evaluation criteria:

- relevance to the theme;
- mastery and creativity appropriate to the age group;
- artistic and technical approach.

Jury:

- the members of the jury are approved by the organisers;
- two of the members of jury must be professional artists whose students do not participate in this contest.
- the awards to the works chosen by jury are granted by representatives of the community living on the banks of river Lielupe.

The Jury is entitled:

- not to evaluate an artwork that does not correspond to the task of the contest or its rules;
- not to evaluate an artwork that has been submitted after the deadline;
- to grant several 2nd and 3rd prizes in every age group;

Submission of the artworks:

- Each school submits a duly filled out application form (Annex 2) to the email vilnissalgale@gmail.com;
- In accordance with the contest regulations, the submission with a completed Annex 1 attached to the back of each painting can be:

✓ **sent** to DPD parcel locker
DPD pakomāts TOP Staļģene,
Cepļu iela 1, LV-3031
The recipient's phone number to be indicated for the parcel delivery:
+371 26572618.

- ✓ if for some reason submission via parcel locker **is not possible, sent** by the regular mail:

Contest “A Wave in Lielupe”/ “Vilnis Lielupē »
Salgales Muzikas un mākslas skola
(Music and Art School of Salgale)
1.maija iela 9, Emburga, Salgales pagasts,
Jelgavas novads, LV-3045 LATVIA

- ✓ **delivered** in person to the school secretary.

- Along with the submitted artworks, each school must enclose a completed school application form (Annex 2) inside the parcel.
- A separate photo of every artwork must be made and sent to the e-mail vilnissalgale@gmail.com. Requirements for the photo:
 - ✓ file format – jpg;
 - ✓ resolution of the photo must not be less than 300 dpi;
 - ✓ there should be no shadows in the photo and the light must be natural;
 - ✓ the use of a professional camera is recommended.
 - ✓ the name of the file must contain the name and the surname of the author.

Contestants are requested to abide by the rules, otherwise the work will not be accepted to the contest.

Final results of the contest:

The announcement of the final results, the presentation of the contest catalogue and the opening of the travelling exhibition are planned for **25th of November 2026**. The results will be published on the website of Music and Art School of Salgale <https://www.salgalesmms.lv>

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The rights of the organisers:

- The photos of the submitted works and audio-visual materials may be used for non-commercial purposes so as to achieve the objectives of the contest.
- The award-winning artworks may be included in various types of presentations when mentioning its author, in accordance with the Latvian Law on Information Disclosure and following the recommendations of the National Data Inspection.
- Application to the contest constitutes acknowledgement and agreement to these rules and conditions.

Data protection of the participant:

By submitting a work, the school acknowledges that the students and their parents or legal representatives are informed of, and have consented to, the use of submitted works for purposes of publicity of the contest.

Return of the works:

- The works submitted to the contest will be returned starting from 1st of November 2027, in the School of Music and Art of Salgale by previous appointment.
- The organizer does not mail the artworks back.

Person responsible for the contest:

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Coordinator of the contest:

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We wish you good luck!

Details of the participant of the contest. To be glued on the reverse side of the work.

FILL OUT WITH CAPITAL LETTERS ON A COMPUTER, PLEASE.

NAME, SURNAME OF THE

ARTIST.....

Age.....years

TITLE OF THE WORK:.....

School.....

Phone.....

e-mail.....

Teacher:.....

Application to the VIII International painting contest “A Wave in Lielupe”

Name of the school: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

List of participants

Age group 7-9 years

No.	Name surname	Title of the work	Teacher's name and surname
1			
2			
3			

Age group 10-12 years

No.	Name surname	Title of the work	Teacher's name and surname
1			
2			
3			

Age group 13-15 years

No.	Name surname	Title of the work	Teacher's name and surname
1			
2			
3			

By submitting an artwork to the contest, the school confirms that its minor students, as well as their parents or legal representatives, have been informed and consent to the submitted works being used for promotional purposes