

## Guidelines for the 5th Young Wind Orchestra Conductors Competition

### Purpose of the Competition

The aim of the competition is to promote the work of wind orchestra conductors and to provide an overview of the current state of young wind orchestra conductors. The competition will take place on December 11–12, 2025, in Harju County, Tallinn.

### Eligibility

All young musicians who are **35 years old or younger** at the start of the competition are eligible to participate.

### Registration

Apply by **October 15, 2025**, by submitting the following documents digitally:

- Application form
- Short CV
- A color photo

Send via email to: **ryytelmaa@gmail.com**

Participation fee: **€90** (or **€70** for EPÜ members)

The fee must be transferred to the Estonian Wind Music Association's SEB bank account:

**EE141010220036949015**

by **October 15, 2025**, with the reference "**Conductors' Competition**".

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### Competition Format

#### Round I

20-minute rehearsal with a brass band

(The piece will be announced by **December 1, 2025**)

#### Round II (if necessary)

20-minute rehearsal with a wind orchestra

The score for Round II will be provided immediately after the results of Round I are announced.

#### Round III – Final

Performance of two wind orchestra pieces in a public concert:

- **Compulsory piece:** *Kristo Matson – "Miraaž"*
- **Free choice piece**, with a duration of **4–7 minutes**

**Performance order** will be drawn before the competition and will remain unchanged throughout.

All decisions by the **jury are final and not subject to appeal**.

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## **Organizing Committee**

- Valdo Rüütelmaa – Estonian Wind Music Association
- Triin Viljus-Schippers – Estonian Wind Music Association
- Neeme Ots – Tallinn School of Music and Ballet
- Priit Sonn – Heino Eller Tartu Music College
- Kalev Kütaru – Chair of the Professional Committee of Wind Orchestra Conductors

## **Competition Jury**

The jury consists primarily of 8th category wind orchestra conductors and professional symphony orchestra conductors.

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## **Prizes**

### **1st Place**

- Personalized written feedback from the jury
- 1st place diploma
- Participation certificate
- Personal feature on social media and newsletter
- EPÜ membership fee waiver for 2026
- Concert project with the Estonian Conductors' Academy Wind Orchestra
- IS MUSIC gift card worth €500

### **2nd Place**

- Personalized written feedback from the jury
- 2nd place diploma
- Participation certificate
- Personal feature on social media and newsletter
- EPÜ membership fee waiver for 2026
- Concert project with the Estonian Conductors' Academy Wind Orchestra

### **3rd Place**

- Personalized written feedback from the jury
- 3rd place diploma
- Participation certificate
- Personal feature on social media and newsletter

- EPÜ membership fee waiver for 2026

#### **4th Place**

- Finalist diploma
- Participation certificate

#### **All Participants**

- Participation certificate

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#### **Competition Contact**

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