

IX LATVIAN WIND BAND COMPETITION  
IV INTERNATIONAL WIND BAND COMPETITION

# BALTIC OPEN

APRIL 1-2 • 2017 • JELGAVA • LATVIA



## Dear friends of wind music!

We are pleased to invite your wind orchestra to our IV International wind band competition *Baltic Open*, which is scheduled to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2017 in Jelgava.

Jelgava is a historic and beautiful city of central Latvia, located 43 km from the capital city of Latvia – Riga.

Our competition is happening simultaneously with the annual National Wind Band Competition of Latvia, occurring in three groups of difficulty levels – group V being the highest level of difficulty, group IV the second highest level of difficulty and group III – the middle level. The venue for the competition is the Culture house of the city Jelgava.

The orchestras participating in the international category perform on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2017. The organizers are ready to help with finding a hotel and organizing catering in case you would like to arrive in Latvia earlier.

We are also ready to provide orchestras with an opportunity to give a concert in the area of Jelgava.

According to the generally accepted practice in competitions all over the Europe, all expenses are covered by the participants themselves.

The mandatory repertoire is made of original band music composed by Latvian composers. The sheet music can be purchased with a money transfer via bank and the music, following the payment is sent by post.

I am adding the regulations of the competition along with the excerpts from the mandatory pieces as an attachment to this email in order to present the fixed level of difficulty in the competition.

We will be happy if you find this offer as an interesting challenge for your orchestra, which you would like to accept and come to Latvia!

I wish you a peaceful, musical and creative Christmas time and very best for the year 2017!

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