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IV (II) INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ART CONTEST "CHRISTMAS ANGEL"

Zilupe, Latvia

REGULATIONS

of the International Art Contest "Christmas Angel"

October 9, 2026

Zilupe

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These Regulations set out the procedure for holding the art contest "Christmas Angel" (hereinafter referred to as "the Contest").

2. **Goals of the Contest:**
   1.1. To foster the development of a well-rounded, spiritually and emotionally mature individual;
   1.2. To discover new talents;
   1.3. To unite talented individuals from different countries through art.

3. **Objectives of the Contest:**
   3.1. To cultivate children's interest in drawing;
   3.2. To develop children's creative abilities by giving them the opportunity to create original works;
   3.3. To promote the exchange of experience between teachers and students in order to improve artistic skills.

4. The Contest is organized by **Zilupe Music and Art School** with the support of the **Kindness Foundation**, a non-religious educational society (U.S.A.), as well as the **Ludza Regional Municipality**.

II. PLACE AND TIME OF THE CONTEST

The Contest will be held at **Zilupe Music and Art School (Latvia)** from **December 1, 2026, to January 8, 2027**.

III. CONTEST CONDITIONS

1. **Participants**
   1.1. The Contest is open to children (hereinafter referred to as "participants") in three age categories:
   • Group I: ages 8–10
   • Group II: ages 11–15

2. **Theme of the Contest**

   Group I: ages 8–10
   2.1. "Christmas Stories."
   2.2. "Christmas Angel"

   • Group II: ages 11–15 optional themes:

   1.The Angel announces the birth of Christ
   2. The Angel blesses every Christmas
   3. JESUS came into the world in Bethlehem, in a manger.
   4. The Shepherds receive news from the Angel about the birth of Christ
   5.The Angel proclaimed to the shepherds that the Son of God was born
   6.The SHEPHERDS obeyed the Angel and praised the Lord
   7. The Magi came to worship Christ
   8.The three Wise Men, the stargazers, set out to find Jezus
   9.Following the star, the three wise stargazers arrived in Bethlehem
   10.The three wise stargazers brought gifts to the Lord: gold, frankincense and myrrh

3. **Requirements for the Artworks:**
   3.1. Contest categories: Drawing and Painting.
   3.2. Works must be completed on A3 format paper.
   3.3. Each artwork must include the following information (size 8 × 4 cm):

   - Participant's first and last name

- Age group
- Title of the artwork
- Educational institution or organization (country)
- Teacher's first and last name

4. The educational institution or organization must fill out an application form (Appendix) and send it by e-mail to **zmms@ludzasnovads.lv** by **December 15, 2026**.
5. Contest entries must be submitted **by December 21**, by mail, via **OMNIVA parcel services**, or delivered in person to:
   Zilupes Mūzikas un mākslas skola
   Tautas 2, Zilupe, Ludzas novads, LV-5751
   Tel.: +371 26222843

IV. EXHIBITION OF CONTEST WORKS

1. With the participants' consent, selected works will also take part in the **Children's Festival of Drawing and Painting**, to be held in **2027 in the USA**.
2. From **January 8 to February 8, 2027**, all participants' works will be displayed at **Zilupe Music and Art School**.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. The works will be evaluated by an **international jury** consisting of professional artists.
2. In each age group, **1st, 2nd, and 3rd places** will be awarded, along with **Certificates of Merit** and gift- the book
3. Works will be judged according to the following criteria, each on a ten-point scale:
   - Relevance to the theme
   - Originality
   - Artistic concept
   - Quality of execution
4. The jury's decision is **final and not subject to appeal**.

VI. AWARD CEREMONY

1. The **Award Ceremony** for the Contest Prizewinners will take place at **Zilupe Music and Art School** on **January 8, 2027, at 15:00**.
2. The **results of the Contest** will be sent electronically on **January 5 , 2027**.
3. Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Appreciation** for their participation.
4. **Prizewinners of the Contest** will receive **diplomas and gifts** from the organizers.

Director Vera Doreiko-Sinkevich

Appendix to the regulations
"Christmas Angel"

APPLICATION

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Institution name, address, e-mail.

No. p.k.	Participant's first name, last name	Age group	Title of work	Teacher, phone number (mandatory)
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