



You are invited to attend
the Conference

Music Education and Singing

in Vilnius, Lithuania July, 3-6, 2009

Conference organizers:



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LIETUVOS CHORIŲ SĄJUNGA



International Federation
of Choral Music

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Welcome to Vilnius

Our Conference will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania on July 3 through 6, 2009. It is going to be a wonderful and exciting time to learn and be thrilled with the beauty of Song Festival, which in 2003 was attributed the status of masterpiece to be inscribed on the UNESCO Non-material Heritage List. You will attend the Song Festival, which will be held on the occasion of Lithuania country's Millennium in a city - European Capital of Culture 2009.

You will have learned more about choral traditions in Lithuania and ways of preserving these traditions.

Has a choral performance given you felicity? Have you had tears in your eyes when listening 20000 singers chorus at its best? These conditions are what we mean by "Music Education and Singing".

Let the camaraderie of colleagues and friends in the beautiful setting of the Conti Hotel be a welcome oasis.

Conference Schedule *July 2009*

2nd	Arrival	5th	Breakfast
19 ⁰⁰	Choral music evening in Congress Hall	08 ⁰⁰	Conference VIII session
22 ⁰⁰	Modern folklore program FIRE SONGS at Park of Hills	09 ⁰⁰	Conference IX session
		10 ⁰⁰	Conference X session
		11 ⁰⁰	Coffee break
3rd	Conference registration	11 ³⁰	Conference XI session
14 ³⁰	Conference opening	12 ³⁰	Conference XII session
16 ⁰⁰	Departure to Vingis park	13 ³⁰	Lunch break
17 ⁰⁰	School children Song Day at Vingis park	15 ⁰⁰	Conference XIII session
19 ⁰⁰	Departure to Siemens arena	16 ⁰⁰	Conference XIV session
20 ⁰⁰	Conductors, honorary guests evening in Siemens arena	17 ⁰⁰	Coffee break
		17 ³⁰	Conference XV session
		18 ³⁰	Dinner
4th	Breakfast	19 ³⁰	Dinner
08 ⁰⁰	Conference I session	20 ³⁰	Departure to Žalgiris stadium
09 ⁰⁰	Conference II session	21 ⁰⁰	Dance Day in Žalgiris stadium
10 ⁰⁰	Conference III session		
11 ⁰⁰	Coffee break	6th	Breakfast
11 ³⁰	Conference IV session	09 ⁰⁰	Conference Closing ceremony
12 ³⁰	Conference V session	10 ⁰⁰	Lunch
13 ³⁰	Conference VI session	12 ³⁰	Procession watch
14 ³⁰	Coffee break	14 ⁰⁰	Millenium Song Day at Vingis park
15 ³⁰	Conference VII session	17 ⁰⁰	
16 ³⁰	Dinner	7th	Departure
17 ⁰⁰	Departure to Kaunas		
18 ⁰⁰	Ensemble Evening in Kaunas		
19 ³⁰			
21 ³⁰			

Lithuanian Song Celebration is an overall national cultural phenomenon spiritually equal to ancient Greek Olympic Games.

The national song and dance celebration tradition has lasted for a hundred years and grew up into the most significant and largest cultural event in Lithuania. It exalts man's creative self-expression, vitality of the national culture, and promotes artistic activity by periodically gathering amateur artistic groups of different genres and culture professionals to enormous festivals that evoke enthusiastic society's response.

From the cultural point of view the national song and dance celebration tradition is an expression of cultural-national identity based on a mass art lover movement of choir singers, dancers, and musicians. Especially singing has been universally acknowledged to be the most valuable aspect of the song and dance celebration.

From the civic and political points of view, the song and dance celebration tradition has always been, especially during occupation periods, a means to maintain the national identity and a secret weapon to protect aspirations for independence. The fact that the independence in all the three Baltic countries was restored with the help of a 'singing revolution' in 1990 is largely a result of the mentality nurtured by the song and dance celebration tradition.

After the restoration of independence, the events of the Song and Dance Festival attract Lithuanians from 15 countries all over the world. This is why the festival has acquired the status and name of the World Lithuanian Song and Dance Festival. In the newly liberated, independent Baltic States the song and dance celebration has acquired a form of a grand national events held in the capitals of the three States and is becoming a way of spreading the cultural tradition that reinforces patriotic feelings of the three nations and their people.

At present, approximately 30 thousand lovers of art gather in Vilnius to celebrate song and dance.

The commemoration of the State Day on the 6th of July is included into the structure of the festive song and dance celebration events. In 2003, the traditions and symbolism of the song festivals of the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) were attributed the status of masterpiece to be inscribed on the UNESCO Non-material Heritage List.

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Programme Vilnius *July 2009*

1st
18⁰⁰

Professional arts evening
Sereikiškių park, the territory of
Castles and Cathedral square

2nd
16⁰⁰

Folk Art Exhibition Opening
Arts and Crafts Museum, Arsenal

19⁰⁰

Choral music evening
Vilnius Congress Hall

21³⁰

Modern folklore program FIRE SONGS
Park of Hills

3rd
17⁰⁰

School children Song Day
Vingis park

10⁰⁰

Folklore Day ŽEMYNĖLE ŽIEDKELĖLE
Sereikiškių park, the territory of
Castles and Cathedral square

18⁰⁰

Brass Orchestras Concert BRASS STORM
Siemens arena

5th
13⁰⁰

Amateur theaters raree-show
WE PLAY IN LANGUAGE OF FATHERS
Sereikiškių park

18⁰⁰

Joint amateur theaters play AMERICA IN BATH
Russian Drama Theater of Lithuania

21⁰⁰

Dance Day WADE IN THE TIME
Žalgiris stadium

6th
14⁰⁰

Procession

17⁰⁰

Song Day THOUSAND DAWNS SONGS FOR LITHUANIA
Vingis park

Glee of Centuries

Lithuanian Millennium Song and Dance Celebration

July 1-6, 2009

Programme Kaunas

2nd
19⁰⁰

Concert of Kanklės
(Kanklės - Lithuanian national instrument similar to zither)
LET THE KANKLĖS PLAY
The Resurrection Church

4th
21³⁰

Ensemble Evening
THE SEASONS
Song valley

General information

Participants Registration

Participants are requested to complete the form **Annex I** and return it before **5 May 2009** to the Conference Secretariat by the address mentioned below.

Should you be unable to attend conference or if you would like to cancel reservation please inform us immediately.

Participants Accommodation

Bookings

1. All reservations must be made through the official booking system http://www.liturimex.lt/choirmasterconference_2009 from February 1, 2009.
2. Participants are requested to complete hotel reservation form **Annex II** and return it by fax or e-mail before 5 May 2009 to the Conference Secretariat by the address mentioned below.
3. Bookings, cancellations and changes should be made in written form.

Hotel Information

Hotel	Room Category	Price per night Single room (breakfast included)	Price per night Double room (breakfast included)
Conti **** (Conference venue) Raugyklos str.7/2, Vilnius	Standard	96 Eur	107 Eur
Radisson Sas Astorija ***** Didžioji str.35/2, Vilnius	Standard	105 Eur	119 Eur
Barbacan Palace **** Bokšto str.19/ Šv.Kazimiero str.12, Vilnius	Standard	82 Eur	96 Eur
Panorama *** Sodų str.14, Vilnius	Standart	58 Eur	68 Eur

Hotel prices are in EURO per room per night, breakfast & taxes included. All extras will be paid upon check-out directly to the hotel.

Payment

1. Bank Transfer

To guarantee the special conference rates, a full prepayment payable to Liturimex is required not later than 32 days prior to arrival date.

UAB „Liturimex“ Liturimex Ltd.
A. Tumėno str.4 -35, LT-01109 Vilnius, Lithuania
Company reg. №300658154,
VAT reg.№ LT100003059817
AB SEB Vilniaus Bankas, Gedimino ave. 12,Vilnius,
SWIFT: CBVI LT 2X Liturimex Ltd
IBAN LT15704406000914247

2. Credit card or cash

Payment must be made in cash (Litas or Euros) or by credit card directly to the hotel upon arrival. For assurance of the hotel, the following details should be provided:

Credit card: Visa Card; Master Card
Credit card Number
Expiration date (mm/yy)
Name of card holder
Signature

Cancellation

Cancellations are free of charge up to 32 days prior to arrival, cancellation less than 14 days before arrival -50% of net value of the booking, less than 3 days before arrival or no show -100% of net value of the 1st day service.

Conti ^{****} *hotel*

Conference venue
Raugyklos str.7/2, Vilnius



Location: This hotel is located in the Old Town. The overall atmosphere of the hotel, its architectural elements, the classically elegant interior, colours and good aura reflect the spirit of the Old Town. Notably, in the 19th century, the present hotel area was inhabited by Jew merchants. Spectacular panoramic view of Vilnius is seen through the windows of the rooms. 88 guest rooms that can accommodate up to 159 guests.

Room facilities include: Electronic door lock system, individually adjusted air, conditioning systems, satellite television, pay TV channels, internet connection, direct dial telephone, mini bar, hairdryer, heating bathroom floor, light-proof curtains.

Conference facilities: 4 conference halls which in total can handle as many as 300 people are at your disposal. All halls are equipped with necessary equipment for conferences, for simultaneous interpreting, video and audio equipment, discussion systems and air conditioning system. Any of the halls offers ideal conditions for press conferences, product presentations, food and drink tasting sessions, trade mission meetings.



ANNEX I Participation form

Participant's details

Country _____

Organization _____

Surname _____

(in capital letters)

First name _____

(Mr/Mrs/Ms)

Official title _____

Office address _____

(Street, City, Country and Postal code)

Telephone number _____

Fax number _____

E-mail address _____

Dietary requirements _____

Travel details

Date of arrival _____

Time of arrival _____

Flight number _____

Date of departure _____

Time of departure _____

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The Conference Secretariat	A. Tumėno str. 4, LT-01109, Vilnius
Ms. Danutė Gričienė	tel.: (370 5)212 00 14
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Hotel details

Name of Hotel _____

Room category _____

Number of persons _____

Room rate _____

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