

**Baltic states conference „The Sustainability of the Song and Dance Celebration Tradition:  
from UNESCO Recognition Towards the Future“**

**PROGRAMME**

**25 November**

- 10.00 Welcome speech by the Lithuanian Vice Minister for culture Albinas Vilčinskas  
Welcome speech by the Lithuanian National Culture Centre director Saulius Liausa

**Session I. Measures for preserving the tradition of Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations from the UNESCO inscription to today: legal documents, program, condition, results achieved in both education and culture systems**

*Moderator – Saulius Liausa, director of Lithuanian National Culture Centre and Lithuanian Song Celebration*

- 10.15 Role of the state in preserving Song and Dance Celebration traditions in Lithuanian culture and education systems  
*Inga Kriščiūnienė, deputy director for regional culture at Lithuanian National Culture Centre*  
*Vida Šatkauskienė, deputy director for ethnic culture at Lithuanian National Culture Centre*  
*Dainius Numgaudis, director of National M. K. Čiurlionis Art School and Lithuanian Schoolchildren's Celebration*
- 11.00 Song and Dance Celebration tradition: a masterpiece through the eye of a microscope  
*Signe Pujāte, director of Latvian National Centre for Culture*  
*Agra Bērziņa, director of Non-formal Education Department of National Centre for Education of the Republic of Latvia, executive director of the XII Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration*
- 12.00 National support measures for the movement of Song and Dance Celebrations  
*Eino Pedanik, folk culture advisor at the Estonian Ministry of Culture*  
An analysis to ensure the continuity of the movement of Song and Dance Celebrations  
*Jorma Sarv, Song and Dance Celebration strategy consultant, member of the board of the Creativity Lab think tank, junior lecturer at the University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy*

**Session II. News from the Song and Dance Celebration events: experience of recent and forthcoming celebrations, preparatory plans, vitality of art groups, new challenges**

*Moderator – Vytautas Miškinis, professor at the Lithuanian Music and Theatre Academy, artistic director at Boys' and Youth Choir „Ažuoliukas“*

- 14.00 Lithuanian Schoolchildren's Song Celebrations as the guarantee of preserving the tradition  
*Dainius Numgaudis, director of National M. K. Čiurlionis Art School and Lithuanian Schoolchildren's Celebration*  
Lithuanian Song Celebrations: experiences and visions  
*Saulius Liausa, director of Lithuanian National Culture Centre and Lithuanian Song Celebration*
- 15.00 e-Song and Dance Celebration or the story of the brave Latvian children and youth

*Agra Bērziņa, director of the Non-formal Education Department of National Centre for Education of the Republic of Latvia, executive director of the XII Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration*

*Silver Grove on the Hill of Songs. Mežaparks Great Bandstand in Riga*

*Austris Mailītis, „Mailītis Architects“ architect and Juris Poga, „Arhitekta J. Pogas birojs“ architect*

- 16.00 Song and Dance Celebrations: experiences of the recent Celebrations and overview of the preparations for the forthcoming Celebrations, present and future challenges  
*Sten Weidebaum, information manager at the Estonian Song and Dance Celebration Foundation*

## **26 November**

### **Session III. The basis of preserving the tradition for the future. Panel discussions**

- 9.00 ***Specialist preparation and training – specialists (not) being prepared, ways of additional training, good experience, dangers***

Moderator – Saulius Liausa

Participants:

*Algirdas Šumskis, choir conductor, chairman of Klaipėda Choral Association „Aukuras“*

*Kadri Tiis, dance teacher, chairwoman of the Board of the Estonian Folk Dance and Folk Music Association*

*Kaie Tanner, choir conductor, general secretary of the Estonian Choral Association*

*Sille Kapper, dance teacher, associate professor at Baltic Film, Media and Arts School*

*Raul Talmar, choir conductor, associate professor of choral conducting at Baltic Film, Media and Arts School*

*Edgars Vītols, conductor, docent at the Department of Music Education, Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music*

*Andis Groza, conductor, deputy director for cultural education and head of the Department of Cultural and Creative Industries Education at the Latvian National Centre for Culture*

*Signe Pujāte, director of Latvian National Centre for Culture*

*Agra Bērziņa, director of Non-formal Education Department of National Centre for Education of the Republic of Latvia, executive director of the XII Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration*

- 10.00 **Vitality of Song Celebrations in municipalities and regions**

Moderator – Sten Weidebaum

Participants:

*Triinu Laan, manager of cultural activities, initiator of festival Uma Pido, Project Manager at Võro Institute*

*Ülle Välimäe, director of Türi Cultural Centre, organiser of Song and Dance Celebrations at Järva county, chairwoman of the Estonian Association of Community Centres*

*Dace Jurka, director of Mazsalaca Culture Center of Valmiera Municipality, head of the Association of Latvian Culture Centres*

*Liene Kubiļus, director of Northern Riga Culture Association, member of the Association of Latvian Culture Centres*

*Edgaras Pilypaitis, mayor of Šakiai municipality*

*Živilė Adomaitienė, choreography specialist at Lithuanian National Culture Centre, artistic director of Lithuanian Schoolchildren's Song Celebration Dance Days, member of the National Song Celebration Commission*

11.00            *Break*

11.15            **Models of state protection and funding – solutions that work and perspectives**

Moderator – Signe Pujāte

*Sarmīte Pāvulēna, head of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Department of Latvian National Centre for Culture*

*Jovita Lubienė, director of Kuršėnai Culture Centre, member of the Association of Lithuanian Culture Centres*

*Dainius Numgaudis, director of National M. K. Čiurlionis Art School and Lithuanian Schoolchildren's Celebration*

*Artūras Sinkevičius, educator, leader of Kaunas folk club „Gilė“, member of the National Song Celebration Commission*

*Heli Jürgenson, choir conductor, lecturer in Choral Conducting at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre*

*Hirvo Surva, choir conductor, choral conducting leading professor at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre*

*Kristiina Siig, dance teacher, member of the board of the Estonian Folk Dance and Folk Music Association*

12.30            Final discussions and wrap-up of the conference

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