



LIETUVA

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State Song & Dance Ensemble "LIETUVA" proposal of cooperation

Who are we?

We are Lithuania! Ensemble "Lietuva" consisting of **you, me** and **all of us** together. True, authentic, with a long history of its own as an ensemble, genuine and growing together. **"We are Lithuania!"** that's our new motto, spiced with a new creative breakthrough.

"Lietuva" is **the one and only professional** ensemble of dancers, folk instrument orchestra and choir groups in the Baltic States. Through our performances we seek not only to **create lasting cultural value**, but also to create positive emotions for our **audience**. Moreover, **79 years of experience** in representing our country and its culture is something what we really are **proud of**.



“Lietuva” presents Lithuania

What we offer is **cooperation** and representation services of the country when welcoming foreign guests in Lithuania, presenting our country abroad, or celebrating public/bank holidays. The spectrum of our events range from **classical music** with folk instruments, authentic Lithuanian folk songs, to an exciting and festive **programme involving contemporary music**. In addition, we work on joint projects with the Lithuanian Armed Forces Orchestra, the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theater, rock, folklore, singing poetry and popular music artists. *Furthermore, we can adapt our programmes to your venues, as well as our ensemble composition and the duration of the performance.*





NEWEST EDITIONS TO OUR REPERTOIRE



Mystery “Gods and humans”

*Mystery “Gods and Humans” – one of the **most impressive and mystical** programs of the state ensemble LIETUVA – returns to the stage. It is a contemporary **interpretation of Baltic culture** – a dance and music performance, where records of modern music and dancing are intertwined with archaic sounds, Lithuanian multipart songs and rituals. The experience is enhanced by **innovative mystery scenography**: the performers seem to act in live images displayed on a multi-layered projection – that’s how the sense of 3D view is created.*

The spring premiere of music and dance performance "Gods and Humans" brought **full halls** and **many fans** of culture and art. The event did not leave the audience indifferent: some of them got touched emotionally, others cried out in wonder or plunged to a mysterious and enchanting dream.

Video 1: <https://bit.ly/2lPe8k9>



Mystery “Gods and humans”

*Mystery “Gods and Humans” reveals **the relationships between gods of the Baltic religion and people**, their love, passion and disasters. Perhaps the most intimate scene of the performance is the **act of love**. The subtly portrayed birth of life through dance will remind the **power of love** and a pile of divinity to **create another human**.*

Unusual tones, incantations and low-pitched sounds are just some of the breathtaking things. The mystery features original **electronic** versions of archaic hymns, multipart songs created by composers **Linas Rimša** and **Aras Žvirblys**, reinforced with engaging repetitions, primitive and meditative sounds. The musical performance "Gods and Humans" will be accompanied not only by the polyphonic songs performed by ensemble choir, but also by the **throat, drone and folklore singing techniques**.

The director of the performance **Leokadija Dabužinskaitė** decided to decode the Baltic culture. The author's inspiration came from research of scientists and ancient folklore songs, the whole vision was enriched by stories of mythologists, historians and folk-art researchers.

L. Dabužinskaitė is awarded with **Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit to Lithuania** by President **Dalia Grybauskaitė**.



Video 2: <https://bit.ly/2jYohdW>



Mystery “Gods and humans”



Collage opera “Mažvydas” (premiere 2020)

Based on J. Marcinkevičius's play "Mažvydas".

The performance is dedicated to celebrate the Act of the Re-establishment of the State of Lithuania 30-year anniversary. This date coincides **with the 90th anniversary of Justinas Marcinkevičius birth.**

Directed by Kęstutis Jakštas.



Classical music concert with folk instruments

Imagine: a symphony in which the harp's part is replaced by hammered dulcimer (kanklės), a Lithuanian whistle pipe is used instead of flutes and oboes, string and woodwind instruments are replaced by Lithuanian fifes and finally Lithuanian panpipes replace the organ in recitation songs.

A Unique take on the sounds of **J.S.Bach**, **W.A.Mozart** and **Patrick Hawes** music created and accompanied by a professional Lithuanian harpsichordist **dr. Balys Vaitkus**, will be launched in the concert of the ensemble “Lietuva” at the Palace of the Grand Dukes shortly after the New Year.

Performer composition: A folk instrument orchestra of 12-16 performers, 2 soloists, 1 conductor.
In Total: from 15 to 19 artists.

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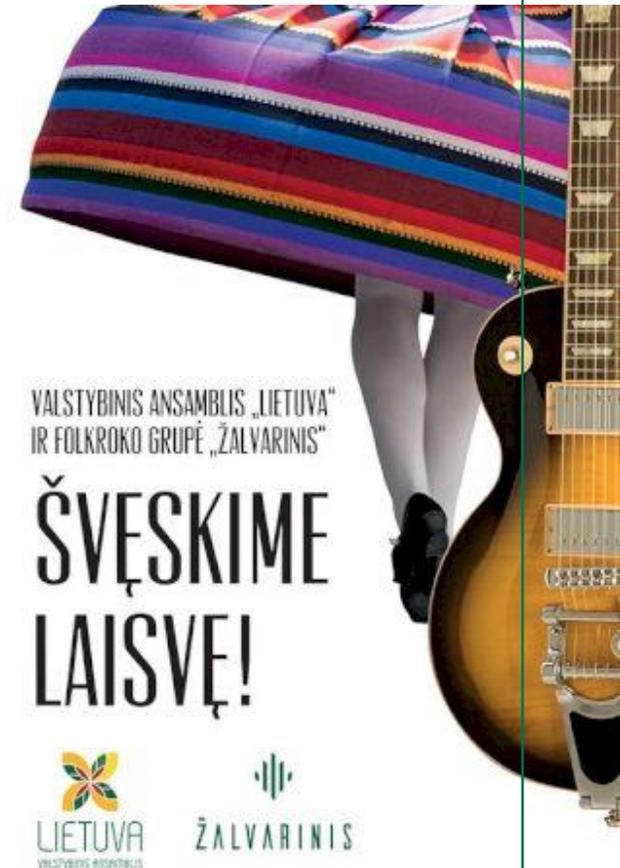
“Lets celebrate freedom!”

*The joint project of the reformed national ensemble LIETUVA "Let's celebrate freedom" with the folk group ŽALVARINIS, created especially to commemorate a **100 years** since the signing of The Act of Restoration of Independence of Lithuania.*

*The biggest effect here is created by intertwining **authentic texts from Lithuanian folk songs with modern dance elements, folk instruments and sounds of electric guitars.** This creates a Highly-spirited programme with completely new styles which goes very well with your celebration event.*

Performer composition: Band “Žalvarinis” - 4 artists, a folk instrument orchestra of 11 performers, a chorus of 8 to 16 singers and 6 pairs of dancers.

In Total: 35 - 43 artists.



Ensemble hornpipe quintet program

This is an entertaining and uplifting folk songs programme, in which you can hear the most entertaining polkas, waltzes and other performances, performed by hornpipe quintet only or by quintet together with accompanying soloists.

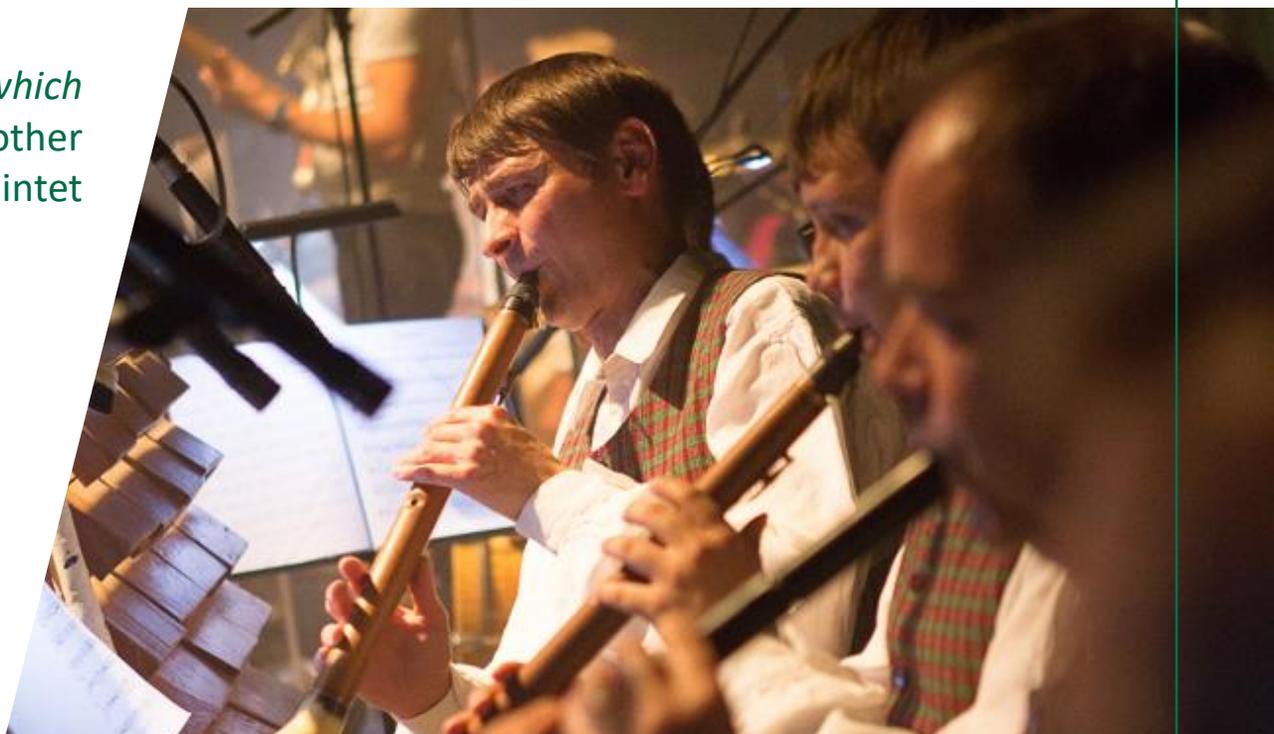
Duration: from 30min to 1 hour without a break.

Performer composition: Folk instrument orchestra of 5 performers, optionally two additional soloists are available.

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The program of chamber music with folk instruments and soloists

This is a show of various musical genres, ranging from classical to contemporary music, adapted to folk instruments and performed together with soloists.

The main part of this program consists of composers arranged **Lithuanian folk songs**, such as “Skyniau skynimėlj”, “Pamylėjau vakar” or G.Kuprevičius “Skriski Lietuvėlėn” and similar. In addition, during this show you can enjoy world famous composers works ranging from well known world classics to contemporary songs arrangements.

Duration: from 30 min. to 1 hour without a break.

Performer composition: from 3 to 6 soloists.

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Sacred Music Concert “His will”

This program features newly-designed Lithuanian and foreign composers songs which are arranged for a folk instrument orchestra and specifically adapted for church acoustics.

The concert lineup ranges from Lithuanian classics by M.K.Čiurlionis to today's American composers, such as Eric Whitacre or Patrick Hawes arrangements. Finally, you can hear “His will” arranged by the composer G.Svilainis, which was highly rated by the music critics.

Duration: 1 hour without a break.

Performer composition: a folk instruments orchestra 12-16 artists, a chorus of 16 to 22 performers, 3 soloists and 3 conductors.

In Total: 34-44 artists.

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The best and truly exciting program of the ensemble - „Best Lithuanian Folk“

Lithuania is well-known for its complex multipart songs, earthshaking Polkas, authentic shepherds' instruments or eye-catching patterns on bright national costumes. It reaches a peak when thousands of artists get in one place and all together present spectacular performances at the massive traditional Song and Dance Festival.

What if we prove that? Get ready to explore the **exclusive Lithuanian dance and music world!** Choosing the **“Best Lithuanian Folk”** program is the most eligible way to the **beauty of our national culture** and the pride of the ensemble LIETUVA. It has gained **global recognition** and won several international awards over the years.

“Best Lithuanian Folk” is considered a classic ensemble program which contains the most impressive ensemble dances, Lithuanian multipart **songs**, witty humorous chants and virtuoso instrumental compositions. This is such a unique phenomenon of art that most of the traditions are included in the list of **UNESCO's** Intangible Cultural Heritage. Chamber version of dance movements, singing techniques and the spirit of the ensemble will remind the reason why **UNESCO** has proclaimed the tradition of the **Song and Dance Celebration** as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.

The tweaked, nourished for decades and time-tested program also introduces **Lithuanian folk instruments** such as Hammered Dulcimer (kanklės), Panpipes (skudučiai), Pipes (daudytės), Wooden Trumpets (mediniai trimitai), Recorders (lumzdeliai) and Folk Clarinets (birbynės). The performers display on the stage with **Lithuanian national costumes** revealing even more cultural gems. Men's and women's folk costumes feature a variety of colors, designs, textures, and patterns. Nobody could boast of wooden clogs, which belong to Lithuanians and breathe peasant times as well!

Duration: from 45 min. to 90 min. without break.

Performer composition: a folk instrument orchestra of 8-12 artists, a chorus of 8 to 16 singers, 4 to 8 pair of dancers.

In Total: 24-44 artists.

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Chamber version of the National Song Festival “Evening of Ensembles” (premiere 2020 - 2021)

The smaller version of our National Song Festival (Unesco heritage) – “Evening of ensembles” - will be created in 2020 – 2021 and will consist of the most impressive music and dance compositions from 2014 and 2018 Song Festivals.

Video (2018) - <https://goo.gl/a9Dg5q>



This is just a part...

...of the new upcoming programs and time-tested ensemble repertoire. Each program is carefully crafted and refined to meet the highest of standards for creativity and performance.

We invite you to meet and discuss all possible opportunities for our cooperation.



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