

Choral Festivals

“Gratulationes” Events

2016 – 2017

Lithuania



We want to invite choirs, vocal ensembles, instrumental chamber ensembles, orchestras to participate in "Gratulationes" events

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Events:	Dates:	Deadlines:
"Cantate Angeli" 2nd International Christmas Music Festival	27th - 31st of December 2016	1st of November 2016
"All Nations Are Singing" International Choral Festival & Competition	20th - 25th of April 2017	15th of January 2017
"Laudate Dominum" 8th International Sacred Music Choir Festival & Competition	6th - 12th of July 2017	1st of April 2017
"Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers" International Choral Music Camp-Retreat	16th - 23rd of July 2017	1st of April 2017

Concert places:

Church of St. Casimir, Didzioji str. 34
Church of St. Theresa, Ausros Vartu str. 14
Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Antakalnio str. 1/1
Church of St. Raphael the Archangel, Snipiskiu str. 1
Church of St. Philip and St. Jacob, Vasario 16-osios str. 10
Church of the Invention of the Holy Cross, Kalvariju str. 327
Church of the Visitation of Virgin Mary, Birutes str. 5, Trakai
Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Gedimino ave. 42
Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Gedimino ave. 3
State Small Theatre of Vilnius, Gedimino ave. 22
Vaidila Theatre, A. Jaksto str. 9



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2nd International Christmas Music Festival

“Cantate Angeli”

27th – 31st of December, 2016
Vilnius and Trakai, Lithuania

“Gratulationes” is an international events organizer in Lithuania. This winter we are organizing Christmas Music Festival and we want to invite various music ensembles: choirs, vocal ensembles, instrumental chamber ensembles, orchestras to participate in this event and to celebrate New Year in Lithuania. The festival will take place from the 27th to 31st of December, 2016.

Short summary of the program:

Ensembles arrive in Vilnius on the 26th or 27th of December;
27th – 31st of December – ensembles perform in various churches;
28th – 30th of December – ensembles have excursions in Vilnius and Trakai;
Ensembles depart on the 31st of December or 1st of January.

Ensembles have to prepare 30 or 60 min Christmas program and to perform in 1 or 2 concerts in Vilnius or Trakai. The choirs and vocal ensembles have to perform all songs a cappella.

The 1st of November, 2016 is the last day to apply

Ensembles must send their information via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com.

Important deadlines:

1st of November, 2016 – the last day to apply;
3rd of November, 2016 – ensembles will get a confirmation by e-mail including bank details;
Ensembles are required to transfer 100% of the cost until the 15th of November.

More information: www.gratulationes.lt



International Choral Festival & Competition

“All Nations Are Singing”

20th – 25th of April, 2017
Vilnius and Trakai, Lithuania

“Gratulationes” is arranging an International Choral Festival & Competition “All Nations Are Singing” in Vilnius and Trakai, on the 20th – 25th of April, 2017. The festival is open to all choirs, both Lithuanian and foreign.

Short summary of the program:

Choirs arrive in Vilnius on the 19th or 20th of April;
20th – 25th of April – choirs perform in various concert halls and churches;
21st – 24th of April – choirs have excursions in Vilnius and Trakai;
22nd – 23rd of April – competition days;
Choirs depart on 25th or 26th of April.

The applicants may choose:

Compete in the choir competition. 22nd – 23rd of April – competition days. Choirs participating in the competition perform four songs (from your repertoire). The total length of four songs should not exceed 15 minutes. All songs have to be carried out a cappella. Participants should provide the organizer with a list of four songs (the name of the song and its author’s full name). The winners of Grand Prix, first, second and third places will receive certificates and special prizes. Assessment criteria: singing technique, artistry, level of difficulty of the selected pieces. The choirs will be judged by a panel of 4-5 highly accredited judges.

Participate in secular music program. A choir performs songs written by their national composers. The length of the performance – 25 min. It is preferred that the choir sings a cappella or brings their own folk instruments. The concerts will be held in concert halls or theatres.

Participate in sacred music program. A choir performs sacred music pieces written by various composers. The length of the performance – 25 min. It is preferred that the choir sings a cappella. The concerts will be held in churches in Vilnius and Trakai.

Each choir can perform individually and/or participate in the competition.

The 15th of January, 2017 is the last day to apply

Choirs must send their information via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com.

Important deadlines:

15th of January, 2017 – the last day to apply;
16th of January, 2017 – choirs will get a confirmation by e-mail including bank details;
Choirs are required to transfer 30% of the cost until 1st of February;
Choirs are required to transfer other 70% of the cost until 1st of March.

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8th International Sacred Music Choir Festival & Competition “Laudate Dominum”

6th – 12th of July, 2017
Vilnius and Trakai, Lithuania

The organizer “Gratulationes” is arranging the 8th International Choral Festival & Competition “Laudate Dominum” in Vilnius, on the 6th – 12th of July, 2017. The festival is open for all choirs, both Lithuanian and foreign.

Short summary of the program:

The choirs arrive in Vilnius on the 5th or 6th of July;
6th – 12th of July – choirs will perform in various churches and concert halls;
7th – 11th of July – choirs have excursions in Vilnius and Trakai;
8th – 9th of July – competition days;
Choirs depart on 12th or 13th of July.

The applicants may choose:

Prepare and deliver an individual concert. The length of the performance – 25 min. Choirs, which will perform individually, must take into consideration the following requirements: all songs have to be carried out a cappella; songs are selected by the conductor of the choir.

Compete in the choir competition. 8th – 9th of July – competition days. Choirs participating in the competition perform three sacred songs (from your repertoire) and one obligatory song. The total length of three songs should not exceed 12 minutes. 4th song is obligatory. All songs have to be carried out a cappella. Participants should provide the organizer with a list of four songs (name of the song and its author with full names). The winners of Grand Prix, first, second and third places will receive certificates and special prizes; For the best performance of the obligatory song choir will receive special prize and a certificate. Depending on the choir's type and possibilities, each participating choir must choose one song from these six compositions. But if you consider it too complicated, you can participate in competition in the category "Without obligatory song". In that case you will not be able to win award for the best obligatory song's performance.

Each choir can perform individually and/or participate in the competition.

The 1st of April, 2017 is the last day to apply

Choirs must send their information via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com.

Important deadlines:

1st of April, 2017 – the last day to apply;
2nd of April, 2017 – choirs will get a confirmation by e-mail including bank details;
Choirs are required to transfer 30% of the cost until 15th of April;
Choirs are required to transfer other 70% of the cost until 15th of May.

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International Choral Camp-Retreat

“Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers”

16th – 23rd of July, 2017
Vilnius, Lithuania

“Gratulationes” is organizing International Choral Music Camp-Retreat “Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers”. It will be held in Vilnius from July 16th to 23rd, 2017. We are inviting citizens of the EU, who have musical education and/or have experience in singing in choirs. The participants will be accommodated in Trinapolis Retreat House. There will also be rehearsals, conference, activities and meals. **Choirs, groups** or **individuals** are welcome to register and participate.

Preliminary program:

July 16th (Sun)

The participants are expected to arrive till 17:00;
18:30 – dinner;
19:30 – introduction.

July 17th (Mon)

8:00 – breakfast;
9:30-11:30 – rehearsal;
12:00 – lunch;
13:30-15:00 – conference “Characteristics of Lithuanian National Sacred Music” (in English);
15:30-17:00 – rehearsal;
17:30 – dinner.

July 18th (Tue)

8:00 – breakfast;
9:30-11:30 – rehearsal;
12:00 – lunch;
15:30-17:00 – rehearsal;
17:30 – dinner;
19:00-21:00 – excursion in the Vilnius Old Town.

July 19th (Wed)

8:00 – breakfast;
9:30-11:30 – rehearsal;
12:00 – lunch;
13:30-15:00 – seminar, discussion with a priest in English;
15:30-17:00 – rehearsal;
17:30 – dinner.

July 20th (Thu)

8:00 – breakfast;
9:30-11:30 – rehearsal;
12:00 – lunch;
15:30-17:00 – rehearsal;
17:30 – dinner;
19:00-21:00 – excursion in the Historical-Architectural Ensemble of Bernardines.

July 21st (Fri)

8:00 – breakfast;
9:30-11:30 – rehearsal;
12:00 – lunch;
13:30-15:00 – seminar, discussion with a priest (in English);
15:30-17:00 – rehearsal;
17:30 – dinner.

July 22nd (Sat)

8:00 – breakfast;
10:00-11:00 – rehearsal in the church;
12:00 – lunch;
14:30-16:30 – extra rehearsal (if necessary);
18:30 – concert;
20:30 – dinner.

July 23rd (Sun)

8:00 – breakfast;
10:00-11:00 – rehearsal in the church (?);
13:00 – concert (after the Mass) (?);
15:00 – lunch;
Time to say goodbye.

Information about the rehearsals:

The participants of the camp are going to prepare for two concerts. The first concert will be held in the Church of St. Raphael the Archangel (the venue might change) on July 22nd after the evening mass. The second concert might be held in a different church in Vilnius on July 23rd after mass if the participants request and of course if they do not leave on Sunday morning. The duration of the concert is one hour. There will be two rehearsals every day. The duration of the morning rehearsal – 2 hours, evening – 1,5. The repertoire will consist of sacred music pieces composed by Lithuanian composers for mixed choir a cappella (in Latin). Music sheets will be sent via email within 5 days after registration. The list of participants will be announced, sheets of music and additional information will be sent till April 5th.

The 1st of April, 2017 is the last day to apply

You must send the application form via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com.

Important deadlines and dates:

Please transfer 100 €/person till April 15th (you can pay in full).

If you choose to pay in parts, you have to make the last payment till June 15th.

The costs of participation in “Gratulationes” choral events

**The organizers does not cover any of the travel costs
The travelling costs must to be covered by the participants**

Total cost for one person:

Events:	4 nights:	5 nights:	6 nights:	7 nights:
"Cantate Angeli" 2nd International Christmas Music Festival	124 €	148 €	172 €	196 €
"All Nations Are Singing" International Choral Festival & Competition	128 €	155 €	181 €	207 €
"Laudate Dominum" 8th International Sacred Music Choir Festival & Competition	128 €	155 €	181 €	207 €
"Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers" International Choral Music Camp-Retreat	-	-	-	250 €

**2nd International Christmas Music Festival “Cantate Angeli”
International Choral Festival & Competition “All Nations Are Singing”
8th International Sacred Music Choir Festival & Competition “Laudate Dominum”**

The cost includes:

Accommodation in a 3-star hotel*
Meals twice a day (breakfast and dinner)
One 2-hour guided excursion in Vilnius or Trakai**
Participant fee

* The participants will be accommodated in 3-star hotels, in double standard rooms or apartments. Hotels are located in the centre, or near the centre (2-4 km).

** We are offering two excursions:

- Vilnius Old Town and the Centre on Foot. You will see the astonishing Old Town (UNESCO World Heritage site), many nice churches and other places of interest.
- A guided trip to former capital of Lithuania – Trakai (30 km from Vilnius). You will see the beautiful town of Trakai and the amazing Trakai Castle. Entry fee - 6 € for adults, 4 € for students with ISIC.

International Choral Camp-Retreat “Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers”

The cost includes:

Accommodation in Trinapolis Retreat House (7 nights)
3 meals a day (7 days)
Public transport ticket (7 days)
2 excursions in the Vilnius Old Town
Administration fee