The organizer “Gratulationes” is arranging a 4\textsuperscript{th} International Choral Festival & Competition “Laudate Dominum” in Vilnius, on the 3 – 8\textsuperscript{th} of July, 2013. The festival is open for all choirs, both Lithuanian and foreign.

**Short summary of the program:**
- the choirs arrive in Vilnius on the 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 4\textsuperscript{th} of July;
- 3 – 8\textsuperscript{th} of July – choirs will perform in various churches and concert halls;
- 4 – 7\textsuperscript{th} choirs have excursions in Vilnius and Trakai;
- 5 – 7\textsuperscript{th} of July – competition days;
- choirs depart on 8\textsuperscript{th} of July.

**The applicants may choose (one or both options) to:**
1. **Prepare and deliver an individual concert (up to 25 minutes).**
   Choirs, which will perform individually, must take into consideration the following requirements:
   - all songs have to be carried out a cappella;
   - in the program there should be pieces from 2 – 4 periods of sacred music;
   - songs are selected by the conductor of the choir.
2. **Compete in the choir competition (see About Competition).**
   Each choir can perform individually and/or participate in the competition.

**Concert places:**
- **Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre**, Gedimino ave. 42;
- **Lithuanian Academy of Sciences**, Gedimino ave. 3;
- **Russian Drama Theatre of Lithuania**, Basanaviciaus str. 13;
- **St. John’s the Baptist and St. John’s the Apostle and Evangelist Church**, Sv. Jono str. 12;
- **St. Peter’s and Paul’s Church**, Antakalnio str. 1/1;
- **St. Casimir’s Church**, Didzioji str. 34;
- **Church of the Invention of the Holy Cross**, Kalvariju str. 237;
- **Church of the Visitation of Virgin Mary**, Birutes str. 5, Trakai.

**Accommodation:**
The participants will be accommodated at the hotels or motels, in double standard rooms or apartments. All accommodation buildings (hotels and motels) are located in the center, or near the center (2-4 km.).

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Cost includes accommodation, meals two time per day (breakfast and dinner) and participant fee for one person.
Excursions:
We are offering two excursions:

- in Vilnius with a guide for 2-3 hours – 70 € for a group. With guide you can see Old town of Vilnius, churches etc. Whole excursion is on foot;
- trip to the old capital of Lithuania – Trakai (35 km from Vilnius). 60 € for a guide, ticket cost 5 € per adult, 3 € for students with ISIC. With guide you can see city of Trakai and go to the Castle of Trakai.

The 1st of April, 2013 is the last day to apply.
Choirs must send their information via e-mail info.gratulationes@gmail.com (see Application form).

Important deadlines:

- 1st of April, 2013 – last day to apply (sending choir’s information via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com);
- 2nd of April, 2013 – choirs will get a confirmation by e-mail including bank details information;
- choirs are required to transfer 30% of the cost until 16th of April. Cost includes accommodation and meals, participant fee, sightseeing with a guide;
- choirs are required to transfer other 70% of the cost until 16th of May.

For example, if there are 30 individuals in your choir and you chose to stay in a 3* hotel for 5 days (4 nights) and also ordered an excursion to Trakai, you will have to pay 3360 € for the accommodation and meal (includes participant fee), 60 € for the guide. Total cost would be 3420 €. 30% of that cost would be 1026 €, 70% - 2394 €. Tickets to Trakai castle are not included, you would have to pay for them at the castle museum.

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

If you have any questions, please write us via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com
You will find more information on our website: www.gratulationes.lt

Sincerely,
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**About Competition**

5 – 7\textsuperscript{th} 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. 4\textsuperscript{th} 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).

**Prizes for the winners:**
- 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.

**Obligatory songs:**

**For mixed choirs**
- Jurijus Kalcas “Laudate Dominum III”;
- Juozas Naujalis “Tristis est anima mea”.

**For female choirs**
- Jurijus Kalcas “Laudate Dominum IV”;
- Jeronimas Kačinskas “Rex Christe”.

**For male choirs**
- Jurijus Kalcas “Laudate Dominum IV”;
- Teodoras Brazys “Animam meam dilectam”.

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.

**Anthem of Festival:**
- Paulius Andriuškevičius “Laudate Dominum”

All the participants must learn the anthem of the festival, which will be sung during the final concert and the awards.

**The Jury:**

**POVILAS GYLYS** (leader)
- Professor of Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre;
- Art leader and main conductor of “Vilnius” State Choir.

**PETRAS BINGELIS**
- Professor of Vytautas Magnus Universitry;
- Art leader and main conductor of Kaunas State Choir.

**ČESLOVAS RADŽIŪNAS**
- Professor of Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre;
- Art leader of Choir of Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre.

**JURIJUS KALCAS**
- Professor of Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre;
- Teacher at National Mikalojus Konstantinas Ciurlionis Art School.

**RASA GELGOTIENĖ**
- Director of the Culture Centre of Vilnius University;
- Conductor of “Gaudeamus”, “Virgo” and “Pro musica” choirs of Vilnius University.
Application Form

Information about the choir:
- Full choir's name
- City, country
- Type and category of the choir
- Short history of the choir
- Competitions and festivals, the choir took part in
- Other information, that you consider to be interesting for the organizers

Information about the conductor:
- Name and Surname
- Contact e-mail
- Phone
- Other information, that you consider to be interesting for the organizers

Information about accommodation:
- Arrival day
- Departure day
- Number of nights
- Hotel type
- Number of participants

Other:
- List of the three songs for the competition (names of the songs and authors).
- List of the songs for the individual 25 minutes concert (the names of the songs and authors).

The most recent photo of the choir.

The most recent photo of the conductor.

Please send us this Application form (in Word version) and photos until 1st of April, 2013 via e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com

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