“Musica Instrumentalis”

International Festival & Competition of Instrumental Ensembles and Orchestras

12 – 17th of July, 2013
Vilnius, Lithuania

The organiser “Gratulationes” is arranging an International Festival & Competition of Instrumental Ensembles and Orchestras “Musica Instrumentalis” in Vilnius, on the 12 – 17th of July, 2013. The festival is open for all musicians, both Lithuanian and foreign.

Short summary of the program:

❖ Participants arrive in Vilnius on the 12th or 13th of July;
❖ 13 – 16th of July – participants will perform in various concert halls;
❖ 12 – 17th of July participants will have excursions in Vilnius and Trakai;
❖ 14 – 16th of July – competition days;
❖ 17th of July – the last day of the Festival & Competition, departure.

The applicants may choose (one or both options) to:

❖ Prepare and deliver an individual concert (up to 35 minutes). The program is open for the interpretation of the head of the ensemble/orchestra;
❖ Compete in the competition (see About the Competition).

Each instrumental ensemble and orchestra can perform individually and/or participate in the competition.

Concert places:

❖ Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Gedimino Avenue 42, Vilnius;
❖ Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Gedimino Avenue 3, Vilnius;
❖ Russian Drama Theatre of Lithuania, Basanaviciaus Street 13, Vilnius;
❖ Congress Concert Hall, Vilniaus Street 6/16, Vilnius;

Accommodation:

The participants will be accommodated in a hotel or a motel with double standard rooms or apartments. All accommodation buildings (hotels and motels) are located in the center, or near the center (2-4 kilometers away).

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<td>Motel, Hotel**</td>
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The cost includes accommodation, two meals per day (breakfast and dinner) and participant fee for one person.
Excursions

We are offering two excursions (one of them or both):

- Vilnius Old Town and the Centre on Foot. One group, one guide (70 € for a group), 2-3 hours – FREE. You will see the astonishing Old Town (which is on the list of UNESCO), many nice churches and other places of interest.
- A trip to the old capital of Lithuania – Trakai (35 km from Vilnius). 60 € for guide, the ticket to see the inside of the castle costs 5 € per adult, 3 € for students with ISIC. With a guide you will see the beautiful city of Trakai and the amazing Trakai Castle.

The 1st of April, 2013 is the last day to apply for a Festival & Competition
Participants must send their applications via e-mail

info.gratulationes@gmail.com
(see Application form)

Important deadlines:

- 1st of April, 2013 – the last day to apply (e-mail: info.gratulationes@gmail.com);
- 4th of April, 2013 – applicants will get their confirmation by an e-mail including bank details for the advance payment;
- Applicants are required to transfer 30% of the cost in advance until the 16th of April. The cost includes accommodation and meals, participant fee, sightseeing with a guide;
- Applicants are required to transfer the rest 70% of the cost until the 16th of May.

For example, if there are 30 individuals in your group and you choose to stay in a 3-star hotel for 5 days (4 nights) and also ordered an excursion to Trakai, you will have to pay 3360 € for the accommodation and meal (including participant fee), 60 € for the guide. Total cost would be 3420 €. 30% of that cost would be 1026 €, 70% - 2394 €. The tickets to Trakai Castle are not included, you would have to pay for them at the entrance of the Castle Museum.

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

The 14 – 16th of July are the days for competition. The ensembles/orchestras participating in the competition will have to carry out three pieces (from your own repertoire). The total time of the performance should not exceed 45 minutes. The participants should provide the organizer with a list of those three musical works (the composition and author in full names). The winners of the Grand Prix, first, second and third places will receive certificates and special prizes. The participants will be grouped in separate categories according to the number of the musicians in the ensemble/orchestra.

Categories:
- **Instrumental Chamber Ensembles** (up to 9 musicians);
- **Chamber Orchestras** (up to 33 musicians);
- **Symphony Orchestras** (up to 70 musicians).

The maximum number of the musicians is given *without the conductor* of the ensemble/orchestra.

The Jury:

**SAULIUS SONDECKIS** – Founder, Artistic Director and Chief Conductor (1960 – 2004) of the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra;

**JUOZAS DOMARKAS** – Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra;

**GINTARAS RINKEVIČIUS** – Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the Lithuanian State Symphony Orchestra since its establishment;

**MARTYNAS STAŠKUS** – Conductor at the Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre.

If you have any questions, please contact us: info.gratulationes@gmail.com
You will find more information: www.gratulationes.lt
Application Form

Information about the ensemble/orchestra:
- Full name;
- City, country;
- Type/cathegory;
- Musical instruments;
- Short history of the ensemble/orchestra;
- List of the competitions and festivals participated;
- Other information, that you consider interesting to be mentioned.

Information about the conductor:
- Name and Surname;
- Contact e-mail address;
- Phone number;
- Other information, that you consider interesting to be mentioned.

Information about the accommodation:
- Arrival day;
- Departure day;
- Number of nights;
- Hotel type;
- Number of people in your group (musicians, bus drivers, other persons, etc.).

Other:
- List of the three pieces (with full names and authors) for the competition;
- List of the pieces (with full names and authors) for the individual 35 minutes concert.

The most recent photo of the ensemble/orchestra.

The most recent photo of the conductor.

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

Sincerely,
The President of the Festival – Paulius Andriuškevičius