

**CHRISTOPHER SUMMER FESTIVAL
2012**

June 3

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

FOUR GUITARS

An enchanting evening of guitar melodies

BALTIC GUITAR QUARTET:

SAULIUS S. LIPČIUS (guitar)

SERGEJ KRINICIN (guitar)

CHRIS RUEBENS (guitar)

ZIGMAS ČEPULĖNAS (guitar)

A. Piazzolla, D. Bogdanovic, A. Schnittke, Ch. Ruebens, and others

June 26

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS. OPENING CONCERT

RENATA MARCINKUTĖ-LESIEUR (organ)

MERŪNAS VITULSKIS (tenor)

J. S. Bach, A. Guilmant, V. Miškinis, and others

Free admission

July 1

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

SPANISH ZARZUELA

Opening concert of the Christopher Summer Festival

Concert organized in cooperation with the EMBASSY OF SPAIN

Soloists: OTILIO CASTRO (tenor, Dominican Republic)

LAURA ZIGMANTAITĖ (mezzo-soprano)

Vilnius City Municipality ST. CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

(Artistic director and conductor Donatas Katkus)

Conductor VYTAUTAS LUKOČIUS

P. Sorozabal, J. Serr, P. Luna, A. Virves, and others

July 3

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE (Melbourne, Australia)

J. S. Bach, O. Gibbons, C. Monteverdi, and others

Free admission

July 8

Šešuolėliai Manor

MERŪNAS: FASCINATED BY THE OPERA

The unlimited beauty of the voice

Soloist MERŪNAS VITULSKIS (tenor)

Vilnius City Municipality ST. CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conductor DONATAS KATKUS

W. A. Mozart, G. Donizetti, and others

July 10

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

MARIO DUELLA (organ, Milan, Italy)

G. Boehm, V. A. Petrali, A. Guilmant, J. S. Bach

Free admission

July 10

St. Catherine's Church

ICELANDIC MUSES

Cultural ambassadors of Iceland

REYKHOLT PIANO TRIO (Iceland):

AUÐUR HAFSTEINSDÓTTIR (violin)

BRYNDÍS HALLA GYLFADÓTTIR (cello)

STEINUNN BIRNA RAGNARSDÓTTIR (piano)

G. F. Handel, J. Haydn, J. Brahms, J. Halvorsen, and others

July 11

St. Catherine's Church

LIVIETTA E TRACOLLO

Comic opera

Soloists: JURGITA LOPETAITĖ (soprano) - Livietta

LIUDAS MIKALAIUSKAS (bass) - Tracollo

With the Vilnius City Municipality ST. CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conductor DONATAS KATKUS

G. B. Pergolesi Livietta e Tracollo

July 12

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

IMPERIAL COLLEGE MIXED CHOIR (London, Great Britain)

(Conductor CHRIS GRAY)

IMPERIAL COLLEGE ORCHESTRA (London, Great Britain)

(Conductor GERAINT HERBERT)

A. Vivaldi, W. A. Mozart, and others

Free admission

July 15

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

AN EVENING WITH ANDRIUS KANIAVA

Pearls of sung poetry

ANDRIUS KANIAVA (vocals, guitar)

SIGITAS MICKIS (keyboards)

ALEKSANDRAS TEN (guitar)

Original songs

July 17

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

CHARLES ANDREWS (organ, London, Great Britain)

J. S. Bach, J. Brahms, M. Reger, A. Heiller

Free admission

July 19

St. Catherine's Church

WHITE BIRD

In memory of Vytautas Kernagis

Soloist LIUDAS MIKALAUSKAS (bass)

BASS ARCO string quartet:

GIEDRIUS DAUNORAVIČIUS (cello)

TOMAS ŠATAS (cello)

DOMAS JAKŠTAS (cello)

DAINIUS RUDVALIS (double bass)

Songs for the repertoire of V. Kernagis

July 20

St. Catherine's Church

MOTION TRIO – SPECTACLE IN THREE ACCORDIONS

Action, music, drama

Concert organized in collaboration with the POLISH INSTITUTE

MOTION TRIO (Poland):

JANUSZ WOJTAROWICZ (accordion)

PAWEŁ BARANEK (accordion)

MARCIN GAŁAŻYN (accordion)

M. Nyman, F. Chopin, P. Baranek, J. Wojtarowicz, W. Kilar, and others

July 21

St. Catherine's Church

ON THE WINGS OF ROMANCE

For lovers of chamber music

EFVIOLI piano quintet:

PAULIUS RUDOKAS (piano)

RAMUNĖ GRAKAUSKAITĖ (I violin)

JUSTINA PLAUŠKAITĖ (II violin)

KAROLIS RUDOKAS (viola)

ROKAS VAITKEVIČIUS (cello)

E. Elgar, J. Brahms

July 24

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

BERNHARD GFRERER (organ, Salzburg, Austria)

R. Wagner, E. Grieg, F. Chopin, L. Boelmann, and others

Free admission

July 24

St. Catherine's Church

DEJA VU HEIFETZ

In the violin legend's footsteps

MARTYNAS ŠVĖGŽDA VON BEKKER (violin)

AYKE AGUS (piano, USA)

W. A. Mozart, J. Brahms, M. Ravel, and others

July 25

St. Catherine's Church

A POWERFUL VOCAL ORCHESTRA

Voices instead of instruments

QUORUM male vocal ensemble:

VITALIJ NEUGASIMOV (counter tenor, artistic director)

MARIUS TURLAJUS (counter tenor)

ROMUALD OLECHNOVIČ (tenor)

ŽILVINAS ČAPLIKAS (baritone)

ROMANAS SAVICKAS (bass)

ŽYGIMANTAS GUDELIS-GON (vocal percussion)

Lithuanian music from different eras: from unaccompanied vocal polyphony to today

July 26

St. Catherine's Church

PERCUSSION BRIDGE: VILNIUS-CHICAGO

Original music for percussion instruments

TIM DAISY (percussion, USA)

ARKADYGOTESMAN (percussion)

Original percussion compositions and improvisation

July 27

St. Catherine's Church

ETHNIC JAZZ FROM SUN-DRENCHED CRIMEA

A volcano of energy and guitar effects

ENVER IZMAYLOV (electric guitar, Ukraine)

Original compositions

July 28

St. Catherine's Church

BRILLIANT PASSAGES

A piano music recital

ROKAS VALUNTONIS (piano)

D. Scarlatti, L. van Beethoven, F. Liszt, R. Schumann

July 29

Šešuolėliai Manor

AND I LOVED YOU ALL ...

An emotional evening of romances

Soloist EUGENIJUS CHREBTOVAS (bass)

Accompanied by: DARIUS DIKŠAITIS (violin)

DAINIUS PALŠAUSKAS (cello)

NERIJUS BAKULA (accordion)

N. Listov, A. Dargomyzhsky, J. Feldman, and others (works performed in Russian)

July 29

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

NOSTALGIC BOSSA NOVA

Greetings from far-away Brazil

Soloist GIEDRĖ KILČIAUSKIENĖ (vocals)

With: ANDREJ POLEVIKOV (keyboards)

PRANAS KENTRA (acoustic guitar)

VYTIS NIVINSKAS (double bass)

ANDRIUS KAIRYS (drums)

PAVEL ŽEMOITIN (percussion)

A. Jobim, R. Rodgers, L. Bonfá, and others

July 31

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

Concert organized in cooperation with the FRENCH INSTITUTE IN LITHUANIA

SOPHIE-VÉRONIQUE CAUCHEFER-CHOPLIN (organ, Paris, France)

F. Couperin, C. Franck, E. Gigout, J. J. Grunenwald

Free admission

July 31

St. Catherine's Church

HEAVENLY SOUNDS OF GLASS

Music from wine glasses

Concert organized in cooperation with the POLISH INSTITUTE

GLASS DUO (Poland):

ANNA SZAFRANIEC (glass harp)

ARKADIUSZ SZAFRANIEC (glass harp)

J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, P. Čaikovskis, F. Chopin, A. Piazzolla, and others

August 1

St. Catherine's Church

IL TRAMONTO... (THE SUNSET)

A romantic combination of vocal and instrumental music

Soloist LORETA BARTKEVIČIŪTĖ (soprano)

FABULA RASA string quartet:

With: RASA VOSYLIŪTĖ (I violin)

DALIA SURAUČIŪTĖ (II violin)

RAMŪNAS ZAKARAS (viola)

ONUTĖ ŠVABAUSKAITĖ (cello)

O. Respighi, A. Borodin, G. Puccini, H. Villa-Lobos, and others

August 2

St. Catherine's Church

LET THE LADIES SWING

An entertaining journey back to the 1930s

THE DITTIES swing ensemble:

VERONIKA ČIČINSKAITĖ-GOLOVANOVA (vocals)

RŪTA ŠVIPAITĖ (vocals)

INDRĖ JURGELEVIČIŪTĖ (vocals)

REMIGIJUS RANČYS (saxophone, melodics)

PAULIUS VOLKOVAS (guitar)

DENIS MURAŠOV (double bass)

Early swing compositions

August 3

Vilnius Teachers' House courtyard

FIERY BALKAN RHYTHMS

The images from E. Kusturica's films come to life

TRIO BALKAN STRINGS (Serbia):

ZORAN STARCEVIC (guitar)

NIKOLA STARCEVIC (guitar)

ZELJKO STARCEVIC (guitar)

Balkan swing, jazz improvizations, original compositions

August 4

St. Catherine's Church

LETTERS ON THE KEYBOARD

A piano music recital

KŠIŠTOF MARKEVIČ (piano)

J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, L. van Beethoven, A. Scriabin, B. Dvarionas

August 5

Šešuolėliai Manor

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August 7

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

KAROLINA JUODELYTĖ (organ)

J. S. Bach, C. Franck, J. Reubke, M. Duruflé

Free admission

August 7

St. Catherine's Church

CAFÉ MUSICALE

For a dreamy summer evening

CHRIS RUEBENS ENSEMBLE:

CHRIS RUEBENS (guitar)

SAULIUS PETREIKIS (trumpet, flutes, vocals)

VYTAUTAS BIKUS (keyboards)

ANDRIUS KAIRYS (drums, percussion)

Ensemble arrangements by CHRIS RUEBENS and SAULIUS PETREIKIS

Ch. Ruebens, S. Petreikis, and others

August 10

Vilnius Teachers' House courtyard

FLAMENCO FIESTA

From the heart of Spain

Concert organized in cooperation with the EMBASSY OF SPAIN

CARLOS PIÑANA (flamenco guitar, Spain)

NADIA MÁRQUEZ (flamenco dancer)

CURRO PIÑANA (vocals)

MIGUEL ANGEL ORENCO (percussion)

Flamenco music and dance

August 11

St. Catherine's Church

HEAD-SPINNING SOUNDS OF THE PIANO

A piano music recital

PAULIUS RUDOKAS (piano)

J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, F. Chopin, A. Scriabin, G. Ligeti, S. Prokofjev

August 12

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

THE UNKNOWN "Z"

For those who enjoy refreshing musical surprises

SUBTILU-Z instrumental ensemble:

LAURYNAS VAITKUS (tenor reed-pipe)

DMITRIJS MIHAILOVS (accordion)

POVILAS VELIKIS (accordion)

VYTAUTAS ŠVAŽAS (percussion)

A. Piazzolla, H. Hancock, D. Ellington, original compositions, etc.

August 14

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

ALESSANDRO BIANCHI (organ, Milan, Italy)

J. S. Bach, M. Drischner, J. Langlais, F. Peeters

Free admission

August 14

St. Catherine's Church

VINTAGE SONGS

Selected Lithuanian music hall masterpieces

Soloist NEDA MALŪNAVIČIŪTĖ (vocals, flute)

With 4TANGO:

BIRUTĖ BAGDONIENĖ (viola)

KRISTINA ŽEBRAUSKAITĖ (accordion)

FELIKSAS ZAKREVSKIS (piano)

DONATAS BAGURSKAS (double bass)

Arrangements by: ANDRIUS KULIKAUSKAS, RIMANTAS GIEDRAITIS

M. Novikas, A. Kulikauskas, J. Cechanovičius, B. Gorbulskis, L. Vilkončius, etc.

August 16

St. Catherine's Church

A CHEST FULL OF FOLK

Ancient songs - contemporary sound

MARGA MUZIKA Group:

LAURITA PELENIŪTĖ (vocals, tambourine, Jew's-harp)

ALIONA BONDARENKO (vocals)

EGLĖ JAČAUSKIENĖ (vocals)

DOVILĖ RIMŠAITĖ (cello)

ENRIKAS SLAVINSKIS (acoustic and electric guitar)

KAROLIS STANKEVIČIUS (electric guitar, bass)

EVALDAS BABENSKAS (mandolin, vocals)

MARTYNAS ŠVEDAS (drum, flute, lumzdelis, bagpipes, vocals)

Folklore from various nations

August 17

St. Catherine's Church

FOUR MEN WITH GUITARS

One of the finest guitar quartets

Concert organized together with the DANISH CULTURAL INSTITUTE

CORONA GUITAR QUARTET (Denmark):

KRISTIAN GANTRIIS (guitar)
MIKKEL ANDERSEN (guitar)
VOLKMAR ZIMMERMANN (guitar)
PER DYBRO SØRENSEN (guitar)
W. Siegel, J. S. Bach, T. Morley, A. Piazzolla

August 18

Taujėnai Manor

FOUR MEN WITH GUITARS

One of the finest guitar quartets in Europe

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VOLKMAR ZIMMERMANN (guitar)

PER DYBRO SØRENSEN (guitar)

W. Siegel, J. S. Bach, T. Morley, A. Piazzolla

August 18

St. Catherine's Church

ROAD OF THE ROMANTICS

A piano music recital

MONIKA DARŽINKEVIČIŪTĖ (piano)

W. A. Mozart, R. Schumann, F. Chopin, M. K. Čiurlionis, and others

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M. Novikas, A. Kulikauskas, J. Cechanovičius, B. Gorbulskis, L. Vilkončius, etc.

August 21

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

IRENA BUDRYTĖ-KUMMER (organ, Dresden, Germany)

J. S. Bach, C. Franck, J. Reubke

Free admission

August 22

St. Catherine's Church

AND I LOVED YOU ALL...

An emotional evening of romances

Soloist EUGENIJUS CHREBTOVAS (bass)

Accompanied by: DARIUS DIKŠAITIS (violin)

DAINIUS PALŠAUSKAS (cello)

NERIJUS BAKULA (accordion)

N. Listov, A. Dargomyzhsky, J. Feldman and others (works performed in Russian)

August 23

St. Catherine's Church

LIBU: ROUND THE WORLD WITH MUSIC

Jazz improvisations on world music themes

MARIJA ALIUKAITĖ (vocals)

REMIGIJUS RANČYS (flute, melodics, saxophone)

PRANAS KENTRA (electric guitar, classical guitar)

DIMITAR KARAMFILOV (double bass, Bulgaria)

STEFAN GORANOV (percussion, Bulgaria)

Original jazz compositions

August 24

St. Catherine's Church

THE CONTROVERSIAL ACCORDION

Charismatic, temperamental, intriguing

DUO VERSUS Ensemble (Great Britain):

ABE MCWILLIAMS (violin)

MARTYNAS LEVICKIS (accordion)

W. A. Mozart, B. Bartók, A. Piazzolla, A. Pärt, and others

August 25

St. Catherine's Church

HAILING FROM A DYNASTY OF PIANISTS

A piano music recital

PAULIUS ANDERSSON (piano)

W. A. Mozart, S. Rachmaninov, A. Scriabin, F. Liszt, A. Ginastera

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August 26

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

ACTORS' TRIO

Songs from the heart

KOSTAS SMORIGINAS (vocals, guitar)

OLEGAS DITKOVSKIS (vocals, guitar)

SAULIUS BAREIKIS (vocals, guitar)

Original songs and ballads

August 28

St. Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS. CLOSING CONCERT

LEOPOLDAS DIGRYS (organ)

Vilnius Municipal Choir “YOUNG MUSIC” (Choir leader - Vaclovas Augustinas)
Conductor VACLOVAS AUGUSTINAS
A. Peguževs, B. Kowalski, P. Cooke, R. Skabeikaitė, R. Naujanytė, and others
Free admission

August 28

St. Catherine’s Church

IN LOVE WITH THE ACCORDION

A star of the classical accordion

KSENIJA SIDOROVA (accordion, Great Britain/Latvia)

S. Gubaidulina, E. Grieg, and others

August 29

St. Catherine’s Church

GOURMET ACCORDION

A little bit of everything, but just the best bits

TADAS MOTIEČIUS (accordion)

J. S. Bach, D. Scarlatti, S. Voytenko, H. Wieniawsky, F. Angelis, and others.

August 30

St. Catherine’s Church

FROM CLASSICAL TO VARIETY

A fiesta of accordion music bursting with energy

ALEKSANDAR KOLOVSKI (accordion, Macedonia)

D. Scarlatti, F. Liszt, V. Novikov, A. Piazzolla, R. Galliano, and others.

August 31

The Vilnius Teachers’ House Courtyard

THREE-MINUTE ROMANCE...

Christopher Summer Festival closing concert

Concert organized in cooperation with the POLISH INSTITUTE

Soloists: ANNA DERESZOWSKA (vocals, Poland)

EVELINA SAŠENKO (vocals)

With the MACHINA DEL TANGO TRIO Ensemble (Poland):

KLAUDIUSZ BARAN (accordion)

URSZULA BORKOWSKA (piano)

SEBASTIAN WYPYCH (double bass)

Invited guest performer – ANNA WANDTKE (violin, Poland)

Tango music from some of the world’s most famous films

September 2

Šešuolėliai Manor

THE LAST SUNDAY...

Inter-war Lithuanian stage music hits

Soloists: LIUDAS MIKALAIUSKAS (bass)

EGIDIJUS BAVIKINAS (tenor)

With the brass sextet BRASS BRAVO

Inter-war Lithuanian vaudeville tunes

September 9

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

BRILLIANT BROADWAY MUSICALS

The most beautiful numbers from the world's most famous musicals

Soloists: ONA KOLOBOVAITĖ (soprano)
LIUDAS MIKALAIŠKAS (bass)
EGIDIJUS BAVIKINAS (tenor)
With PAULIUS ZDANAVIČIUS (piano)
R. Rodgers, F. Loewe, J. Bock, A. L. Weber, etc.