

July 1

St. Catherine's Church

THE SEASONS

Opening concert of the Christopher Summer Festival

Soloists: JOMANTĖ ŠLEŽAITĖ (soprano)

SIMONA VENSLOVAITĖ (violin)

Vilnius City Municipality SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

(Artistic Director Donatas Katkus)

Conductor GIEDRĖ ŠLEKYTĖ

O. Respighi, L. Desiatnikov

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July 2

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

A PICNIC FOR CHILDREN. AROUND THE WORLD!

A theatrical concert-game

With actors: AGNĖ SUNKLODAITĖ

VYTAUTAS RAŠIMAS

Director AGNĖ SUNKLODAITĖ

Composer DEIVIDAS GNEDINAS

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July 4

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

Opening concert of the cycle, dedicated to mark the 20th anniversary of the Centre for Religious Music

Soloists: LEOPOLDAS DIGRYS (organ)

RENATA MARCINKUTĖ LESIEUR (organ)

Vilnius City Municipality ST CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conductor DONATAS KATKUS

G. F. Handel, F. Poulenc, G. Bovet and others

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July 9

Taujėnai Manor Park

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LOVE BALLADS

Emotional songs and duets from the repertoire of Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli

With: ONA KOLOBOVAITĖ (soprano)

EGIDIJUS BAVIKINAS (tenor)

AUDRONĖ JUOZAUSKAITĖ (keyboards)

A. L. Webber and others

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Sunday, July 9

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

DOWNING COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR, CAMBRIDGE (Great Britain)

Conductors and organ players: ADAM BEGLEY, MANUS GREYLING, LOUISA DENBY

V. Williams, M. Durufle, M. Franck and others

July 11

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

HERTFORD COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR, OXFORD (Great Britain)

Conductors and organ players: AARON KING, HANNAH TOWNDROW

J. S. Bach, E. Elgar, M. Durufle, W. Byrd and others

July 13

St. Catherine's Church

FUTURE CELLO

A powerful concoction of the sounds of the cello and electronica

THE AMAZING CELLO (cello, electronica)

Program features original compositions and popular music

July 15

St. Catherine's Church

GREETINGS FROM MONTMARTRE

A piano recital

ŠARŪNAS MEŠKYS (keyboards)

Yann Tiersen: EUSA piano cycle, compositions from the album 1994 – 2003

July 16

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

BEATBOX PHENOMENON: THUM PRINTS

A world-first – Concerto for beatbox and orchestra

Soloist TOM THUM (vocal percussion, electronica, Australia)

Vilnius City Municipality ST CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

(Art Director Donatas Katkus)

Conductor/composer GORDON HAMILTON (Australia)

G. Hamilton and T. Thum

July 18

St. Catherine's Church

BACH IN AFRICA

A performer who has shaken the guitar world

DEREK GRIPPER (guitar, PAR)

Program features J. S. Bach, traditional music of Mali for the kora (transcribed for six-string guitar by D. Gripper)

July 18

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

NORDIC ORGANDUO (Norway):

ABRAM BEZUIJEN (organ)

JEE YOUNG PARK (organ)

Karg-Elert, G. Pierné, A. Guilmant, A. Wammes and others

July 19

St. Catherine's Church

UNDISCOVERED SPAIN

Early Spanish dance

Early music ensemble JACARAS (Poland):

JULIETA GONZALEZ DE SPRINGER (vocals, Mexico/Poland)

PIOTR ZALESKI (Canary Island guitar)

ŁUKASZ FIGIEL (bass guitar)

MATEUSZ ŁAWNICZAK (guitar)

ŁUKASZ OLESZE (guitar)

MARTIN ZŁOTNICKI (guitar)

G. Sanz, F. Guerau, J. de Aranes and others

July 22

Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

A piano recital

IEVA DŪDAITĖ (piano)

L. van Beethoven, J. Brahms, A. Piazzolla and others

July 23

Taujėnai Manor Park

COME ON A DATE

The golden songs of Benjamin Gorbulski

Soloists: EVELINA SAŠENKO (mezzo soprano)

LIUDAS MIKALAUSKAS (bass)

With the brass sextet BRASS BRAVO

Arrangements by TOMAS PETRIKIS

Songs of Benjamin Gorbulski

July 25

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

GIAMPAOLO DI ROSA (organ, Rome, Italy)

J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, C. M. Widor, O. Messiaen

July 29

Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum

SONATAS AND FANTASIES

A piano recital

PAULINA DŪMANAITĖ (piano, Spain)

L. van Beethoven, F. Chopin, A. Scriabin, S. Rachmaninov

July 29

Vilnius University Grand Courtyard

MIRGA GRAŽINYTĖ-TYLA CONDUCTING

J. Haydn's oratorio The Creation

Soloists: LINA DAMBRAUSKAITĖ (soprano)

MINDAUGAS ZIMKUS (tenor)

RAIMUNDAS JUZUITIS (bass)

AYALA ROSENBAUM (piano)

Vilnius City Municipality Choir JAUNA MUZIKA

(Director Vaclovas Augustinas)

Vilnius City Municipality ST CHRISTOPHER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

(Artistic Director Donatas Katkus)

Conductor MIRGA GRAŽINYTĖ-TYLA

July 30

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

A BEAM OF FADO

The magic of Portuguese songs

Performers: MARA PEDRO (vocals, Portugal)

MÁRIO HENRIQUES (Portuguese guitar, Portugal)

BRUNO BRÁS (fado guitar, Portugal)

Fado compositions

August 1

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

JUAN PARADELL SOLE (organ, the Vatican City)

J. S. Bach, A. Vivaldi, E. Torres and others

August 3

St Catherine's Church

SAMBALANÇO: FROM THE SAMBA TO THE TANGO

A guitar music dessert

With: KRZYSZTOF PEŁECH (guitar, Poland)

ROBERT HORNA (guitar, Poland)

P. Metheny, R. Towner, A. Piazzolla, C. Machado and others

August 5

Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum

POWERFUL CHORDS OF SUMMER

A piano recital

ROBERTAS LOZINSKIS (piano, Great Britain/Lithuania)

L. van Beethoven, S. Rachmaninov, S. Prokofjev

August 6

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

LIFE IS A MOVIE

Music from the most famous films

Performers: CHRIS RUEBENS (guitar, ukulele, vocals)

NERIJUS BAKULA (accordion)
TADAS DEŠUKAS (violin)
VYTIS NIVINSKAS (double bass)
Y. Tiersen, J. Williams, E. Kusturica, E. Morricone and others

August 8

Vingis Branch of the Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

BRAZILIAN NIGHT

The wealth of Latin American music

With: EGLĖ PETROŠIŪTĖ (vocals)
DJAMEN FARIAS (guitar, vocals, Brazil)
MATHEUS NICOLAIEWSKY (bass guitar, Brazil)
FERNANDO PAIVA DA SILVA (percussion, vocals, Brazil)
Latin American music

August 8

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

IRENA BUDRYTĖ-KUMMER (organ, Germany)
J. S.Bach, C.Franck, J.Reubke

August 12

Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum

NEXT CONCERT STOP – VILNIUS

A piano recital

MORTA GRIGALIŪNAITĖ (piano, Germany/Lithuania)
C. P. E. Bach, L. Janaček, J. Brahms

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August 15

St Casimir's Church

IN MEMORIAM ALEKSANDRA AND JUOZAS KAZICKAS

Sacred Music Hours

Performers: LEOPOLDAS DIGRYS (organ)
RENATA MARCINKUTĖ LESIEUR (organ)
ASTA KRIKŠČIŪNAITĖ (soprano)
JUSTINA AUŠKELYTĖ (violin)
SAKALAS UŽDAVINYS (actor)

August 19

Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum

MUSICAL MOMENTS

A piano recital

UGNIUS PAULIUKONIS (piano)

A. Scriabin, S. Rachmaninov

August 20

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

SOUL OF FLAMENCO

The pride of Spain – Maise Marquez

With: MAISE MÁRQUEZ (choreography, dance, Spain)

CARLOS PIÑANA (art director, guitar, Spain)

ALEJANDRO VILLAESCUSA (vocals, Spain)

RAINER MARÍA ZEHETBAUER (guitar, Austria)

MIGUEL ANGEL ORENCO (percussion, Spain)

Flamenco compositions

August 22

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

AIVARS KALĒJS (organ, Latvia)

J. S. Bach, G. F. Händel, J. Haydn, A. Kalejs, G. Rossini and others

August 24

Vilnius University Planetarium

JAZZ IN A CRATER

A music video journey into a volcano's crater

With: MACIEJ FORTUNA (compositions, arrangements, trumpet, Poland)

MARIA JURCZYSZYN (vocals, Poland)

ROMAN CHRANIUK (double bass, Poland)

JAKUB MIARCZYŃSKI (percussion, Poland)

ERYK KOZŁOWSKI (sound director, Poland)

MACIEJ SZĄLEK (technician, Poland)

PRZEMYSŁAW WAWRZYŃIAK (video, Poland)

Original jazz compositions

August 27

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

GOLDEN MUSICAL MELODIES

Closing concert of Christopher's Picnics

Soloist: KARINA KRYSKO (vocals)

VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conductor JONAS JANULEVIČIUS

H. Arlen, L. Cohen, G. Gershwin and others

August 29

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

PAVEL KOHOUT (organ, Czech Republic)

J.S. Bach, J. Klicka, B. Smetana

September 5

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

CHRISTOPHE MANTOUX (organ, France)

F. Couperin, L. C. Daquin, D. Buxtehude, J. S. Bach

September 10

Vilnius University Botanical Gardens

EXOTIC JAPANESE RHYTHMS

A post scriptum to Christopher's Picnics

Waidaki Japanese drumming group *DAIGEN-GUMI*:

MOTOICHI YUZAWA (leader), KMASARU INAGAKI

AKIRA SASAKI, AYAKO ITO

KOUDAI OIKE, MIKU KUD

Traditional Japanese music compositions

September 12

St Casimir's Church

SACRED MUSIC HOURS

Closing concert of the cycle

TON KOOPMAN (organ, the Netherlands)