

THE AUSTRALIAN LATVIAN 15th ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL

CONCERT OF MASSED CHOIRS

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL, THURSDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1965 AT 8.00 P.M.

God Save the Queen.

Latvian National Anthem.

I - COMBINED MIXED CHOIRS

96th Psalm H. Pavasars

Organist: J. Mallinson
Conductor: V. Bendrups

To the Muses (text by Ziemelnieks) .. P. Barisons

This song invokes the muses to visit and bless the author.

Days of Childhood (Pludonis) .. V. Ozolins

Remembering the effect of nature on the pure, receptive mind of a child gives the man new joy in his later years.

Conductor: V. Rullis

In the Silver of Night (K. Jekabsons) .. H. Pavasars

A man alone in the fields in the silence of night finds that the light of the moon causes pain to cease and the soul to expand.

Conductor: E. Ozolins

To the Latvian (I. Kalnare) .. J. Norvilis

Only in the homeland can a man, cleansed from the dust of his travels, receive God's blessing.

The Shield of Song (J. Veselis and Andrejs Eglitis) B. Skulte

Songs are the shield of a nation as they defend it against disintegration, even when its peoples are scattered all over the world.

Baritone solo: Dz. Veide
Organist: J. Mallinson
Conductor: K. Svenne

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II - COMBINED MALE CHOIRS

Ever Blue are the Hills of Latvia (K. Skalbe) .. E. Darzins

This song describes the eternal beauty of Latvia's hills, forests and fields, saying that the indomitable spirit of the Latvians is just as lasting.

Come with Me (K. Jekabsons) .. E. Darzins

A man beckons to his beloved to accompany him to a beautiful, peaceful place in the country.

Oh, Those Lads ! (Folksong) .. J. Kalnins

Everybody knows these lads ! They travel around Latvia, committing new larks in every town.

Conductor: J. Puisens

Roses, Oh Roses (Pludonis) .. J. Vitols

The author sees in roses sensual qualities which excite him and make him think of love.

Dies Iral (Pludonis) .. J. Vitols

Enemies are in our land, but the spirit of our ancestral heroes will rise and help us brandish swords against them to drive them from this country which is ours.

Conductor: E. Marsaus

COMBINED WOMEN'S CHOIRS

Lake Burtnieki (J. Akuraters) .. J. Norvilis

Here in this lake is the palace of the nation - a palace blessed with songs, battles and tears.

In a White Birch Cradle (A. Brigadere) .. J. Vitols/J. Puisens

This is a lyric song on a new-born baby girl, now lying in a cradle made of birch.

Summer (V. Toma) .. V. Ozolins

The author rejoices in nature in full bloom.

Conductor: J. Puisens

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