



**8th LATVIAN SONG FESTIVAL**  
**JULY 1 - 6, 1986, TORONTO, ONTARIO**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY 1st

- 3 p.m. **OPENING CEREMONIES AND CONCERT**  
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel  
Toronto Women's Choir "ZILE"  
Toronto Male Ensemble "KALVIS"  
**\$8.00** Admission
- 6 p.m. **ROK VAKARS**  
The Concert Hall  
888 Yonge Street  
An Evening of Latvian rock music. Sponsored by Latvian National Youth Association in Canada
- 8 p.m. **Theatre: "BROTHERLY GAME"**  
By A. Eglitis in Latvian  
Ryerson Theatre  
43 Gerrard St. East  
Director - MARIS UBANS  
**\$15.00, 10.00, 7.00** Admission

## JULY 2nd

- 1 p.m. **FESTIVAL OF "SOUND AND MOTION"**  
Forum, Ontario Place  
Contemporary and Traditional Latvian music and dance
- 7 p.m. **CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC**  
Toronto Convention Centre Theatre  
ILEANA PETERSON *Mezzo-Soprano*  
PAULS BERKOLDS *Baritone*  
IEVA GRAUBINS *Violin*  
ULDIS BAUMANIS *Violin*  
ARTURS JANSONS *Viola*  
DAVID HETHERINGTON *Cello*  
LALITA SALINS *Flute*  
SANDRA MOGENSEN *Piano*  
PETERIS ZARINS *Piano*  
Programme will include: Song cycles, duos, trios, and a string quartet by various Latvian composers.  
**\$15.00, 12.00** Admission
- 10:00 p.m. **THE CHICAGO "FIVE"**  
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel  
Cabaret style music and comedy  
**\$15.00** Admission  
Another performance July 4 at 10:30 p.m.

## JULY 3rd

- 11:30 a.m. **"THANKS CANADA" RALLY**  
Queen's Park
- 1 p.m. **"THANKS CANADA" RALLY**  
Nathan Phillips Square  
Continues and concludes  
Guest Speakers
- 2 p.m. **YOUTH CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE**  
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel  
Children's Choir  
Youth choral - Instrumental ensemble  
**\$7.00** Admission
- 8 p.m. **ENSEMBLE CONCERT**  
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel  
Folk Ensemble "KOLIBRI" from Boston, Mass.  
Chamber Choir "AUSEKLIS" from Phila. Pa.  
Youth Festival Chamber Choir  
**\$12.00** Admission
- 8 p.m. **Theatre: "BROTHERLY GAME"**  
By A. Eglitis in Latvian  
Ryerson Theatre  
Director: MARIS UBANS  
**\$15.00, 10.00 and 7.00** Admission

## JULY 4th

- 1 p.m. **Theatre: "BROTHERLY GAME"**  
By A. Eglitis in Latvian  
Ryerson Theatre  
Director: MARIS UBANS  
**\$15.00, 10.00, and 7.00** Admission
- 5 p.m. **LATVIAN DANCE**  
Toronto Convention Centre Theatre  
A show of recent original choreographies  
**\$12.00, 8.00** Admission
- 5 p.m. **LITERARY SYMPOSIUM in Latvian**  
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel  
Theme "The Unchained Thought"  
Authors read their own works  
**\$8.00** Admission
- 8 p.m. **CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC**  
St. Paul's Anglican Church  
227 Bloor St. E.  
COMBINED CHURCH CHOIRS (200 voices)  
from Canada and the U.S.A.

FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductors:

ARVIDS PURVS

BRIGITA ALKS

RUDOLFS KALNMALS

Soloists:

ILEANA PETERSON *Mezzo-Soprano*

PAULS BERKOLDS *Baritone*

ANITA RUNDANS *Organ*

*Programme will feature works by TALIVALDIS KENINS, JAZEPS WIHTOLS, VIKTORS BASTIKS and ARVIDS PURVS.*

**\$12.00** Admission

10:00 p.m. DANCE (YOUTH)  
Canadian Room, Royal York Hotel

**JULY 5th**

9:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL ALL-STAR SPORTS  
COMPETITION (Canada vs. U.S.A.)  
Ryerson Gymnasium, Gould Street

VOLLEYBALL - Men and Women

BASKETBALL - Men

10:00 am. LITERARY SYMPOSIUM  
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel

Theme "The Mighty Word"

Authors read their own works

**\$8.00** Admission

2:30 p.m. FESTIVAL PARADE  
From St. Andrew's Church to  
Maple Leaf Gardens  
Choirs and Dancers in national costumes

4 p.m. GRAND FESTIVAL CONCERT  
Maple Leaf Gardens  
FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
MASSED CHOIR (over a thousand voices)

Conductors:

VIZMA MAKSINS (Toronto)

VIKTORS BENDRUPS (Melbourne, Australia)

ERNESTS BRUSUBARDIS (Milwaukee, U.S.A.)

ARVIDS PURVS (Toronto)

Soloists:

ILEANA PETERSON *Mezzo-Soprano*

PAULS BERKOLDS *Baritone*

Choral works and Latvian Folk Song arrangements  
by Latvian composers

**\$18.00, 15.00, 12.00, 8.00** Admission

8 p.m. FESTIVAL BALL  
Royal York Hotel (All Ballrooms)  
**\$25.00** Admission

**JULY 6th**

2 p.m. SYMPHONY CONCERT  
Roy Thompson Hall

FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

(Members of Toronto Symphony Orchestra)

Conductor: ALFRED STROMBERGS

(Professor, University of Alberta)

Soloists:

ILEANA PETERSON *Mezzo-Soprano*

Royal Opera House, Stockholm

ARTHUR OZOLINS *Pianist*

Internationally acclaimed pianist

ANITA RUNDANS *Organist*

Grand Prix du Virtuosit , Paris

World Premieres of Symphony No. 8 for organ and  
orchestra by TALIVALDIS KENINS, and Concerto for  
piano and chamber orchestra by JANIS KALNINS.

Also, compositions by Latvian composers JAZEPS  
WIHTOLS and JANIS MEDINS.

**\$20.00, 17.00, 14.00** Admission

5 p.m. GRAND FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL  
Maple Leaf Gardens

More than 600 dancers in national costumes performing  
on the floor of the Gardens.

**\$15.00, 12.00, 9.00** Admission

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS Royal York Hotel

- Latvian Arts & Crafts Exhibits  
Tudor Room and Saskatchewan Room
- Latvian Fine Arts Exhibition  
Alberta, Quebec and British Columbia  
Rooms
- Exhibition of Rare Latvian Coins,  
Stamps and Medals  
Manitoba Room
- Latvian Arts & Crafts Bazaar  
Confederation Room and Room #3

INFORMATION:

**Latvian Song Festival**

**4 Credit Union Drive, Toronto, Ontario**

**M4A 2N8**

There will be a Festival Information Centre at the Royal York Hotel  
from July 1st, 1986.

**Tickets available: 8th Latvian Song Festival in Canada**  
**P.O. Box 166, Postal Station "A"**  
**Mississauga, Ontario, Canada**  
**or at the door.**



## Latvia and Latvians

Latvia is situated on the eastern coast of the Baltic sea opposite Sweden. Her borders are contiguous with Estonia to the north, Lithuania to the south and Soviet Russia to the east. It covers about 25,000 square miles, or roughly that of New Brunswick or Ireland.

Latvians belong to the Baltic branch of the Indo-European family and are distinct from the Slavic and Germanic people.

Latvia, because of its strategic location has unfortunately been the battlefield for other peoples wars.

Consequently its population today, about 2,300,000 is smaller than before World War I.

Various parts of Latvia have been under foreign domination since the first incursions of the Teutonic knights in the 13th century. The Germans, Swedes, Poles and Russians have each held Latvian territory, and the social and religious differences within the country reflect those occupations. In 1918, the Latvians again took arms to overthrow their foreign masters, this time successfully; the nation declared itself a republic on November 18th of the same year.

During the second world war, the Soviets and the Germans occupied the country in turn, forcing the male population to serve in their armies. With the retreat of the Germans in 1944, the Soviet government gained control of the country and forced it under Soviet domination. Mock elections were held and a systematic campaign destroyed all those who resisted tyranny. The Soviet occupation of the republic continues to be deemed illegal by the governments of Canada, the United States, Great Britain, as well as other countries.

For all but those 150,000 Latvians who managed to flee before the borders were sealed in 1944, the 37 years of Soviet occupation have institutionalized cultural and social oppression. Through deportations and the increasing influx of Russians, Latvians now form less than 60% of the population and within the next decade they may become a minority within their own country.

However, the freedom loving Latvians throughout the world still believe that their country one day will be free again from foreign domination.

## SONG FESTIVAL HISTORY

The tradition of the Latvian Song Festival dates back to 1873, when the very first Festival was celebrated in Riga, the capital of Latvia. Thousands of people gathered to be part of this songfest.

From the very beginning of the Festival movement it created a tradition of great symbolic and cultural meaning to us.

It is this proud heritage of culture that brings together more than 15,000 Latvians from all over the world to Toronto to share their national pride with Canadians.

## WELCOME! SVEIKS!

There's plenty for you to see and do at the 8th Latvian Song Festival in Toronto — even if you don't know a word of Latvian. The Festival, from July 1 - 6, 1986, should draw up to 15,000 Latvians and their friends from Europe, Australia and the United States, as well as every Canadian province. Latvians have been getting together for "dziesmu svetki" for 113 years now, so we've got the music, the folk dancing and the fun well in hand. The climax is the concert of a massed choir at Maple Leaf Gardens, though with so many activities — seven concerts alone — we'll be performing and celebrating at key locations all over the city, including the renowned Roy Thomson Hall. So even if you can't understand the theatre or cabaret, come along to the Royal York Hotel, our Festival headquarters. There will be something happening all the time at the art gallery, the artisan's show and sale, or the Latvian pub. Any Latvian will enjoy showing you around. Simply walk up to one and say "Sveiks."

## BIENVENUE! SVEIKS!

Il y a beaucoup à faire et à voir au huitième Festival Letton de la Chanson à Toronto — même si vous ne pouvez pas comprendre un mot de letton. Le Festival, du 1 au 6 juillet, 1986, devrait amener jusqu'à 15,000 lettons avec leurs amis de l'Europe, de l'Australie, des États-Unis et de chaque province Canadienne. Voilà maintenant 113 ans que les lettons se rencontrent pour le "dziesmu svetki," ils s'y connaissent donc lors qu'il sagit de musique, de danse folklorique et de plaisir. La culmination de tout ceci sera le concert donné au Maple Leaf Gardens par les chœurs amassés pouvant inclure jusqu'à un mille chanteurs! Le spectacle somptueux de danse folklorique, comprenant des centaines de danseurs, aura aussi lieu au Gardens. Même avec autant d'activités — sept concerts entre autres — ils feront aussi des représentations y compris le célèbre Roy Thomson Hall. Alors même si vous ne pouvez pas comprendre le théâtre ou le cabaret, venez nous rejoindre aux quartiers généraux du Festival, l'hôtel Royal York. Il y a toujours quelque chose qui se passe à la galerie d'art, à l'exposition et vente des artisans, ou au pub letton. Tout letton se fera un plaisir de vous guider. Vous n'avez qu'à vous approcher de l'un d'eux et dire "Sveiks!"