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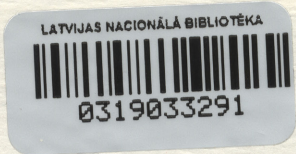


7th LATVIAN SONG FESTIVAL, JULY 1 - 5, 1981, TORONTO

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JUNE, 30th

8: p.m. Theatre: PERIOD PLAY (in Latvian)
 Ryerson Theatre
 43 Gerrard St. East
 DIRECTOR: GUNARS VERENIEKS
 \$12.00, \$9.00, \$6.00 Admission

JULY, 1st

10: a.m. ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE
 (in Latvian)
 St. Paul's Anglican Church
 227 Bloor St. East

1: p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES AND
 CONCERT
 Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel
 100 Front St. West

RASMA LIELMANE *Violin*
 LILIJA ZOBENS *Soprano*
 Male Choir "JUNDA",
 Conductor ANDRIS GUTMANIS
 ST. ANDREW'S LATVIAN CHURCH
 MIXED CHOIR
 Conductor: ARVIDS PURVS
 \$5.00 Admission

8: p.m. CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC
 MacMillan Theatre,
 80 Queen's Park Cres.

MELITA MICULS *Mezzo-Soprano*
 RASMA LIELMANE *Violin*
 VOLDEMARS RUSHEVICS *Violin*
 ARTURS JANSONS *Viola*
 JILL VITOLS *Violocello*
 JANIS BELOGLAZOV'Sr. *Double Bass*
 LALITA SALINS *Flute*
 EDDY LINDT *Clarinet*
 RITA STRAUTINS *Piano*
 PETERIS ZARINS *Piano*
 TORONTO LATVIAN WOMEN'S CHOIR "ZILE"
 Conductors:
 ARVIDS PURVS and ALFRED STROMBERGS
 \$10.00, \$7.00 Admission

JULY, 2nd

- 1: p.m. **SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT**
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel
Conductor - JANIS B. ELOGLAZOV, Jr.
\$4.00 Admission
- 6: p.m. **YOUNG PERFORMERS CONCERT**
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel
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| OLITA STRAZDS | <i>Flute</i> |
| LALITA SALINS | <i>Flute</i> |
| MARGARET UPENIEKS | <i>Harp</i> |
| EDGARS KALNS | <i>Trumpet</i> |
| EDDY LINDT | <i>Clarinet and Piano</i> |
| RITA STRAUTINS | <i>Piano</i> |
| PETERIS ZARINS | <i>Piano</i> |
- TORONTO YOUTH VOCAL-INSTRUMENTAL
ENSEMBLE LEADER - DACE SMITS
\$5.00 Admission
- 8: p.m. **DANCE**
Canadian Room, Royal York Hotel
\$8.00 Admission

JULY, 3rd

- 2: p.m. **THE CHICAGO QUINTET**
Music and Comedy
Canadian Room, Royal York Hotel
\$10.00 Admission
- 5:30 p.m. **LATVIAN DANCE CHOREOGRAPHIES**
MacMillan Theatre
80 Queen's Park Crescent
\$6.00 Admission
- 8: p.m. **CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC**
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street
CHURCH CHOIRS (250 singers) and SOLOISTS
from Canada and the U.S.A.
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| STRING ORCHESTRA | <i>Flute, Timpani</i> |
| ANITA RUNDANS | <i>Organ</i> |
| MELITA MICULIS | <i>Mezzo-soprano</i> |
| ALBERTS VITOLS | <i>Baritone</i> |
- Conductors:
RUDOLFS KALNMALS and ARVIDS PURVS
\$8.00, \$6.00 Admission
- 9: p.m. **DANCE**
Canadian Room, Royal York Hotel
\$6.00 Admission

10: p.m. LITERARY SYMPOSIUM (in Latvian)
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel
\$5.00 Admission

JULY, 4th

8: a.m. COMPETITION IN TRADITIONAL FOLK
DANCING
Canadian Room, Royal York Hotel
\$3.00 Admission

9:30 a.m. PUPPET SHOW
Ontario Room, Royal York Hotel
\$2.00 Admission

11:30 a.m. Theatre: PERIOD PLAY (in Latvian)
Ryerson Theatre
43 Gerrard St. East
Director - GUNARS VERENIEKS
\$12.00, \$9.00, \$6.00 Admission

11:30 a.m. PUPPET SHOW
Ontario Room, Royal York Hotel
\$2.00 Admission

2: p.m. DEDICATION TO FREE LATVIA
Nathan Phillips Square
Toronto City Hall

3: p.m. Parade from Toronto City Hall to
Maple Leaf Gardens
CHOIRS AND DANCERS IN NATIONAL
COSTUME:

4: p.m. THE FESTIVAL CONCERT
Maple Leaf Gardens
60 Carlton Street
COMBINED CHOIRS (thousands of voices)
and FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
MELITA MICULS *Mezzo-soprano*
Conductors:
LILIJA ZOBENS JANIS BELOGLAZOV, Jr.
ROBERTS BALODIS JANIS KALNINS
ROBERTS ZUIKA ARVIDS PURVS
\$12.00, \$9.00, \$7.00, \$5.00 Admission

JULY, 5th

- 10: a.m. LITERARY SYMPOSIUM (in Latvian)
Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel
\$5.00 Admission
- 3: p.m. Theatre: PERIOD PLAY (in Latvian)
Ryerson Theatre
43 Gerrard St. East
Director - GUNARS VERENIEKS
\$12.00, \$9.00, \$6.00 Admission
- 4:30 p.m. GRAND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCE
Nine hundred dancers in costume
Maple Leaf Gardens
60 Carlton Street
- 8:30 p.m. SYMPHONY CONCERT
Massey Hall
178 Victoria Street
FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
(Members of Toronto Symphony Orchestra)
ALFRED STROMBERGS *Conductor*
MELITA MICULS *Mezzo-soprano*
ARTHUR OZOLINS *Piano*
Program
ALFRED STROMBERGS - Overture on Latvian
dance themes; world premier performance
ALFREDS KALNINS - My Country (Idyl)
TALIVALDIS KENINS - Symphony No. 7
"In the form of a Passacaglia" with mezzo-
soprano solo; (Song of Destiny by Atis Kenins);
world premier performance through a Canadian
Council Grant.
DACE STAUVERS-APERANS - Symphonic Poem-
world premier performance
JANIS MEDINS - Piano Concerto in C sharp
minor

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS — Royal York Hotel

- Latvian Fine Arts Exhibition — Alberta, Quebec and British Columbia Rooms
- Latvian Arts, Crafts Exhibition and Market — Confederation and Tudor Rooms
- Exhibition of Rare Latvian Coins and Stamps — Manitoba Room

Tickets available: P.O. Box 486 Postal Station "A",
Mississauga, Ontario.



FESTIVAL HISTORY

The first Latvian Song Festival was celebrated 108 years ago in Riga, the capital of Latvia. This tradition has united the Latvian people for more than a century and is a proud heritage of culture that brings to Toronto more than 15,000 Latvians from all over the world to share their national pride with Canadians.

The 1981 Festival begins July 1st and continues on to July 5th. During this time the focus will be on participation - thousands of Latvians from all over the world will join together to express their unity through choir singing, folk dancing, concerts, exhibitions of arts and crafts, theatre and literary symposiums held throughout the City of Toronto.

The welcome is out to all Canadians from the Song Festival Committee and the Latvian National Federation in Canada to join and enjoy the exciting program of the 1981 Festival.



Welcome

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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.