

EUROPEAN CULTURAL DAYS 2018

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Each year the EUROPEAN CULTURAL DAYS of the ECB give the public a taste of the cultural flair of one European Union Member State. This annual highlight is hosted by the European Central Bank together with the central bank of the Member State in the spotlight. In 2018 it is Lietuvos bankas' turn to showcase the abundant and diverse culture of its home nation, as Lithuania celebrates the centenary of its restored independence.

Lithuania's cultural heritage is a harmonious melange of historical and present-day, Lithuanian and European influences. During the Renaissance, the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania in Vilnius was a nexus of European cultural life, with artists flocking to it from all over Western Europe and regular performances of Italian comedies, operas and ballets. Musical traditions originating in the courts of European sovereigns sowed the seeds for a wealth of Lithuanian classical music.

Folk music is also a core part of Lithuania's cultural heritage, and UNESCO has proclaimed the Lithuanian Song Celebration, which the country has organised every four years since its restored independence, as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

During the European Cultural Days of the ECB in Frankfurt, Lithuania only a fraction of its centuries-long diverse culture. One highlight of the programme will be compositions by Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis, who became a world-renowned composer and one of Lithuania's most prominent artists.

Continuing with the new format introduced in 2017, the EUROPEAN CULTURAL DAYS features three different cultural experiences, giving you the opportunity to see for yourselves the rich and varied cultural landscape of Lithuania.

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Advance tickets sales:

Tickets are on sale at the ticket offices listed for each event. The programme is subject to change.

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Programme

23 August to 16 October 2018
Frankfurt am Main



Music

EUROPA OPEN AIR

organised by the Frankfurt Radio Symphony and the European Central Bank



Date/time	Event	Location	Tickets/prices*
Thurs., 23 Aug. 18:00	The Frankfurt Radio Symphony, conducted by Andrés Orozco-Estrada and featuring Lithuanian soloists Martynas Levickis (accordion), Violeta Urmana (soprano), Justina Gringytė (mezzo soprano), Merūnas Vitulskis (tenor), Kostas Smoriginas (bass) and the Lithuanian choir Jauna Muzika, will present an exciting programme inspired by the myths and legends of Lithuania. The programme will include pieces by Aaron Copland, Igor Strawinsky and Mikalojus Čiurlionis, Lithuania's most renowned romantic composer, and culminate in the last movement of Beethoven's ninth symphony. Lithuanian songs and a performance by accordion player Martynas Levickis will bring folkloristic colour and tradition to the stage, while the Frankfurt Radio Big Band and Lithuanian singer Viktorija Gečytė will get the evening under way at 18:00 and bring a taste of Baltic rhythms to the river Main!	Weseler Werft, Frankfurt am Main www.hr-bigband.de www.hr-sinfonieorchester.de hr2 kultur	Free admission Gates open at 16:00

Music

Charity Event

Concert dedicated to the centenary of Lithuania's restored independence

Jazz Island

Jonas Vozbutas



Date/time	Event	Location	Tickets/prices*
Tues., 25 Sep. 20:00	With this year's charity event, the audience will experience a unique performance dedicated to the centenary of Lithuania's restored independence. The award-winning group Jazz Island, a professional polyphonic a cappella group that sings music of a variety of genres, including folk, classical and contemporary. Performing a mixture of Lithuanian folk songs, Duke Ellington and Miles Davis classics, and well-known Beatles favourites, they will show how surprisingly different familiar pop music can sound. Add to this intoxicating mixture the acclaimed 12 year-old accordion player, Jonas Vozbutas, who will perform works by Jean-Philippe Rameau, Frank Angelis and Moritz Moszkowski, and you have the ingredients of a very special occasion in the Frankfurter Paulskirche. In cooperation with the City of Frankfurt am Main <i>Please give generously to this year's charity initiative, which is the Frankfurt branch of JOBLINGE – Joining Forces to Address Youth Unemployment</i> https://www.joblinge.de	Frankfurter Paulskirche Paulsplatz 11 STADT FRANKFURT AM MAIN	Free admission by ticket only, available from Frankfurt Ticket RheinMain www.frankfurt-ticket.de Ticket hotline: +49 (0)69 1340 400 plus all other Frankfurt Ticket RheinMain box offices

Music

Closing concert

Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra

Artistic Director: Sergej Krylov

Conductor: Martynas Stakionis



Date/time	Event	Location	Tickets/prices*
Tues., 16 Oct. 20:00	Founded by renowned Lithuanian conductor Saulius Sondeckis (1928-2016) in 1960, the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra is reputed to be one of the most distinguished and internationally acclaimed Lithuanian orchestras. This young and energetic group of Lithuania's finest string players will present some of the country's most prized classical and contemporary music, including Arvydas Malcys' "Milky Way" for chamber orchestra and Anatolijus Šenderovas' concerto for violin and chamber orchestra. Classics by J. S. Bach and W. A. Mozart, featuring soloists Andrius Žlabys (piano) and Lina Dambrauskaitė, will round off what promises to be an exciting evening celebrating Lithuania's cultural heritage.	Alte Oper Frankfurt Grosser Saal Opernplatz 1 www.alteoper.de	€69/€56/€43/€30/€20/€12 Alte Oper & Frankfurt Ticket RheinMain www.frankfurt-ticket.de Ticket hotline: +49 (0)69 1340 400 plus all other Frankfurt Ticket RheinMain box offices

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