**PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL "POKROV BELLS"**
**2024 November 6 - 10, Vilnius**

1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

"Pokrov Bells" is an international festival that has been held since 2004 and has gained recognition both in Lithuania and abroad, being honored among the most famous and well-known Lithuanian festivals. The event, which brings together approximately 700 participants from various nations and attracts 40,000 viewers, places special emphasis on the traditional culture of Lithuanian national communities. The festival showcases Lithuania's multiculturalism and offers unique opportunities for folk ensembles and national communities from different regions of Lithuania to express themselves, fostering collaboration with foreign ethnographic groups and contributing to the preservation and dissemination of traditional culture. The festival's events showcase examples of traditional culture from various nations, appealing to individuals of all ages and social groups, thereby generating interest in both their own folk heritage and that of other cultures. "Pokrov Bells" stands out as the only festival in the Baltic States that annually commissions composers to create world music tracks.

1. **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**
	1. To preserve and nurture the original values of ethnic culture, its forms of expression, and examples of ethnic culture, thereby promoting artistic self-expression and creativity among people from different nations in Lithuania;
	2. To introduce society to the traditional cultures of foreign countries and showcase the finest examples of ethnic culture from various nations residing in Lithuania, ensuring the participation of high-quality groups in the festival;
	3. The scientific segment of the festival aims to prevent the decline of intangible ethnic cultural heritage and its disappearance in the modern era of globalization and social change. It seeks to explore new, attractive, and relevant forms of preserving intangible ethnic cultural heritage that align with contemporary trends, leveraging artistic and valuable resources that have yet to be fully utilized and offering effective methods of application;
	4. To incorporate educational elements into every festival event, fostering the creative abilities of children and youth;
	5. To cultivate people's diplomacy, fostering the creation of international respect and a peaceful atmosphere.
2. **PARTICIPANTS OF THE FESTIVAL**

 Selected folklore groups from various regions of Lithuania and foreign countries are invited to participate in the competition based on rigorous selection criteria.

1. **PLACE AND TIME**

**Location:** Vilnius City, Republic of Lithuania

**Time:** 2024 November 6th - 10th

**Acceptance of applications:** until 2024 August 31st

1. **THE PROGRAM**

**November 6:**

Arrival of participants from Lithuanian regions, arrival of foreign participants

***St. Catherine's Church (Vilniaus str. 30)***

18.00

Concert MUSIC FOR GOURMETS. Performances by Lithuanian and foreign folklore groups consist of up to 10 minutes, featuring 2 songs or dances.

**November 7:**

***Vilnius University (Universiteto str. 3)***

10.00

ROUND TABLE "The Impact of Globalization on the Continuity of Folklore Traditions"

***Vilnius University Theater Hall (Universiteto str. 3)***

18.00

 UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage: MASTERPIECES OF GEORGIAN POLYPHONIC SINGING

 19.00

UNIQUE TRADITIONS. Performances of Lithuanian and foreign folklore groups

**November 8:**

***Hotel Ecotel Vilnius Conference Hall „Aquarius-Terra“ (Seinu st. 14)***

 10.00-17.00

TRADITIONAL SINGING LABORATORY

 ***Beer house (Goštauto str. 8)***

 21.00

 FOLK DANCE EVENING:traditional dances, singing and meetings

**November 9:**

***Vilnius City Hall (Didžioji st. 31)***

CHILDREN FOLK ASSEMBLY

 10.00-18.00

 TRADITIONAL LITHUANIAN CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN. Creative workshops

 12.30

 THE INHERITORS OF TRADITIONS

 A Concert and awards for the laureates of the Children and Youth Republican contest

 14.00 – 19.00

 ARTISTIC PORTRAITS OF FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS - *up to 15-30 min.*

**November 10:**

***St. Catherine's Church (Vilniaus str. 30)***

14.00

GUESTS FROM SAKARTVELO: FROM ORIGINS TO THE PRESENT DAY

David Akopian (violin), Milena Jalalbekova (violin),

Aleksej Solonovič (cello), Marika Kukhianidze (piano)

1. **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

6.1. Participation in the festival is free of charge;

6.2. The festival organizers cover expenses for overnight accommodation, catering, and transportation services in Vilnius, and provide free visas;

6.3. Participants are responsible for their own travel and insurance costs;

6.4. Each team/soloist must prepare for 10-30 minutes. program, depending on the theme of the concert (performed only *a capella* or with folk instruments) and coordinate it with the organizers and concert leaders in advance;

6.5. Participants must perform wearing folk costumes;

6.6. The festival organizers retain all rights to performances, television broadcasts, photographs, and publicity for the purpose of promoting the festival, without providing compensation to festival participants;

6.7. By submitting all required festival documents, the representative of the festival participants agrees to allow photography and filming at the festival. They confirm that they have obtained consent from the parents of minors and ensure that the organizer can process the personal data of members (including name, surname, date of birth, place of residence, country) for the purpose of organizing the festival;

6.8. Organizers guarantee that photographs and footage of festival participants will only be used to publicize non-commercial activities of the festival and the organizing institution. This material may be used on web portals, social networks, press, television, promotional materials, printed matter, etc.;

6.9. Participants or the responsible party for juvenile participants are liable for any health issues that arise during the festival; each participant must have an insurance policy.

1. **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

If you intend to participate in the Festival, please send a free-form collective biography, a description of the repertoire to be performed, and a high-resolution color photo (press) to the organizers via email at arinuskafolk@gmail.com

1. **AWARDS**

Participants of the festival will receive letters of gratitude and commemorative gifts.

1. **FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS**

Folklore and Ethnography Center of Lithuanian National Minorities, Slavic Traditional Music School, Vilnius Russian Folklore Center. Festival Art Director and Producer - Irena Zacharova.

1. **FESTIVAL PARTNERS**

Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuanian Council of Culture, Department of National Minorities under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius City Municipality.

1. **INFORMACIJA**

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