

LATVIAN SONG FESTIVAL IN CANADA



July 1- 5, 2009
Hamilton, Ontario

EVENT INFORMATION

ON-GOING EVENTS:

Juried fine art exhibition at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Folk arts and crafts show, Marketplace of crafts and souvenirs, Information Centre and children's program

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

FOLKLORE DAY AT SIDRABENE (12:00)

A day of musical and dance performances, craft show, children's activities, folk dance olympics, Aldaris beer garden, Gold Cup volleyball tournament, and evening open-air dance.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

OPENING CEREMONIES - SOUND THE DRUMS!

(13:00 Hamilton Place)

A celebration through song from folk to contemporary music culminating with „Sound the drums” performed by a youth choir.

ART EXHIBIT OPENING (15:30 Art Gallery of Hamilton)

An exhibition of fine art featuring the work of contemporary Latvian Canadian artists.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

(17:00 Christ's Church Cathedral)

Sacred choral repertoire of I. Arne, V. Bastiks, R. Jermaks (premiere), A. Okolo-Kulaks, H. Pavasars and A. Purvs; organ works by T. Ķenins and J. Norvilis.

THURSDAY, JULY 2 (continued)

FOLK COSTUME SHOW (17:00)

A runway show of regional Latvian folk costumes with commentary.

MUSICAL „MELDERMEIŅA” (Miller's Daughter)

(20:00 Dofasco Centre for the Arts)

A light-hearted musical featuring local actors, directed by Jolanta Linde, musical director Helena Gintere.

MEET & GREET AT THE WATERFRONT – EZERANDIŅŠ

(18:00 Royal Hamilton Yacht Club)

An evening for all ages. Socialize and enjoy a BBQ, Harbour Queen Cruises and live music.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

NEW CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

(13:00 Hamilton Place)

Original choreography finale with performances by competing dance groups.

GUEST CHOIR CONCERT (16:00 Christ's Church Cathedral)

Two outstanding mixed choirs from Riga, Latvia – „Burtnieks” and the youth choir „Balsis”

DANCE TO LATVIAN FOLK ENSEMBLES

(16:00-18:00 Sheraton)

Join in (young and old) and learn new folk dances and games from folk ensembles.

MUSICAL „MELDERMEIŅA” (Miller's Daughter)

(19:00 Dofasco Centre for the Arts)-Final performance

LATVIAN MUSIC CONCERT (20:00 Hamilton Place)

String orchestra repertoire from Vītols to Ramiņš performed by 13 professional string players from across North America

YOUTH DANCE (21:00 Club 77)

Continuous dance music by Adam Zahl and Harvest Moon.

CHICAGO FIVE and FRIENDS

(21:00 Convention Centre)

Cabaret night with the acclaimed Chicago Five and guest performers.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

MASSED CHOIR CONCERT (15:00 Hamilton Place)

Latvia's classic composers and more recent repertoire from Canada and Latvia, concluding with A. Kalniņš „Midsummer's Night Songs” performed by choirs from North America and Latvia.

FESTIVAL DINNER (19:00 Convention Centre)

A sit down dinner with musical interlude. Advance ticket sales only. Reservations available at tables of 10.

FESTIVAL DANCE (21:00 Convention Centre)

Non-stop dance music by *Hāgenskalna muzikanti* of Latvia. and Adam Zahl from the US. Admission includes the „Some Wine, Song and Verse” program in the adjacent hall.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

ECUMENICAL SERVICE (10:30 Christ's Church Cathedral)

A service for all denominations. World premiere of R. Jermaks' cantata performed by a choir and soloists.

READINGS BY LATVIAN WRITERS

(13:00 Convention Centre)

Readings by Laima Muktupāvele from Latvia and authors from North America.

FOLK DANCE SPECTACLE AND

CLOSING CEREMONY (16:00 Copps Coliseum)

500 dancers from North America and Latvia perform traditional dances and new choreographies.

FAREWELL DINNER (19:00 Sheraton)

Buffet style dinner with musical interlude. Advance ticket sales only.

FAREWELL DANCE (21:00 Sheraton)

An evening for all ages. Dance to the music of *Ceiruleitis* and *Hagenskalna muzikanti*.