SONG FESTIVAL



CHICAGO July 3 - 5, 2015



25 years ago, Lithuania began peaceful civilian protests against Soviet occupation. During the political upheavals of 1987-1991, Lithuania's quest for freedom became known as "The Singing Revolution." The people triumphed not by armed insurrection, but by courageous non-violent resistance...by daring to sing a forbidden song.

This year, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the reestablishment of Lithuania's independence. In commemoration of that struggle, the X Song Festival will feature the world premiere of a spectacular five-part cantata "The Singing Revolution: Lithuania, You Arose with a Song!"

The first Lithuanian song festival was held in Kaunas, Lithuania, in 1924. This tradition has continued in Lithuania on a quadrennial basis, with thousands of choristers and spectators gathering for a "Day of Songs" to celebrate their shared Lithuanian identity. During the Soviet occupation of the Baltic states (1944-1990), Lithuanians of the free world organized parallel song festivals in the U.S. and Canada, which continue today.

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A three-day celebration of Lithuanian culture!



WEEKEND SCHEDULE



CHOIRS FROM LITHUANIA

Friday, July 3rd 8:00 PM

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL 65 E HURON ST.

Concert featuring captivating repertoire and luscious harmonies in sonorous chapel acoustics...

Bel Canto - mixed adult choir from Vilnius Viva Voce - girls choir from Vilnius Varpelis - boys choir from Kaunas

CAPPELLA'A CONCERT

Saturday, July 4th 8:30 PM

"THE VIC" THEATRE 3145 N SHEFFIELD AVE.

Lithuanian pop classics and today's favorite hits performed *a cappella* with a unique jazz twist. After the concert - stay for dancing!

Cappella'A - a professional vocal quartet from Klaipėda, Lithuania

X SONG FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 5th 1:00 PM

UIC PAVILION 525 S RACINE ST.

1,400 singers from the USA, Canada, Lithuania, and the United Kingdom on one stage. Renowned musical guests Rasa Serra and Saulius Petreikis from Lithuania. Bilingual presentation. Special video and audio effects. An unforgettable celebration of Lithuanian music and culture!

