

**AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND MONUMENTS
PROTECTION OF GEORGIA**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture and Monuments Protection of Georgia (hereinafter the „Parties”) with the wish to develop and strengthen the friendly bonds and mutual understanding between the nations of both countries

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate direct contacts, exchanges and co-operation between the organizations, institutions and persons that are active in the fields of music, theatre, films and audio-visual art, museums and visual art, libraries and literature, cultural heritage, amateur art and in other cultural areas.

Article 2

The Parties shall promote the establishment and development of direct cooperation between creative unions and associations, cultural institutions, non-governmental cultural organizations of both countries.

Article 3

The Parties shall encourage direct cooperation in the field of music especially between the music institutions, music festivals, competitions and other events, and facilitate the exchange of music ensembles, soloists and conductors as well as exchanges of information materials, scores, specialized magazines, musicological literature, musical media and support presenting the original works of authors of the partnership country.

Article 4

The Parties shall encourage the development of direct contacts between the dramatic, puppet and other theaters of both countries and facilitate guest performances and other performances of theater companies and individual interpreters as well as mutual participation of artists, art ensembles and theater experts in international theater festivals in accordance with the rules of these festivals.

Article 5

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of film and audio-visual art including exchange of information and publications, participation in international film festivals in accordance with the rules of these festivals, production of films and as well as education in this field.

Article 6

The Parties shall encourage direct cooperation between museums, galleries and visual art centers of both countries with the aim to enhance the exchange of exhibitions, experts and information materials.

Article 7

The Parties shall promote cooperation between libraries of both countries by facilitating the exchange of books, exhibitions, methodological and bibliographical materials and the participation of experts in seminars, scientific-practical conferences and symposia, as well as the cooperation in the field of literature and translation by establishing direct contacts between writers, poets, translators and critics, and mutual participation in literary festivals organized in both countries.

Article 8

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experience and cooperation in the fields of restoration, protection and conservation of cultural heritage.

The Parties, within their competence, shall take appropriate measures in order to prevent the illegal import, export and transfer of goods which are part of their respective cultural heritage, in accordance with the national legislation and international obligations of both countries.

Article 9

The Parties shall collaborate on the preservation of intangible cultural heritage, invite traditional art groups to participate in international festivals organized in each country as well as encourage the exchange of experts to participate in seminars and workshops of amateur art.

Article 10

This Agreement may be amended with the written mutual consent of the Parties by setting up additional protocols which form an integral part of this Agreement and enter into force in accordance with Article 12.

Article 11

Any disputes concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved on the basis of consultations and/or negotiations between the Parties.

Article 12

This Agreement shall enter into force at the moment of its signing and shall remain in force for five years. After this date, its validity shall be automatically prolonged for further periods of five years if neither of the Parties announces in writing its intention to terminate its validity not later than within six months before its expiration.

Signed in *Tbilisi* on *May 25, 2011* in two original copies in Latvian, Georgian and English; all texts being equally authentic. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of this Agreement, the English version shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Culture
of the Republic of Latvia**

**For the Ministry of
Culture and Monuments
Protection of Georgia**


