

LATVIA-NORWAY. DISCOVER FOLK TRADITION IN MUSIC

Project description: In a cultural exchange project of two string orchestras – Sigulda Youth Chamber Orchestra from Latvia and Nesttun String Orchestra from Bergen, Norway it is planned to prepare and perform a joint concert program for strings and voices, including Norwegian and Latvian modern folk music elements in an understandable manner for children and young people.

10 (ten) new Latvian folk song arrangements for string orchestra and choir by well known Latvian composers Imants Zemzaris and Emīls Zilberts will be created as a part of this project. The program will also include Norwegian folk songs specifically designed for string orchestra and choir.

The concert program will be performed in 2 concerts in Latvia (Sigulda and Cēsis) and one concert in Bergen, Norway. Besides the musical part of the project, activities to introduce local culture and traditions will be arranged: traditional leave solstice celebration in Sigulda, Latvia. And a workshop of Norwegian traditional folk instrument Hardanger fiddle (hardingfele), seminar and meeting with a Bergen Hardanger fiddle orchestra in Bergen, Norway.

Project activities:

1. Project management.
2. Creation of a new musical material.
3. Exchanging sheet music and webinars.
4. Rehearsals in Latvia.

5. Exploring the Latvian national traditions.
6. 2 concerts in Latvia.
7. Rehearsals in Norway.
8. Exploring the Norwegian national traditions.
9. Concert in Norway.
10. Publicity.