

# Rīga Jūrmala Music Festival returns this summer with top classical stars in stunning venues

10 July - 30 August 2020

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The Rīga Jūrmala Music Festival returns for summer 2020 with four stunning musical weekends taking place in Latvia's capital and nearby seaside town from 10 July to 30 August 2020.

The Festival takes place over four weekends throughout the summer, bringing the world's top Orchestras and classical music stars to perform in venues in Riga and Jurmala. Each weekend features one of the world's best Orchestras alongside star soloists to perform varied and beautiful programmes of classical music over 20 concerts.



Many of the concerts take place in Latvia's stunning capital



The Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra return to the Festival in 2020

The Festival had its first ever occurence last year, and audiences came from over 50 countries to experience the unique atmosphere, with most of the concerts completely selling out.

Conde Nast called it the "summer's biggest arrival", and the Independent said "you couldn't wish for a starrier line-up".



The Latvian National Opera House is one of the many stunning venues for the concerts

This year's programme includes
Grammy-Award-Winning vocal group,
The King's Singers, who are set to
perform a concert based on their
upcoming album Finding Harmony.
There will also be concerts from the
Philharmonia Orchestra, who recorded
the film soundtracks for Oliver Twist and
Great Expectations.

There will also be spectacular solo concerts of piano, violin, cello and voice featuring music by Beethoven, Chopin and Mozart.

The Festival is split between Latvia's beautiful capital Riga, and its flagship seaside resort, Jurmala, just a 20-minute drive away.

The dazzling venues for the concerts include Riga's famous Opera House and architectural gem the Great Guild, one of the oldest buildings in the Baltics. In Jurmala the concerts take place in the Dzintari Concert Hall, situated on the shores of the Baltic sea, featuring an open-air stage that perfectly complements Latvia's warm summer evenings.

Tickets go on sale today and are priced from as little as €10. There is currently a 30% early-bird discount, and afterwards, there will be a 20% discount for students and pensioners.

Tickets can be purchased at <u>riga-jurmala.com</u>. For further enquiries, please email <u>tickets@riga-jurmala.com</u>.



Jurmala is Latvia's flagship seaside resort, with miles of beautiful beaches and forests alongside the town, where much of the Festival will take place

#### 2020 Programme

## Weekend 1 10-12 July 2020, Riga

- Sir András Schiff, piano Latvian National Opera
- Yoav Levanon, piano *Great Guild*
- Israel Philharmonic Orchestra & Gautier Capuçon, cello Latvian National Opera
- The King's Singers *Great Guild*
- Israel Philharmonic Orchestra & András Schiff, piano Latvian National Opera



The Dzintari Concert Hall sits on the coastline of beautiful Jurmala

#### Weekend 2

17-19 July 2020, Jurmala

- Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra & Hélène Grimaud, piano Dzintari Concert Hall
- María Dueñas, violin & Julien Quentin, piano Dzintari Small Hall
- Maria João Pires, piano Dzintari Small Hall
- Mao Fujita, piano Dzintari Small Hall
- Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra & Nelson Freire, piano Dzintari Concert Hall



Audience members came from over 50 different countries last year

#### Weekend 3

14-16 August 2020, Riga

- Leonidas Kavakos, violin & Enrico Pace, piano *Latvian National Opera*
- George Li, piano Great Guild
- St. Petersburg Philharmonic & Behzod Abduraimov, piano *Latvian National Opera*
- Daumants Liepiņš, piano Great Guild
- St. Petersburg Philharmonic & Daniel Lozakovich violin *Latvian National Opera*

## Weekend 4

28-30 August 2020, Jurmala

- Philharmonia Orchestra & Alexandre Kantorow piano *Dzintari Concert Hall*
- Alexandra Dovgan, piano Dzintari Small Hall
- Matthias Goerne, baritone & Leif Ove Andsnes, piano *Dzintari Small Hall*
- Long Long tenor & Israel Gursky, piano *Dzintari* Small Hall
- Philharmonia Orchestra & Truls Mørk, cello *Dzintari* Concert Hall

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## Notes to editors

## About the Rīga Jūrmala Music Festival

The new world-class Rīga Jūrmala symphony orchestra festival was held for the first time in the summer of 2019 in Latvia. The Festival was listed as one of *The Telegraph's* Top 10 classical music destinations, as well as gaining an EFFE Label from the European Festival Association. The Artistic Directors of the Festival are Martin Engstroem and Miguel Esteban; the Executive Director is Zane Čulkstēna.

More information: www.riga-jurmala.com

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