



SAVE THE DATES April 10-12, 2015!!

ECMTA Annual Spring Meeting at the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music in Riga

The Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music will host ECMTA's 2015 Annual spring meeting in conjunction with the International Student Chamber Music Festival of the Baltic Countries. The festival, founded in 1975, has in recent years often included ECMTA partnerships, and always represents a special opportunity for members to gain deeper understanding of chamber music education and performance in participating countries. The meeting features Keynote speaker **Francesca Zini**, International consultant for the Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition, on recent developments in the organisation of chamber music competitions, a panel of distinguished guest speakers on chamber music repertoire, pedagogy and performance in Latvia, as well as the Members' Forum, masterclasses with student ensembles, Thematic work groups and the General Meeting.

Please note that the meeting's activities will begin Friday morning, 10 April, so plan to arrive Thursday evening 9 April.

Participation for ECMTA members is free.



**Jāzeps Vītols
Latvijas Mūzikas
akadēmija**





Preliminary Schedule (subject to modification) ** Reserved for ECMTA members and their guests

Thursday 9 April: Arrival

Friday 10 April

- 9:00 Masterclasses
- 10:15 (Members forum preparation)
- 10:30-12.00 Members' Forum
- 12:00 Coffee break
- 12:30 Masterclasses
- 12:30 Thematic Workgroups
- 14:00 Lunch (JVLMA cafeteria)
- 15:00-17:00 **Panel: Chamber Music Instruction and Performance in Latvia**
 - Aldis Liepiņš** *Latvian contemporary chamber music*
 - Indriķis Veitners** *Interpretation of jazz compositions in chamber music*
 - Karļine Īvāne** *Intonation in chamber ensemble: strings/winds and piano*
 - Herta Hansena** *Pedagogical Practices in Chamber Ensemble Education*
- 17:00 Coffee break
- 17:15 **Keynote: Francesca Zini**, International Consultant, Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition. *Recent Developments in Chamber Music Competitions.*
- 18:00 Concert (Great Hall)
- 20:00 Dinner (JVLMA cafeteria)

Saturday 11 April

- 10:00 Masterclasses
- 10:00 Board Meeting (reserved for Board members)
- 11.30 A tour through the Old Town (students and educators optional)
- 13:30 Lunch (JVLMA cafeteria)
- 14:30 ECMTA Thematic Work Groups
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 17:00 Concert (Great Hall)
- 19:30 Conference Dinner** Restaurant "Gutenbergs" Doma laukums 1 (reservation required, see inscription forms, fixed menu 25 EUR)

Sunday 12 April

- 10:00 Masterclasses
- 10:00 Thematic Workgroups
- 11:30 ECMTA General Meeting
- 13:00 Lunch (JVLMA cafeteria)
- 15:00 Final Concert (Great Hall)
- Departure

Practical information

HOTEL

Hotel „Konventa Seta” Kaleju Str. 9/11
www.konventa.lv – 10` walking distance from the Academy
Reservation possible online with promo code ECMTA – special price 40 EUR p/SGL p/night incl.breakfast. It is possible to book also DBL/TWIN for special price 45 EUR p/night incl.breakfast.
Reservation deadline – **28.02.2014**. After the deadline reservation possible depending on availability.

Link to online reservation:

<http://www.hotelkolonna.com/hotels/riga/konventa-seta/en/>

In case of problems with online reservation, it is possible to send request by mail to

reservations@konventa.lv – mentioning the same code ECMTA.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport RIGA.

Air Baltic provides direct flights to many cities in Europe. Online reservation www.airbaltic.com

Ground transportation from APT:

Air Baltic or Red Cab taxi – approx. 12 EUR one way

Air Baltic Airport Express <https://www.airbaltic.com/en/riga-airport-express> - 5 EUR one way

MEALS (at delegates' own expense)

Academy Cafeteria

Lunch and dinner – approx. 12 EUR p/day: salads, soup, choice of meat/fish main course, dessert, juice, coffee

Saturday evening Conference Dinner (25 EUR. Reservations compulsory: see inscription forms)

Restaurant "Gutenbergs"

<http://www.gutenbergs.eu/en/restaurants/restaurant-gutenbergs>

Other restaurants

<http://www.keytoriga.lv>

<http://www.neiburgs.com>

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