



BOYS' CHOIR "DAGILĖLIS"

The Šiauliai Boys' Choir "Dagilėlis" is one of Lithuania's most distinguished and distinctive choral ensembles, acclaimed both at home and abroad for its artistic maturity and exceptional sound. A regular presence on the concert stage and a recipient of the highest honours at international competitions, the choir is warmly welcomed in concert halls, festivals and major musical events across many countries. Audiences are captivated by the resonant voices of its young singers, the sensitivity of its interpretations, its emotional power and remarkable choral unity. The ensemble's significant contribution to the cultural life of Šiauliai and Lithuania, to the preservation of choral singing traditions and to the promotion of Lithuanian choral culture worldwide has been recognised with letters of commendation and diplomas from Presidents of the Republic of Lithuania, as well as "Golden Bird" awards. The choir has also received the special prize "Our Name Is Lithuania" for fostering the tradition of Lithuania's Song Celebrations, inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The Šiauliai Boys' Choir "Dagilėlis" was founded in 1990 and has been led ever since by Remigijus Adomaitis – an outstanding figure in Lithuanian choral culture, a conductor, educator and tireless champion of choral music. His artistic vision, teaching talent and ability to unite young people through music laid the foundation not only for the remarkable creative history of "Dagilėlis", but also for the Šiauliai "Dagilėlis" School of Singing, established in 1999. Over more than three decades, this carefully cultivated musical tradition has developed into a distinctive and recognisable model of choral education. Today, the name "Dagilėlis" is synonymous with artistic excellence, the education of young singers, and the representation of the city of Šiauliai in Lithuania and around the world.

For more than three decades, the voices of "Dagilėlis" have resounded in some of the world's most celebrated and distinctive concert venues. The choir's artistic journey includes performances at the Berlin State Opera Unter den Linden, the Philharmonie Luxembourg, the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, the Grand Hall of the Lithuanian National Philharmonic, the Maria Laach Abbey Church, and many other outstanding venues across Europe, the United States and Asia. Another exceptional stage has now been added to the choir's artistic biography: the renowned Berlin Philharmonie, where the audience honoured the "Dagilėlis" performance with a standing ovation. Over more than three decades, the choir has not only won international acclaim through its music but has also become a prominent ambassador for the choral culture of Šiauliai and Lithuania worldwide.

From North America to China and the great musical centers of Europe, performances by "Dagilėlis" are greeted with enthusiastic ovations and high praise from music professionals. Memorable appearances at the Cathedral of St Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C., United States, Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, United Kingdom, the Lithuanian National Philharmonic, and in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Poland and other countries have repeatedly won the acclaim of audiences. The performance by "Dagilėlis" at the Collingwood Music Festival in Canada attracted particular attention: the festival organizers presented the ensemble as one of the leading choirs in the Baltic region, described its music-making as world-class artistry, and hailed the concert as an unforgettable musical event distinguished by resonant voices and emotional power.

"Dagilėlis" also shares a special bond with audiences in the United States. The choir has returned to the country for the fifth time, and this year took part in the prestigious Idaho International Choral Festival, as well as performing at the Stephens Performing Arts Center. The exceptionally warm reception once again demonstrated that the choir's music transcends linguistic and cultural boundaries, and that the voices of Lithuania's young singers are eagerly awaited and deeply appreciated across the Atlantic.

Large-scale vocal and symphonic works hold a special place in the artistic biography of “Dagilėlis”, demanding a high level of vocal mastery, musical maturity and professionalism from its young singers. In collaboration with leading Lithuanian orchestras, choirs, conductors and soloists, “Dagilėlis” has prepared and performed an impressive repertoire of international and Lithuanian music. This broad repertoire enables “Dagilėlis” to excel not only as an independent concert choir, but also as an equal partner in major professional music projects.

The high artistic standard of “Dagilėlis” is reflected in its impressive record of success at international competitions. For more than two decades, the choir has earned the highest honours at prestigious choral competitions across the world. Its collection of achievements includes Grand Prix awards, gold medals, gold diplomas and first prizes at competitions in Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, China, Latvia, Slovakia, Poland and Lithuania. Among its most notable triumphs are the Grand Prix and two gold medals at the Mundi Cantat International Choir Competition in Olomouc; the Grand Prix and first prize at the International Sacred Music Competition in Kaunas; first prize and a gold medal at the prestigious Guido d’Arezzo Competition in Italy; first prize and a gold award at the International Choir Festival and Competition in Beijing; and a gold diploma and GRAND PRIX at the “Song to Mary” International Choir Competition in Częstochowa.

- Gold Diploma and GRAND PRIX at the 13th “Song to Mary” International Choir Competition in Częstochowa (2024, Poland)
- First prize at the 10th ISOLA DEL SOLE International Choir Festival and Competition in Grado (2022, Italy)
- First prize at the 21st International Youth Music Festival and Competition in Bratislava (2022, Slovakia)
- First prize at the Silver Bells International Music Festival and Competition in Daugavpils (2019, Latvia)
- Named Overall Best Choir and awarded the Grand Prix at the “We Are the Children of Lithuania” Festival and Competition in Klaipėda (2015, Lithuania)
- First prize and Gold Award at the International Choir Festival and Competition in Beijing (2014, China)
- First prize at the Vratislavia Sacra International Choir Festival and Competition in Wrocław (2013, Poland)
- First prize at the International Choir Competition in Lecco (2010, Italy)
- GRAND PRIX and First Prize at the International Sacred Music Competition in Kaunas (2007, Lithuania)
- GRAND PRIX and two gold medals at the Mundi Cantat International Choir Competition in Olomouc (2006, Czech Republic)
- First prize at the International Choir Competition in Rome (2004, Italy)
- First prize at the International Advent Music Competition in Prague (2002, Czech Republic)
- First prize at the Music World International Competition in Fivizzano (2000, Italy)
- First Prize and gold medal at the Guido d’Arezzo International Choir Competition in Arezzo (1999, Italy)
- First prize at the “Dainų versmė 98” International Children’s and Youth Choir Festival (1998, Lithuania)
- First prize at the International Choir Competition in Giessen (1997, Germany).



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