



Jāzeps Vītola Latvian Music Academy /JVLMA/ symphonic orchestra (artistic director and conductor assoc. prof. Andris Vecumnieks, orchestra conductor assoc. prof. Jānis Puriņš) currently presents 6 – 7 concerts a year, performing with Latvian conductors (Viesturs Gailis, Imants Resnis, Normunds Šnē u.c.), as well as with foreign conductors (Enhbārtars Bātaržavs, Kolins Meters, Leifs Segerstams, Pērs Burīns, Lucs Kēlers, Timotijs Reinišs, Ērika Neidlingera, Jālčins Adigezalovs, Deniss Severins u.c.).

In recent years during the Student Orchestra season presented Valsts svētku koncertus (Jāzeps Vītola Latvian Music Academy, Lielajā Ģildē, Ķīpsalā), concerting in Latvian regional centres – Liepājā, Rēzeknē (Latgale's folk festival *Gōrs*), Daugavpilī, Jelgavā, Cēsīs (Vidzeme's folk festival *Cēsis*), Madonā, Gulbenē, Kuldīgā u.c., being the star conductor of the III round of the Jāzeps Vītola international conductor competition, regularly collaborating with VSIA *Latvian Concerts*, participating in children and youth music education projects, participating in XXIV Vispārējos Latvian Song and Dance Festivals 2008. year, Pasauls koru olimpiādē 2014. year and other current Latvian concert events. In 2002. and 2004. year JVLMA symphonic orchestra participated in youth orchestra summer festival *Young Euro Classic* in Berlin, conducted by Imanta Rešņa and Andra Vecumnieka.

Orchestra's mission – not only to provide a collective and practice base for studio programs *Instrumental Music* and *Symphonic Orchestra Conducting* for students, but also to provide a venue for activities and quality of work for students outside the studio process.

Clavier duo Antra and Normunds Vīksnes have performed in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Germany, Somalia, Sweden, Denmark, England, France, Spain, ASV, Canada, Ukraine and other countries. They have participated in many international chamber music festivals. They have recorded for Latvian radio and television, and released CDs. Clavier duo has performed in many concert halls, both classical and modern authors' works, many of them have been premiered in Latvia. Composers S. Mence, A. Vecumnieks, J. Karlsons, R. Jermaks, R. Kalsons, D. Aperāne, V. Līce, N. Gothams, Č. B. Grifins and others have premiered their works. The duo has collaborated with Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, Jāzeps Medīna Music School Orchestra, Quintus Anima quintet, as well as with soloists E. Saksonu, R. Manuilovu, A. Sīmani, A. Abelīti, A. Nelsonu, G. Pabērzu, L. Puzuli and others. Antra and Normunds Vīksnes have won first prize in the I International Clavier Duo Competition in Lithuania (1997), *The New York Pro Piano Recital Series* finalists ASV (2001). For Latvian composer's promotion and active concert activity in Latvia and abroad Antra and Normunds Vīksnes in 2001. year presented the Latvian national symphonic orchestra - Great Music Balva.

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