



Symphonised compositions of the band “Pērkons” at the Theatre House “Jūras vārti”

2023. On 14 February 2023, at 7:00 PM, the Theatre House “Jūras vārti” in Ventspils will be presenting a special concert programme by the Latvian rock veterans “Pērkons” and the Liepāja Symphony Orchestra, which will feature symphonised compositions of the band. For this programme, the songs have been arranged by the composer Andris Sējāns.

“The band “Pērkons is the rock icon of Latvia, composed of legendary personalities. (...) The long-awaited first programme will feature a symphony orchestra, but not any orchestra – it had to be the Liepāja Symphony Orchestra,” points out the LSO director Uldis Lipskis.

“This programme will differ from other similar projects in that it will feature a symphony orchestra and the band “Pērkons”, and not the other way round. Thus, we emphasise the word “symphonised”, which means that the symphony orchestra will be the ones performing the music of “Pērkons”,” says the band leader and author of all compositions Juris Kulakovs.

“Figuratively speaking, this concert will be like riding a great, new, and comfortable Mercedes for one hour and 20 minutes. I expect that each song performed by “Pērkons” will acquire new nuances and colours created through the successful arrangement of band’s songs by the symphony orchestra,” say the band’s guitarist and Juris Sējāns, whereas the lead singer and Minister of Culture, Nauris Puntulis, adds: “I am truly looking forward to the upcoming concert, and I am certain that we will hear the song “Mēs pārtiekam viens no otra” in Ventspils.”

Compositions for this programme were selected by the composer Juris Kulakovs himself. “Given that these pieces have been composed as academic music, they could be easily symphonised,” explains the composer, whose work is characterised by a combination of rock’n’roll and academic music.

The symphony orchestra will perform both the classic hits of “Pērkons”, including “Gandrīz tautasdziesma”, “Balāde par gulbi”, “Baletomānija”, “Zaļā dziesma”, “Dienišķā dziesma” and less known compositions, such as “Lidojums (Fly)” and “Tramvajs”.

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The concert tickets are available in the sales network “Biļešu Paradīze” and online: www.bilesuparadize.lv.

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