



## Musicians to Pay Tribute to the Memory of Singer Alex at “Jūras vārti”

On 23 April at 16.00, the memory of Alex (1962 – 2021), the owner of a unique voice and the long-standing lead singer of the band “Opus Pro”, will be honoured at the theatre house “Jūras vārti” with the concert “Zvaigznes ceļš” (The Path of a Star). Alex’s most popular songs will be performed by his daughter Aija Andrejeva and other singers and bands.

Aija Andrejeva, guitarist and author of many hits of the band “Opus Pro” Harijs Zariņš, singers Jānis Aišpurs, Atis Ieviņš, Dināra Rudāne, Antra Stafecka, bands “Colt”, “Lai me pilnīga” and “Laika suns” will take the stage at the concert in “Jūras vārti”. The musicians will perform the best-known songs of the band “Opus Pro” – “Es eju tevi zagāt” (I’m Going to Steal You), “Rozā lietus” (Pink Rain), “Dzimene” (Motherland), “Tu un Es” (You and Me), “Mīļais” (Dear), “Pēdējā pietura” (Last Stop), “Šonakt” (Tonight), “Brīvību Baltijai” (Freedom for the Baltics), “Svētuguns” (Sacred Fire), “Kā neviens” (Like Nobody) and others.

The role of the host will be played by Liepāja Theatre actor Egons Dombrovskis. The event is directed by Maija Kalniņa.

The idea for the tour “Zvaigznes ceļš” came to the singer’s daughter Aija Andrejeva after the first memorial concert for Alex in August last year. “Together we built the most beautiful and biggest monument to my old rocker dad Alex. This monument is full of human love, joy, tears, that magic electricity called rock’n’roll and warm, warm light. I have to admit, it’s hard to encapsulate the whole range of emotions that I feel,” Aija admitted after the first concert. Similar emotions await the audience in Ventspils, where the first concert of the tour in Kurzeme will take place.

Alex, or Oļegs Andrejevs, played in a folk ensemble when he was still studying at vocational school, followed by the participation in the band “Metronoms”, in which he played drums as well as in the ensemble at the vocational school, and as a soloist in the Latvian Philharmonic ensemble “Opus”. Since 1986, he has been the lead vocalist of “Opus Pro” and its most recognisable member. In the early 1990s Alex was a member of the Latvian band “Rīga” in the USA together with Ainars Virga, Uldis Marhilēvičs, Igo and Guntis Vecgailis, and recorded the album “Rīga in America”, which was released only in 2015.

After a long creative hiatus, Alex returned to the stage in 2011, touring extensively with “Opus Pro”, guitarist and former bandmate Harijs Zariņš and his daughter Aija.

The concert in Ventspils is organised by SIA “Kurzemes filharmonija” with the financial support of the Ventspils State City Municipality.

Tickets for the concerts are available at “Bijēšu Paradīze” sales points and online: [www.bilesuparadize.lv](http://www.bilesuparadize.lv), as well as at the box offices of the theatre house “Jūras vārti” and the concert hall “Latvija”.