



# Marija Naumova to Celebrate Her Anniversary with a Special Concert in Ventspils

On 6 August, at the end of the Ventspils City Festival, singer Marija Naumova will delight fans of her talent with a concert programme specially created for Ventspils at the Concert Hall "Latvija".

Singer Marija Naumova celebrates a beautiful anniversary this year, also looking back on 30 years of music on stage. Ventspils is still a city dear to her heart, as so many beautiful memories and events are connected with it. The Eurovision triumph that started in Ventspils is indelible in memory.

The special guest of the concert will be French guitarist and composer Sebastien Giniaux, with the participation of Maria's long-time friends, musicians Rolands Beļevičs (keyboards, accordion), Norberts Skraucis (double bass), Andris Buiķis (percussion), Līga Robežniece (backing vocals) and Jegors Kovaikovs (guitar).

The evening programme of the anniversary concert will be a retrospective musical story, featuring Maria's most popular songs from the albums "Ieskaties acīs", "Ma Voix, Ma Voie", "Uz ilūziju tilta". They include music by Raimonds Pauls, Niks Matvejevs, Valdis Atāls with lyrics by Jānis Peters, Māra Zāļīte, Marats Samauskis, Guntars Račs, and more.

The concert will not forget the lovely collaboration with Astra Skrābāne from Ventspils, who created the beautiful lyrics in French. There will also be a performance of a brand new piece, which is being written for the special occasion of Maria's anniversary. And, as befits a celebration, there will be guests and surprises.

Although Marija has been involved in theatre since childhood and played her first role at the age of 10, she gradually turned to music and singing. She took part in various competitions for young singers and in 1998 released her first solo album with songs by Raimonds Pauls. Two years later, Naumova made her debut in the national selection of the Eurovision Song Contest and won it in 2002 with "I Wanna". At the Eurovision Grand Final in Tallinn the singer took to the stage under the pseudonym *Marie N*, charming everyone not only with her song but also with her striking performance, thus winning the whole contest. It was the first and so far the only Eurovision victory in the history of Latvian pop music.

During her career, she has released nine albums with songs in several languages.

The concert is organised by SIA "Kurzemes filharmonija". Tickets are available from the ticket sales network "Biļešu paradīze".