



LITHUANIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Founded in 1960 by Professor Saulius Sondeckis the LITHUANIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (LCO) today enters its sixtieth season. The LCO is one of the most outstanding and highly acclaimed Lithuanian ensembles in the world. For twelve years, since 2008, the renowned violin virtuoso Sergej Krylov has served as its artistic director and conductor.

Over the years tour itineraries of the Orchestra, the ambassador of Lithuanian music art, have covered the length and breadth of Europe, reached both Americas, the Republic of South Africa, Japan, China, Australia and Iceland. The LCO has graced the stages of Berlin Philharmonie and Vienna's Musikverein, London's Royal Festival Hall, Rome's Santa Cecilia, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Leipzig's Gewandhaus, Paris' Salle Pleyel and Salle Gaveau and many more. The LCO has collaborated with Mstislav Rostropovich, Gidon Kremer, Yuri Bashmet, David Geringas and other prominent musicians. The great musician and humanist Lord Yehudi Menuhin left a deep imprint on the Orchestra's biography.

The LCO performed with violinists Julian Rachlin, Vadim Repin and Sergej Krylov, viola players Maxim Rysanov and Hartmut Rohde, cellists Mischa Maisky and Denis Shapovalov, pianists Mūza Rubackytė, Andrius Žlabys, Lukas Geniušas, Dmitri Bashkirov and Alessandro Deljavan, flutist Denis Bouriakov, conductors Ronald Zollman and Modestas Pitrenas, as well as composer, pianist and conductor Ezio Bosso. In recent years the LCO has given concerts in Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland, Slovenia, Poland, China, Italy, Costa Rica and Lebanon.

In addition to baroque and classical masterpieces, interpretations of contemporary music occupy an important place in the Orchestra's concert programs. Being an ardent champion of the works of Lithuanian composers, the LCO often performs opuses by Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis, Eduardas Balsys, Julius Juzeliūnas, Osvaldas Balakauskas, Teisutis Makačinas, Jonas Tamulionis, Algirdas Martinaitis, Mindaugas Urbaitis, Arvydas Malcys, Vidmantas Bartulis, Raminta Šerkšnytė, Justė Janulytė and Loreta Narvilaitė.

The LCO has recorded over 100 vinyl and CDs showcasing the most diverse repertoire. In 2016, Deutsche Grammophon, the world's most renowned classical music record label, released the first CD of the Lithuanian ensemble featuring the LCO and Sergej Krylov in Antonio Vivaldi's Four Seasons as well as Concerti No. 8 and No. 9 for violin and strings. With this CD, the LCO became the first Lithuanian ensemble to enter the elite of the world's classical music.

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