

# President Edgars Rinkēvičs renews the tradition of composer Raimonds Pauls in Riga Castle

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On the initiative of the President Edgars Rinkēvičs, the tradition of honouring people from various fields for their work for Latvia with a concert will be renewed on 9 December in the Riga Castle.

‘So far, as President of Latvia, I have visited several Latvian cities and regions. In every region of Latvia, you can meet talented, enterprising and selfless people. These are Latvian people about whom we do not know much in everyday life, but they are not afraid to do, and they succeed. This is true, for example, of entrepreneurs in the regions, highly qualified specialists in hospitals and social care institutions, and talented educators in Latvian schools. This is also true of our creative people who have dedicated their lives, talents and intellect to Latvian culture. Therefore, I would like to express my gratitude for their work, their achievements and their contribution to Latvia through a musical tribute. It is on such people that Latvia is built,’ said President Edgars Rinkēvičs.

This musical tradition was started by composer Raimonds Pauls during the presidency of President Guntis Ulmanis. On 9 December, this musical tradition will be revived in the Riga Castle with the music of Raimonds Pauls performed by actor Andris Keiņš and the Maestro himself at the piano. The first families to be invited to the event are those who have met with President Rinkēvičs during his visits to Latvia's regions and who are doing business in Krāslava, Kuldīga, Balvi, Ādaži, Talsi and Jēkabpils municipalities. The concert invites Latvian cultural personalities who celebrated important anniversaries this.

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