



2011 West Coast Estonian Days

August 3-7, 2011, Portland, Oregon

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The Portland LEP2011 festival organizing committee has been working diligently to create a profound and memorable festival, which we hope will take this 56 year old tradition into the hearts of the new generation of Estonian-Americans. We have many new events planned to spark the interests of our youth all the way to our elderly. We hope to rekindle Estonian passion in our West Coast communities, and also with the many Friends of Estonians among us!

Rahvapidu/Folk Picnic

Come and join us for a day in the park for the traditional Folk Picnic. We will be showcasing a fabulous lineup of talent from Estonia as well Portland. We will enjoy performances from the Estonian folk band Kihnu Poisid, who will perform traditional Kihnu sailor songs, and the folk dance group Kajakas who will be performing traditional Estonian folk dances.

We will also have Virve Lääne and Ahto Nurk of Estonia performing a wide range of Estonian songs and conducting a sing-a-long where you can learn new songs and sing with

Virve and Ahto. Also performing traditional and contemporary Estonian folk songs will be the Trillium Voices from Portland.

Some of the activities for the young and young at heart will be volleyball, tug of war, boot toss, nature trail walk, a pirate ship, maze, and paddle boats. There is also a swimming pool for your use.

A traditional chicken barbeque with oven baked beans, corn on the cob, garden green salad, red potato and pasta salads, coleslaw, rolls, sliced watermelon, lemonade, ice tea, water and coffee will be served for a late lunch. Alcoholic beverages for sale in the park are for **cash only**. (No ATM on site.)

So start out your weekend of dancing and singing with us at Alderbrook Park Resort and don't forget we will have bus service to and from the park for an additional fee.

Are you interested in having a volleyball tournament among the cities who are attending the festival? If you are, please send an e-mail indicating your interest to Krista. (E-mail below)

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More Rooms on Hold for Estonian Days

As of March 21, 2011, there are a larger number of DoubleTree Hotel rooms available on hold for LEP2011 from Thursday, August 4, through Sunday, August 7.

However, we were unable to increase the number of rooms held for Wednesday, August 3, because of another overlapping convention. Those rooms will open to the public after July 10, 2011. Please try again reserving for Wednesday night at that time.

Until we are able to add rooms to our contract block for Wednesday, August 3, we recommend you reserve one night at the Courtyard by Marriott Portland Downtown

at Lloyd Center, 435 NE Wasco Street, Portland, OR 97232, telephone [503-234-3200](tel:503-234-3200).

You should still make a reservation at the DoubleTree Hotel beginning Thursday, August 4, 2011 until your departure from LEP2011. DoubleTree Hotel shuttle buses will be available to assist with your move to the DoubleTree Hotel.

We sincerely apologize for your inconvenience. We are glad to report that participation at LEP2011 exceeds our original estimates.

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Hõissa Tuljak!

A musical extravaganza!

Our choral and folk dance program is presented through the narration of "Tuljak", Estonia's most famous song and dance.



Singers, dancers, musicians, and children from Estonia, Canada, and the West Coast join together in a musical interpretation of this much-loved wedding story. Our own "Viru vanem" and his lovely wife invite us to gather in the village square. There, we meet the young couple Tõnni and

Manni, and join in celebrating their marriage. Audience participation is encouraged with several sing-a-longs and a community waltz.

Participating in this grand production is a cast of over 250 performers!

Groups performing are Kihnu Poisid, Ahto Nurk and Virve Lääne, Kajakas folk dance troupe from Pärnu, Unistus choir, Clackamas Community College Chamber Choir, Trillium Voices Ensemble, Kungla folk dance troupe from Toronto, The Toronto choir, the Hamilton choir, Kilplased folk dance troupe from Vancouver BC, Keerutajad folk dance troupe from Vancouver BC, the Vancouver BC choir, Leelo women's ensemble, Tuhandest Tuultest folk dance troupe from Seattle, the Seattle choir, the San Francisco choir, Tulehoidjad folk dance troupe from Portland, the Portland choir, and the childrens choir and folk dance troupe from various West Coast cities.

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Outdoor Worship Service at The Grotto

The outdoor worship service will be held at "The Grotto" (www.thegrotto.org), a beautiful and serene destination on the "must visit list" in Portland. Large fir trees and rhododendrons surround the sanctuary and provide a calm, natural setting. The heart of the shrine is a rock cave carved into the 110 foot rock cliff.

Bishop Andres Taul, from Toronto, Ontario, and Pastor Hendrik Laur, from Olympia, Washington, will conduct the worship service beginning at 9:00 o'clock on Saturday morning.

The 150 member LEP2011 choir, consisting of Unistus, Clackamas Community College Chamber Choirs, members of Estonian mixed choirs from the West Coast and from Ontario, Canada, will perform during the service.

The combined choirs will perform "Tee silmapiirile", by Rene Eespere, "Taaveti laul", by Cyrillus Kreek, "Hoia, Jumal, Eestit", by Juhan Aavik, "Eestimaa palve", by Elle-Eha Are, and "Heliseb väljadel", by Urmas Sisask.

Join us, for a beautiful religious and musical experience, as we celebrate our faith in Christ on this wonderful summer morning!

Andres Taul was born in Tartu on 11 August, 1936 into a clerical family. He began his studies in Ireland and Germany, and graduated from Oxford University with his bachelors and masters degrees. He defended his doctoral dissertation in the US in 1966. He was ordained by Archbishop Kõpp in 1961, the last pastor to be ordained by him.

Bishop Taul has served Estonian congregations in England, the USA, and Canada. He has been the pastor of the Toronto St. Peter's congregation since 1982. In 1988 he was the first pastor of the E.E.L.K. (Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church) to visit Estonia. He was the first chairman of the church's Song and Prayer Book committee, and a visiting lecturer and the first chaplain at the University of Tartu. He had the idea to restore the congregation at the university, and did so.

His wife, Eneri Taul, is an architect. The couple has a son, and two daughters, all of whom live in Canada. Andres' father, Jaak (b. 1905) and his sisters Virge and Tiina live in England. Andres Taul has been honored with the medal of the Estonian Red Cross for his role in the preservation of Estonian culture in Canada.



Visiting Groups will Entertain Us

Kajakas – Kungla Concert:

The folk dance concert by our two farthest folk dance troupes promises to be a feast for the eyes and ears! "Kajakas" from Pärnu and "Kungla" from Toronto will both perform awesome dances at this concert.

Kajakas:

The "Kajakas" advanced youth folk dance troupe will delight us with their high-energy dances, precision and fancy footwork just as they have throughout Europe.

Kungla:

"Why isn't there a dance group in Toronto anymore?" That question was asked by many people, and therefore, some former dancers and board members got together in the fall of 2009. After asking that same question again, we started talking about how to form a dance group in Toronto again. Was there even enough interest amongst kids and their parents to start up a children's group again?

In January 2010 practices began again. The children's group practiced on Saturdays after Lasteaed and brownie and cub meetings, and the older group practiced on Wednesdays in the Great Hall at the Estonian House. In total,

we had over sixty dancers. Seems that there are people interested in dancing in Toronto after all!

Laulame koos:

Come learn new Estonian folk songs!

Ahto Nurk and Virve Lääne from Tallinn will teach us new songs and lead everyone in sing-alongs. They are the leaders of the popular singing club "Laulurõõm" in Tallinn. Our "Laulame koos" sing-alongs will be held numerous times throughout the festival, at Rahvapidu as well as in Kuld Lõvi. They will teach us new songs each time. Bring your singing voice, or come to just listen! Please check the schedule for the times and come to each one!



Golf Tournament Planned

The LEP golf outing will be at the Heron Lakes Golf Course (greenback course) www.heronlakesgolf.com which is 10 minutes from the Doubletree Hotel on Saturday August 6th with the first tee-off 8:00 am.

For those who require transportation to and from the golf course rides will be provided at 7:00 am. There will be a barbecue lunch starting at 1:00 pm. The cost of the outing

is \$85.00 per person which includes green fees, the lunch and prizes.

Additional optional costs to be paid by individuals at the day of the tournament are a) Carts \$26.00 or \$13.00 shared, b) Rental Clubs \$25.00 a set and c) Driving range balls \$3.50 a basket. The cutoff date for signing up for the tournament is July 15th on a first come basis. There is a limit of 24 golfers.

Become a Sponsor of LEP2011

The West Coast Estonian Days 2011 (LEP2011) would love to have your name, picture or logo, and web site link displayed here on our site. Hundreds of people visit our web site, most of those are interested in Estonian arts and craft. Several hundred will be attending LEP2011 on August 3-7, 2011.

For a one-time donation of \$50 you may have an entry just like this through the end of 2012.

In addition your name will be printed in the festival program as a sponsor of the West Coast Estonian Days.

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Opening Ceremony and Choral Concert

The opening ceremony commences with a regal procession of West Coast Estonian Festival Emblems from 1953 through the current festival.

The featured work of the concert is Cyrillus Kreek's "Requiem", the first requiem ever written by an Estonian composer. Kreek composed this majestic piece between



1925 to 1927. It was first performed on October 20, 1929 in Tallinn, by the Estonian Music Department mixed choir and the Estonian Symphonic Orchestra.

This monumental composition is truly magnificent, with discernable themes from Estonian folk music. The Opening Ceremony Concert for the Estonian West Coast Festival of 2011 will be the

first performance of Kreek's "Requiem", with full orchestration, on the North American continent.

Lonnie Cline leads a combined choir of over 100 singers from Clackamas Community College Chamber Choir, Unistus Chamber Choir, members of Estonian mixed choirs from the West Coast and from Ontario, Canada, along with members from the Portland Symphonic Choir, Oregon Repertory Singers, the Bach Cantata Choir and the Oregon City High School Singers, together with a 32 member orchestra, in this memorable concert.

The second half of the concert features Estonian choral works such as "Koit" (Dawn) by Tõnis Mägi, "Mu Isamaa on minu arm" by Gustav Ernesaks was arguably the most important Estonian song during the Soviet occupation, "Laul põhjamaast" (Song of the Northern Land) by Ülo Vinter, "Lõikuse laul" by Gustav Ernesaks, and "Väikemaa" by Urmas Lattikas.

Lonnie Cline, Director of Vocal Activities at Clackamas Community College, holds a B.A. in Music Education, Vocal Specialist from Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID. He studied for an M.A. in Choral Conducting at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where he was a graduate teaching fellow and director of two University jazz ensembles. Clackamas Community College vocal groups have performed in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe. Most recently, the Chamber Singers toured Europe and performed in Tallinn, Estonia at the World Estonian Friendship Song and Dance Festival. Over the past 30 years, Lonnie Cline has served as adjudicator/clinician throughout the world. In 1998, he served as a Jazz artist/teacher in residence at the Georg Ots Music School in Estonia.

Lonnie Cline, Unistus, and the Clackamas Community College Chamber Choir, have been substantial supporters of the Portland Estonian Community through choral music since 1994.



Academic Lunch

During LEP members of Estonian academic organizations meet for lunch. We will get acquainted with our academic family and activities in Estonia as well as on the West Coast. We will discuss the role of academic organizations in the society 20 years after independence. High school and university students are welcome. Please wear your colors.

Seminars

LEP schedule includes seminars on diaspora and various other topics.