

SPEEDMEETINGS SUBSCRIPTION FORM

COMPANY : Baroque orchestra Collegium Musicum Riga & Collegium Choro Musici
Riga

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Describe your company in a few words :

The name of the **Baroque orchestra Collegium Musicum Riga** has been borrowed from an orchestra that performed in Riga in the 17th century. The existing orchestra was founded as an ensemble in year 1990 by **Maris Kupcs**, who is one of the most determined researchers of Baroque and Classicism music in Latvia. Since 2004, the Baroque Orchestra is 20 people baroque orchestra who play historical instruments, according to the historical interpretation and this is the only in Latvia and Baltic countries, yearly performing up to 30 concert programmes, including baroque opera performances in famous Rundale castle with dance group and historical costumes .

The Baroque orchestra *Collegium Musicum Riga* and professor Maris Kupcs have been nominated several times for different Latvian cultural awards and are sponsored by Latvian Ministry of Culture and City council of Riga

Baroque choir Collegium Choro Musici Riga was founded at the end of year 2010. The creation of this collective was inspired by the successful performance of Claudio Monteverdi's Vespro della Beata Vergine on 7th November 2010, in Riga. It was then that Maris Kupcs, the art director of this project, decided to contact the most promising musicians and encourage them to form a new collective that would specialise exactly in singing compositions of Renaissance, Baroque and Classicism and would collaborate with the already existing Baroque orchestra *Collegium Musicum Riga*. This idea was accepted with great enthusiasm among the young singers and twelve of them are now the principal members of the choir.

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Which project would you like to present during your speedmeeting sessions :

1. Music in the Riga and in the court of The Duchy of Courland 1585-1795

Lesser known music from local Latvian composers J.V.Meder, J Fischer, T.Campion, P.Bucaenus, F.A.Veichtner, J.G.Naumann, J.G.Muthel, recently discovered by Maris Kupcs

(16 orchestra musicians, 12 choir, dance group (4 dancers),

E.Simkus – soprano, S.Jegers – c.tenor)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGpkOELcTgc> (some local composer's music)

2. Italian Baroque arias and Early English songs

Elīna Šimkus –soprano, Collegium Musicum Riga (16 musicians)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drlqyt2ixKl>

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