BALTIC PRIDE
2013 VILNIUS
programme

July 13-31, 2013
July 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of decriminalisation of homosexuality in Lithuania. Since then the LGBT movement has made significant steps towards equality. The first LGBT organization Lithuanian Gay League was registered in 1995. Accession to the EU in 2004 saw the introduction of important anti-discrimination legislation. In 2009, Baltic Pride was established, with the three Baltic capitals taking turns to host the event. After years of LGBT people being denied their freedom of assembly, the first Pride in Lithuania was held in 2010.

There is of course still much to be achieved. Recent surveys have shown that homophobia, biphobia and transphobia continue to be a serious concern in our society. LGBT people are afraid to be open about their sexual orientation and gender identity. Proposals for homophobic amendments to the law are being introduced in parliament.

Now we celebrate the second Pride in Lithuania, bringing together the LGBT community, activists and allies from the Baltic countries and the wider European community. It is a time to look back: the exhibition From Dusk till Dawn will present the 20-year history and achievements of the LGBT movement in Lithuania. It is also a time to look to the future: the international human rights conference will gather experts and activists to discuss a roadmap for LGBT equality. We want Baltic Pride to look as diverse as its participants, with events ranging from poetry readings and zine workshops to a film festival and discussions on human rights, all culminating in Saturday’s March for Equality.

We warmly invite you to Vilnius and Baltic Pride to participate, discuss, be inspired and take an important step towards equality and diversity.

On behalf of Baltic Pride organisers, Vladimir Simonko, Lithuanian Gay League Board Chair
Amnesty International supports Baltic Pride because it is about fundamental rights like freedom of expression and assembly. A Pride parade is an important manifestation of the freedom of assembly and gives the kind of visibility that can help in creating change and tolerance in a society. Furthermore Amnesty is marching in solidarity with LGBTI people from the Baltic countries to demand equality. Amnesty participates in 2013 with 40 activists from all over Europe.
13-21 July

Opening **13 July, 18:00**

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**I Am the Other**

photography exhibition by **Remigijus Venckus**

A collection of nude photos created between 2007 and 2013, where the artist invites to meet the male body as the Other, who is only hinted at in Lithuanian public discourse. The artist’s main and newest photo series I Am the Other explores truths discussed in the Bible. In his other photography series, the artist uses the power of visual art to explore the sexuality and intimacy of the male body.

Organised by **Meno Duobé.**
Curator: **Monika Šlančauskaitė**

Location: **Vilniaus Kamerinis theater**
**Konstitucijos pr. 23B**

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**Friday 19 July**

**18:00**

**Banner workshop**

Get creative and make your own banner for the March for Equality.

Location: **LGBT Centre**
**A. Jakšto g. 22-15**

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23 July - 6 August
Opening Tuesday 23 July 18:00

From Dusk till Dawn - 20 years of LGBT Freedom in Lithuania

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Curator: Laima Kreivytė, assistant: Dalia Mikonytė, architect: Julija Reklaitė

Location: Contemporary Art Centre Vokiečių g. 2

Parallel event:
Photography exhibition by Aušra Volungė at Marija and Jurgis Šlapeliai House-Museum Pilies g. 40

Wednesday 24 July
13:00 – 18:00

Queer Zine Fair

Fair for independent, non-profit self-publications with a queer sensibility. Zines from around the world, talks and workshops.

Location: Contemporary Art Centre Reading Room Vokiečių g. 2

More information: queerzinefair.tumblr.com
24 July – 7 August
Opening 24 July 17:00

Photography exhibition by Aušra Volungė

In 2001-2002 Aušra Volungė rented a flat in Kaunas street together with her drag queen friends. She documented mundane performances of femininity with empathy and fascination. The photographer shares her close observations from the position of an insider, continuing Nan Goldin’s tradition of intimate photography.

Curator: Laima Kreivytė
Location: Marija and Jurgis Šlapeliai House-Museum, Pilies g. 40, Vilnius

19:00

Literature reading with Eileen Myles

Eileen Myles is a poet and writer from New York City who has produced more than twenty volumes of poetry, fiction, nonfiction and performance pieces over the last three decades. Winner of the 2011 Lambda award for lesbian fiction.

Location: Contemporary Art Centre Reading Room
Vokiečių g. 2
Language: English
Thursday 25 July
16:00

Presentation: Gender Equality Index

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)'s presentation will focus on presenting the Gender Equality Index, a composite indicator that synthesises the complexity of gender equality into a user-friendly and easily interpretable measure.

The presentation will focus on the Index results and the value it adds to provide an overview of how far or close the EU and its Member States have come towards achieving gender equality.

Subsequently, the session will outline the key messages arising from this first Gender Equality Index as well as highlight the existing data gaps in particular in the domains measuring Violence and Intersecting Inequalities.

Location: European Institute for Gender Equality Resource and Documentation Centre Entry Point Vilniaus g. 10
Language: English
Kitoks Kinas LGBT Film Festival

The second edition of the LGBT film festival Kitoks Kinas is taking place in Vilnius on 25–31 July 2013. All the films are screened in original language with Lithuanian and English subtitles. Admittance to screenings and festival events is completely free.

More about the festival, films and events: www.kitokskinas.lt.

Location: Skalvija Cinema
A. Goštauto g. 2/15

Official Baltic Pride Party

Location: SOHO Club
Švitrųgailos g. 7/16
International Human Rights Conference: Towards a European Roadmap for LGBT Equality

The conference provides an opportunity to look at the progress of LGBT* rights across Europe and assess the work that is still to be done to ensure that EU citizenship rights are followed.

Location: Tolerance Centre Naugarduko g. 10/2
Registration required

LGBTQ youth on EU youth policy agenda?

IGLYO presents a workshop on inclusion of LGBTQ youth and student issues in the EU Youth policy-making, also presenting IGLYO’s work in the policy and advocacy field, the latest research on LGBTQ youth and student issues. Come and discuss your ideas on how better to serve and
represent LGBTQ youth and students around Europe.

Location: European Institute for Gender Equality Resource and Documentation Centre Entry Point
Vilniaus g. 10
Language: English

15:00

People like ME

Young activists from Mozaika (Latvia) and Estonian LGBT Association present a workshop where you’ll be able to meet other LGBTIQ people, encourage each other, soak up positive energy and strengthen your identity.

Location: European Institute for Gender Equality Resource and Documentation Centre Entry Point
Vilniaus g. 10
Language: English

17:30

From a Strange Vantage Point

Photography exhibition by Virgilijus Šonta (1952–1992)

“Photography helps to make the junction with the world. If we want this junction to be true, not
imaginary, we must be able to look at the world with the eyes of a stranger. Then it opens more clearly”. Photographs from the series “Flight” (1977-1979) and “School is my home” (1980-1983) reveal the fragility of the human body and the loneliness of mentally disabled children. High and low, inside and outside, private and public are in constant tension in Šonta’s photographs from the collection of the Modern Art Center.

Curator: Laima Kreivytė
Location: Modern Art Center, Literatų g. 8, Vilnius

22:00

Official Baltic Pride Party Starring BETTY

Location: SOHO Club Švitrigailos g. 7/16

Saturday 27 July

12:00

Gather for March for Equality

Please check up-to-date information and instructions at www.lgl.lt or www.facebook.com/BalticPride
13:00 – 16:00

March for Equality

19:00

The Interpreter

Free performance of the play ‘The Interpreter’ written by Laima Vincė and directed by Alicia Gian (USA) and Marius Mačiulis (LT). Seating is on a first come first serve basis and subject to capacity. Please arrive early for best seating. The house opens at 6:30. For more information on the production please visit www.vkamerinisteatras.lt

Language: Mixed language production – Lithuanian and English

Location: Vilniaus Kamerinis Teatras / Vilnius Chamber Theatre
Konstitucijos pr. 23B

22:00

Official Baltic Pride Closing Party

Location: SOHO Club
Švitrūgailos g. 7/16
Sunday 28 July

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Tuesday 30 July

Queer words – poetry and prose readings

Lithuanian poets and writers present literature readings with a queer angle.

Location: Contemporary Art Centre Reading Room
Vokiečių g. 2

Language: Lithuanian
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**A. Goštauto g. 2/15, Vilnius**

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*25, 18.00 – Festival opening film (with invitations). The film is also screened on the 28th.

*26, 21.00 – Film “She Male Snails” presented by its director Ester Martin Bergsmark.

*27, 17.15 – Film “My Love – The Story of Poul and Mai” presented by its director Iben Haahr Andersen.

*28, 16.15 – José Arroyo’s lecture “Almodóvar’s cinema as gay cinema in the Spanish transition to democracy.” After the lecture – P. Almodóvar’s “Labyrinth of Passion.”

*31, 21.00 – Festival closing film (screened from 16mm film).
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Assistant – Dalia Mikonytė.
Organiser – Lithuanian Gay League (LGL).

Collateral events:

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