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#### **ENCOUNTERING A CULTURE WITH MULTIPLE INFLUENCES**

# JUNE 29TH TO JULY 3RD 2023 | TALLINN



The IIMM was invited to Tallinn by Mrs Heidy PURGA, Estonian Minister of Culture. This was a trip to meet leading representatives from the fields of culture, arts education and their respective institutions, as well as taking part in the not-to-be-missed Laulupidu International Music and Dance Festival.

Ms Margaret DECHENAUX was received by the team from the Estonian Ministry of Culture, with a series of fascinating encounters.

## MEETINGS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH:

- Ms Heidy PURGA, The Estonian Minister of Culture
- Mr Éric BULTEL, Director of the Estonian French Institute, Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Action at the French Embassy
- Ms Ulla KIHVA, in charge of cultural projects and communication at the French Embassy
- Ms Viljandi Kelly VEINBERG, Director of the traditional music department from the Academy of Culture
- Ms Marje TÕEMÄE, Director of the Culture Unit, Tallinn Department of Culture and Sport
- Ms Marion SELGALL, Head of the Concert and Performance Department at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre
- Ms Tarmo NOORMAA, Director of the Centre for Traditional Music/Viljandi Folk











### ${f V}$ ISITS TO EMBLEMATIC CULTURAL VENUES :











# PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL - LAULUPIDU





XIII Youth Song and Dance Celebration "Holy is the Land" Dance Festival performance «Bridges»

XIII Youth Song Celebration "Holy is the Land" Song Festival Grounds

# FEBRUARY 26TH TO MARCH 1RST 2024 | A NEW MASTER CLASS



At the end of this mission, an initial partnership is being set up in the form of a master-class to be held from February 26th to March 1rst 2024, honouring the archaic Estonian and Finno-Ugric vocal traditions, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Tallinn Academy of Arts. This repertoire is part of UNESCO's intangible heritage. Three teachers and ethnomusicologists from the Academy will be invited to take part.

# ..... NEXT PARTNERSHIP | FEBRUARY 2024 ,.......



• Forthcoming signing of the partnership agreement with Tallinn Academy of Arts, represented by Ms Viljandi Kelly VEINBERG