

Rolandas Aidukas

Choir conductor, teacher. Docent of the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theater, art director and conductor of the youth choir "Cantus gracilis" of the Vilnius Music School "Lyra", expert singing teacher, member of the Council of the Lithuanian Music Teachers Association.

Born in 1965 In Vilnius. 1984-1991 studied choral conducting at the Lithuanian State Conservatory (class of Prof. Antanas Jozėnas), 1991-1992. – Lithuanian Academy of Music Art postgraduate course (class of Prof. Karolis Rimtautas Kašponis).

Since 1991 still teaches at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theater. 1991-2007 Teacher at the Vilnius Juozos Tallat-Kelpšas Higher Music School (later - Vilnius Conservatory, Vilnius College, Vilnius Juozos Tallat-Kelpšas Conservatory).

1987-1993 Teacher of the branch of the Vilnius Bali Dvarion Decade School of Music. Since 1993 - Teacher of Vilnius Music School "Lyra", curator of solo and choral singing specializations, teaches singing, conducting, directs youth choir "Cantus gracilis". With the "Cantus gracilis" choir, they performed in Lithuania and abroad, the team repeatedly won international and national competitions. He performed with soloists and a choir in Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Poland, and Germany.

2005-2007 Member and secretary of the methodological commission of the music subject of Vilnius municipality, 2009-2021. - the chairman.

In 2016 in the months of May-September, he was an expert in the project implemented by the publishing house "Šviesa" with partners, aimed at contributing to the improvement of the musical achievements of children with autism spectrum disorders by applying new teaching methods. In this project, Rolandas Aidukas performed not only expert work, but also summarized the experience of music teachers working with autistic students, gave presentations at international conferences, wrote articles and conducted training for teachers.

He wrote a historical article "Lithuanian religious choral music" (Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Sciences, *Metraštis X. - V*, 1996). Compiled Volume I of "Anthologies of Lithuanian Choir Music" (Lithuanian Folk Culture Center, 2012), and a set of 3 CDs of this volume (Lithuanian National Cultural Center, 2019). Writes articles, conducts seminars, gives presentations at conferences. Constantly organizes conferences, contests, festivals, is a member of international and national contests evaluation commissions. The Vilnius Music School "Lyra" organizes annual events: since 2010. Lithuanian singers festival-competition "House of Songs", since 2014. Events of the educational interdisciplinary project "Sounding Memory of Holocaust Victims". 2021 and 2022 Chairman of the judging panel for age group A participants of the international Nechamas Lifšicaitė vocalist competition.

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