

Small island-big events-Malta 2018

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Our acquaintance with ESTA has happened in 2017, when our home town hosted the Conference's participants- teachers and musicians from all over Europe. We were inspired by the rich program and composition of the participants of that conference. Having gained courage, we decided to present our own project based on the national music of Tatarstan in the next conference in Malta. Thanks to the kind help of ESTA Tatarstan, we were given a unique opportunity to participate in an unforgettable international forum and present our work-a collection of Duets for violin and cello. To great pleasure, our demonstration was very warmly received.

The announced program promised a meeting with curious performers, including rare instruments (Kemence and viola d'Amore), masterclasses and workshops. It was extremely interesting to attend lectures of teachers, telling about techniques for the youngest violinists and ensembles, amazing cello masterclasses and wonderful concerts. Warm communication of participants, care of the organizers created a very comfortable atmosphere at the conference. A perfectly organized Excursion to Birgu and the Gala dinner have made many of us good friends.

This event gave us a lot of ideas for our future work at home. On June 1, The children's Day and the children's holiday, the festival of string-bow instruments "Strings of Childhood" was held. The city festival, founded by the Department of culture of Kazan and ESTA-Tatarstan with the participation of teachers, with the help of parents gathered a lot of ensembles of violinists and cellists from all music schools of the city. In the final of the festival all young musicians united in a grandiose Baby-orchestra. We hope to involve our students, ensembles, children's orchestra in many international projects. Now we can directly contact many teachers and performers for the implementation of international and national educational projects, competitions, workshops, etc.

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