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4th Annual Dutch-Polish-Belarusian
Trilateral Conference

Education as a Human Right

Modernising Higher Education
to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century

13 December 2016

Minsk, Belarus

Manastyrski Hotel, Cyril and Methodius St 6

WELCOME TO THE 4TH ANNUAL DUTCH-BELARUSIAN-POLISH CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland and the Ostrogorski Centre we welcome you to the 4th Annual Dutch-Belarusian-Polish Conference. This year its title is 'Education as a Human Right: Modernising Higher Education to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century'.

The conference takes place three days after International Human Rights Day, which commemorates the adoption in 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly. Belarus, Poland, and the Netherlands – founding members of the United Nations – also observe this day.

Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to education, which shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Improving higher education will be the main focus of the discussion-oriented conference. It will give experts from Belarus, the Netherlands, and Poland an opportunity to discuss what each country can learn from others.

As with other conferences co-organised by the Ostrogorski Centre, it will bring together people with different views and backgrounds to engage in respectful dialogue. The speakers will include representatives of educational institutions from the Netherlands, Poland, and Belarus, as well as Belarusian government agencies and NGOs.

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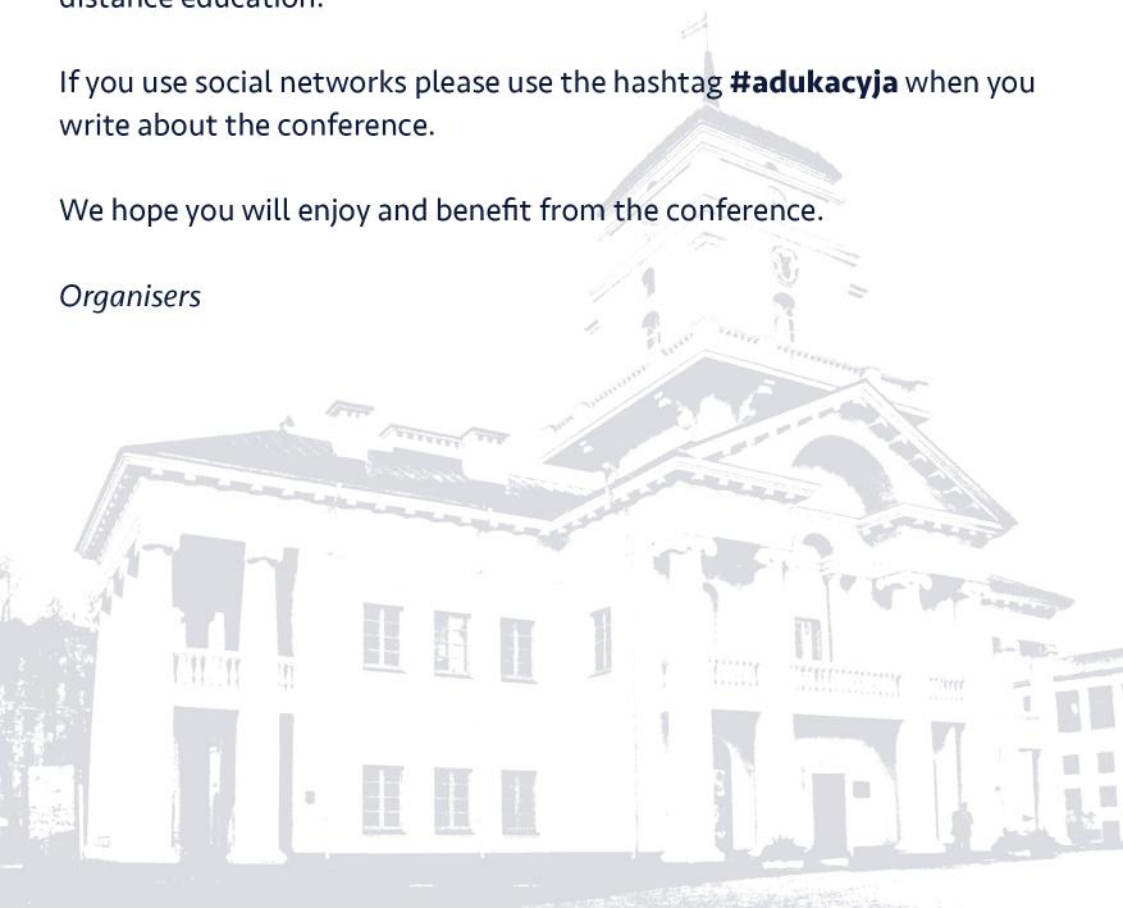
For each topic, the Ostrogorski Centre will prepare a short working paper to focus discussion on real practise. Belarus Digest, Ostro.by, and Ideaby.org will provide a live broadcast of the event and will feature archived videos following the conference.

The conference will focus on three key topics: the challenges of Belarusian accession to the European Higher Education Area, improving business education, and making education more accessible through distance education.

If you use social networks please use the hashtag **#adukacyja** when you write about the conference.

We hope you will enjoy and benefit from the conference.

Organisers



CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

9.30 - 10.00 **Registration**

10.00 – 10.20 **Introductory remarks**

Paul van Oostveen, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Konrad Pawlik, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland

Yaraslau Kryvoi, Founder, Ostrogorski Centre

10.20 – 12.00 **Panel 1. Belarus's accession to the European Higher Education Area: challenges to entering the European educational space**

- Introducing a three-cycle system, modernised qualifications framework and independent quality assurance agency
- Removing barriers to mobility for students and teachers
- Connecting universities to the labour market
- Facilitating academic freedom and institutional autonomy
- Inclusion of all stakeholders in reforms

Moderator **Vadzim Hihin**, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences at the Belarusian State University (Belarus)

Speakers **Jerke Verschoor**, Nuffic Neso Russia office (Netherlands)

Ihar Citovič, Vice-rector for scientific and methodical work of the National Institute for Higher Education

Siarhiej Viatochin, Head of the Chair of Physical-Chemical Methods of Products Certification, Belarusian State University of Technology (Belarus)

Uladzimir Dunajeŭ, Civil Bologna Committee (Belarus)

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12.00 – 12.20 **Coffee-break**

12.20 – 14.00 **Panel 2. Business education in Belarus: enhancing market transition and economic reforms**

- State regulation in the field of business education
- Integration of Belarusian business education into the international educational space
- Development of business education in the Belarusian regions
- Use of modern educational technologies in business education

Moderator **Alexander Pivovarsky**, Head of EBRD Belarus office (Belarus)

Speakers **Dzmitry Krupski**, Head of the Department of Innovative Economy at the Ministry of Economy of Belarus (Belarus)

Uladzimir Apanasovič, Director of the Institute of Business and Technology Management at the Belarusian State University (Belarus)

Masha Cheriakova, entrepreneur, writer and Biz4All programme developer (Netherlands)

Daniel Krutzinna, Civitta managing partner in CIS (Belarus-Germany)

14.00 – 15.00 **Lunch**

15.00 – 16.35 **Panel 3. Distance education in Belarus: towards an inclusive educational environment (round table)**

- Strategies for the development of distance education
- Training specialists for distance education
- International cooperation in the development of distance education
- Introduction of distance education at the university level

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Moderator **Yaraslau Kryvoi**, Ostrogorski Centre (Belarus)

Speakers **Ihar Sacikaŭ**, Dean of the International Institute of Distance Education, Belarusian National Technical University (Belarus)

Vasił Bandaryk, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Distance Education at the Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (Belarus)

Nynke Kruidrink, Teamleader EdTech & Blended Learning Coordinator, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Krzysztof Madziar, Centre for Distance Education, Warsaw Institute of Technology (Poland)

Izabela Maleńczyk, Centre for Distance Education, Warsaw Institute of Technology (Poland)

16.35 – 16.55 **Closing remarks**

Yaraslau Kryvoi, Founder, Ostrogorski Centre

17.00 – 19.00 **Conference reception and musical programme**



SPEAKERS



Professor Uladzimir Apanasovič

Director of the Institute of Business and Management of Technology at the Belarusian State University

Professor Uladzimir Apanasovich is a doctor in Physics and Mathematics. He is a founder and director of the Institute of Business and Management of Technology at the Belarusian State University, which he has headed since 1996.

Professor Apanasovich is the chairman of the Association of Business Education, chairman of the Educational and Methodological Committee of the Association of Belarusian universities offering business education, chairman of the Board of the Belarusian State University for doctoral theses.

He also heads the organising committees of two annual international conferences: 'Problems of Business Education' and 'Innovative Processes and Corporate Governance'.



Vasil Bandaryk

Vice-dean of the Faculty of Lifelong and Distance Learning at the Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics

Vasili Bandaryk started teaching at BSUIR in 1998 as an assistant to the chair of electronic engineering and technology. Prior to joining BSUIR, he worked for six years at the factory 'Kalibr' as a design engineer.

In 2009-2016 he headed the faculty of lifelong and distance learning at BSUIR. He lectures for students in the following tracks: 'Medical Electronics', 'Design and Production of Program-controlled electronic devices', 'Program-Controlled Electric Optical Systems'. He has published more than 300 academic works.

Mr Bandaryk was born in Minsk region and graduated from the Design and Technology Faculty of Minsk Radio Engineering Institute. He received the degree of Candidate of Technical Sciences and the academic title of Associate Professor at BSUIR.



Masha Cheriakova

Entrepreneur, writer and program developer of Biz4All

Masha Cheriakova is a Dutch/Belarusian entrepreneur who has co-founded SocStarter, Heta Belarus dzietka, and Urbanseeds. Since 2015 she has been the program developer of a social entrepreneurship Incubator in Belarus called Biz4All.

Her mission is to empower Belarusians by providing education and knowledge on social entrepreneurship and linking them up with international experts. She writes about Belarusian culture, mentality, and language to promote Belarusian identity inside the country.

Meanwhile, she also focuses on the promotion and education of Belarus to foreigners with her start-up Heta Belarus Dziertka.

SPEAKERS



Professor Uladzimir Dunajeŭ

Co-founder and chair of the Independent Belarusian Bologna Committee

Professor Uladzimir Dunayeu has been working in the field of Belarusian higher education since 1974. In 1992 he became the co-founder and vice-rector of the European Humanities University.

In 2005-2006, after the closure of EHU by Belarusian authorities, he was one of the organisers of the re-establishment of EHU in Lithuania as a full-fledged university in exile. From 2006 to 2008 he worked as the first vice-rector of the university.

Since 2011 he has chaired the Independent Belarusian Bologna Committee. The Committee's goal is to involve the public in active participation in Belarusian higher education internationalisation and liberalisation.



Vadzim Hihin

Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences at the Belarusian State University

Vadzim Hihin has worked in the press service of the Prosecutor General's Office, in 2006-2008 he headed the Minsk-based organization Belarusian Republican Youth Union.

He has taught history at the Police Academy, Command and Engineering Institute, Belarusian State Economic University and the Academy of Public Administration. In 2007-2016 he was editor-in-chief of the magazine *Belaruskaja Dumka*.

Currently, he also anchors the social and political talk show *A Matter of Principle* on the TV channel ONT. Born in Minsk, Mr Hihin graduated from the historical faculty of the Belarusian State University and defended his doctoral thesis at the Department of History of the National Institute for Higher Education.



Paul van Oostveen

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the Dutch Embassy Office in Minsk, Belarus

Educated as a biologist at the University of Groningen, Paul made a career switch when he joined the Dutch foreign service in 1997. He has worked on various positions at the ministry and abroad, in Belgrade, St.Petersburg, Ljubljana and since 2016 in Minsk.

SPEAKERS



Nynke Kruidierink

Teamleader at EdTech & Blended Learning Coordinator, University of Amsterdam

Nynke Kruidierink is the Educational Technology specialist for the Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam.

She has worked in online knowledge sharing in the sustainable development field, developed online learning and networking strategies, facilitated international learning communities, and represented her organization in cooperative networks such as Dgroups (Development Through Dialogue), a joint initiative between 18 development organizations. She has also worked a member of the steering committee of the UN Web2forDev Conference.

She also deploys internal strategies and tools to enable organizational learning processes. In her current position at the University of Amsterdam, she develops online and blended learning policies and advises on deploying ICTs for teaching and learning.



Dzmitry Krupski

Head of Department of Innovative Economy at the Ministry of Economy of Belarus

Dzmitry Krupski was born in 1976 in Polack. He graduated from the Homiel Institute of the Belarusian Cooperation Union (1997) and received an MA in Innovation Management from the Academy of Public Administration (2016).

In 2002-2010 he worked in various organisations in Minsk, where he initiated and successfully implemented 6 innovative, consulting, and educational projects for large Belarusian companies (Belarusian Metallurgical Plant, Krasnasielskibudmateryjaly, Amkador, BATE). In 2011-2016 he worked as the head of the Department of Science and Innovation Policy of the Ministry of Economy.

Mr Krupski initiated and developed 9 legal acts aimed at promoting innovative entrepreneurship, business education, nanotechnology industry, and cluster economy. He is the author and main developer of the 2010 Concept of Comprehensive Modernisation of Belarus under the auspices of the Republican Confederation of Entrepreneurship.

SPEAKERS



Daniel Krutzinna

Managing partner of Civitta in the CIS, non executive board member at the Development Bank of the Republic of Belarus

Daniel Krutzinna received a BSc in Geocology from Potsdam University (2000) and an MSc in Public Administration and International Development from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002).

In 2002-2004 Mr Krutzinna worked at Royal Dutch Shell (Hamburg-London) as a financial and business analyst. In 2004-2007 he was a management and public sector consultant at Capgemini Consulting (Berlin) and in 2007 worked as a strategy consultant at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants (Moscow).

In 2008-2012 he was a partner of Uniter Investment Company (Belarus). Since 2012 Mr Krutzinna has worked as managing partner of Civitta in the CIS and since 2015 as a non-executive board member at the Development Bank of Belarus.



Professor Yaraslau Kryvoi

Founder, Ostrogorski Centre

Professor Yaraslau Kryvoi is the founder of the Ostrogorski Centre. He has worked for international law firms and taught law in the United Kingdom, Russia, Belarus, and the United States. He was also a lecturer at the Faculty of International Relations of the Belarusian State University. He is a professor at the University of West London and a Senior Research Fellow at the British Institute of Comparative and International Law.

Originally from Minsk, Professor Kryvoi is educated at St Petersburg, Utrecht, Nottingham and Harvard universities. He is actively engaged in non-profit projects supporting the study of Belarusian history and society as well as the transition of the country towards the rule of law and good governance.

He edits the Journal of Belarusian Studies and Belarus Digest – English-language publications promoting non-partisan analysis by authors from Belarus and Belarusians based abroad.



Izabela Maleńczyk

Distance Learning Centre of Warsaw University of Technology

Izabela Maleńczyk is an academic teacher in the Faculty of Production Engineering. She is the specialist responsible for communication and promotion of the Distance Learning Centre at the Warsaw University of Technology (WUT).

Her research interests include distance training, using the Internet in didactics and company activities, and education and communication theory.

The author of a number of publications dedicated to the support and promotion of distance learning, she is a member of the Polish Scientific Society for Distance Education, the Organization and Management Learned Society, and the Polish Company of Production Management.

SPEAKERS



Konrad Pawlik

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Poland to Belarus

Konrad Pawlik has been working in the Polish Foreign Ministry since 2007. From 2010 to 2012 he worked in the Permanent Delegation of Poland to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

In 2012-2014 he was Deputy Director of the Eastern Department, from 2014 he acted as Director of the Eastern Department, and plenipotentiary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Eastern Partnership. From 2014 to 2015 he was Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of development cooperation, cooperation with the Polish diaspora, Eastern policy, and security issues.

Ambassador Pawlik graduated from the Warsaw School of Economics (international economic and political relations). In 2001-2006 he did research at Aarhus University in Denmark and defended his thesis.



Alexander Pivovarsky

Head of EBRD Belarus office

Alexander Pivovarsky joined the EBRD in 2008 as Principal Economist for the Office of the Chief Economist in the London Headquarters, where he headed economic assessment and strategy for countries in the Eastern Europe and Caucasus region.

Before joining the EBRD, he was a Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund, where he spent seven years and was involved in negotiating stabilisation programmes in countries around the world. In 1996-2000, he led a reform advisory programme for Ukraine at the Harvard Institute for International Development.

Originally from Kiev, he holds Master's and Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University and a Diploma in History from National Taras Shevchenko University.



Jerke Verschoor

Director of the Nuffic Neso Russia, Netherlands Education Support Office

Jerke Verschoor has headed the Netherlands Education Support Office, Nuffic Neso, since September 2014. In this capacity he and his team work on increasing student mobility between the Netherlands and Russia. They foster institutional cooperation between universities in both countries and manage the Netherlands Alumni Network Russia (NANR).

The NESO Russia office also investigates possible cooperation between the Netherlands and countries such as Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Belarus.

Mr Verschoor has been living and working in Russia since 1999 and holds an MA in Russian and Eastern European History from Utrecht University and Amsterdam University.

SPEAKERS



Ihar Sacikaŭ

Dean of the International Institute of Distance Education at the Belarusian National Technical University

Since its inception in 2000, Ihar Satsikau has worked as director of the International Institute of Distance Education at the Belarusian National Technical University.

Prior to that, for more than 20 years he worked as assistant and then head of the Chair of Technical Physics of the Faculty of Information Technologies and Robotics of BNTU.

Mr Satsikau was born in Belarus, graduated from the Physics and Technical Faculty of Kharkov State University (Ukraine), and the Institute of Civil Service at the Academy of Public Administration (Belarus). He has a PhD in Physics and Mathematics and teaches as an Associate Professor.



Siarhiey Viatochin

Head of the Department of Physical and Chemical Methods of Certification of Products, Belarusian State University of Technology

In 1971 Siarhiey Viatochin graduated from the Faculty of Physics at the Belarusian State University with a degree in radiation biophysics. He has received re-training diplomas in the fields of patents and innovation and education management. Mr Viatochin has a PhD in Physics and Mathematics.

He has had internships at the University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University, Ohio University (USA), Bruchsal Academy of Management (Germany), and Open Society Institute in Budapest (Hungary).



Ihar Citovič

Vice-rector for scientific and methodological work of the National Institute for Higher Education

Ihar Citovič started his work at the National Institute for Higher Education in 2003 in a capacity of laboratory assistant. He worked as a methodologist, head of the department of regulatory and legal provision of higher school, since 2006 - the director of regulatory and methodological centre of higher school, and since 2011 - vice-rector for scientific and methodological work.

Mr Citovič was born in Luniniec (Brest Region), graduated from the Faculty of History of the Brest State University and received a degree in law from the Academy of Public Administration. He defended his PhD thesis in Belarusian history at the National Institute for Higher Education.

He is a member of the National Group of the Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs), and since July 2015 - a member of the AG2-Advisory Group on support of the Belarus roadmap of the Steering Group of the Bologna Process.

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Krzysztof Madziar

Distance Learning Centre of Warsaw University of Technology

Krzysztof Madziar was born in Warsaw, Poland. He received his MSc and PhD from Warsaw University of Technology in 2006 and 2015 respectively, both in the field of electronics/microwave photonics.

Since 2005 he has been with the Distance Learning Centre at Warsaw University of Technology (WUT). His duties involved technical support for the distance teaching process, supervision of several e-learning courses held at WUT, and advisory activities.

He is a member of the Polish Scientific Society for Distance Education, an organising committee member of Virtual University Conference, and a reviewer at the distance education journal EduAkcja.



MUSIC PROGRAMME

“53rd Parallel: the Netherlands – Poland – Belarus”

VYTOKI Ensemble (Sources) (Belarus)

Iryna Aŭdziejeva (piano, harpsichord, organ),
Siarhiej Machaŭ (flute)

Alex Fraloŭ (bassoon, artistic director)

Geographically, the 53rd parallel of latitude north, going through Western, Central and Eastern Europe, unites three countries: the Netherlands (via Germany), Poland and Belarus. Over the centuries, plenty of new parallels and interconnections have run among these countries.

The programme includes works from different historical periods representing these cultures and their parallels. Certainly, Belarus and Poland have had ample contact for nearly a millennium. Meanwhile, the Netherlands, which stands apart in this triad, has begun interacting actively with Europe's East since the Renaissance and the Reformation. Our musical programme will recount all this from the perspective of music and ideas.

Programme

1. Orlando di Lasso. Spiritual anthem.
2. Polack Notebook XVI century. Three fragments.
3. Brest Cantional 1558. A fragment.
4. Johann David Holland. Prelude Es-dur.
5. Maciej Radziwiłł. Divertissement.
6. Michał Kazimierz Ogiński. "About masks".
7. Michał Kleofas Ogiński. Polonaise in a-moll "Farewell to the Homeland".
8. Tadeusz Kościuszko. Waltz G-dur.
9. Amelia Zaluska. Waltz f-moll.
10. Frédéric Chopin, "Lithuanian song"
11. Stanisław Moniuszko "A Wandering Birdie"
12. Michał Jelski. Song without words - dedicated to Adam Mickiewicz.

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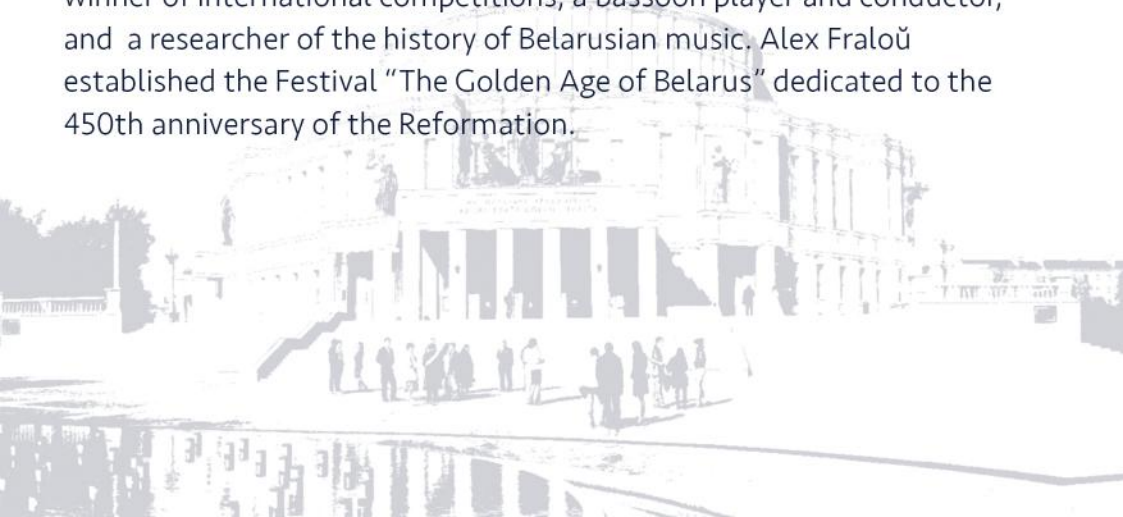
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About the VYTOKI ensemble

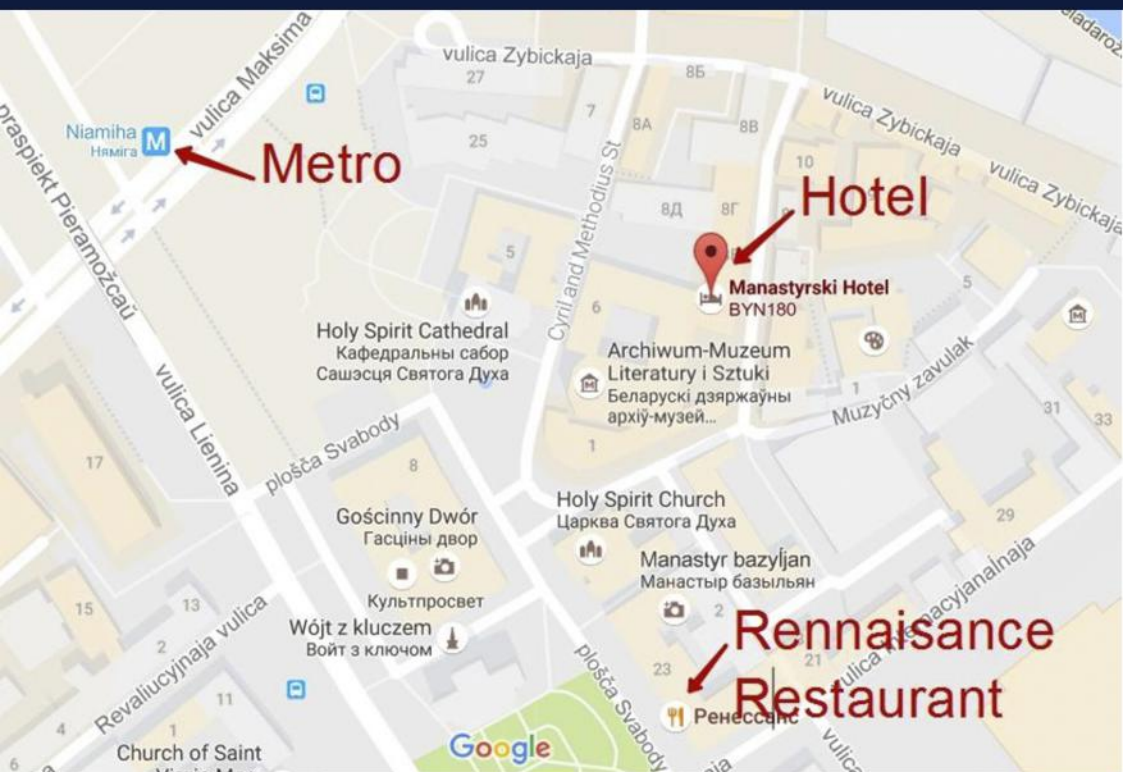
The VYTOKI ensemble emerged in 2001 as a trio (flute, bassoon, piano) by soloists of the Belarusian State Philharmonic. The musicians of the ensemble have repeatedly performed individually and jointly in the most prestigious halls in Belarus and abroad. The ensemble performs outstanding classical masterpieces of the world, Belarusian music, unique archival findings, and compositions specially created by contemporary authors.

Since 2015, the ensemble initiated the Jubilee Festival ‘Ogiński’s Year in Zaliessie’, where they regularly give concerts. The festival is dedicated to the 250th anniversary of Michał Kleofas Ogiński. The ensemble gathers its friends – outstanding soloists and a variety of ensembles and orchestral groups – in the princely “Manor of Muses” in Belarus.

The artistic director of the VYTOKI soloists’ ensemble is Alex Fraloŭ, a winner of international competitions, a bassoon player and conductor, and a researcher of the history of Belarusian music. Alex Fraloŭ established the Festival “The Golden Age of Belarus” dedicated to the 450th anniversary of the Reformation.



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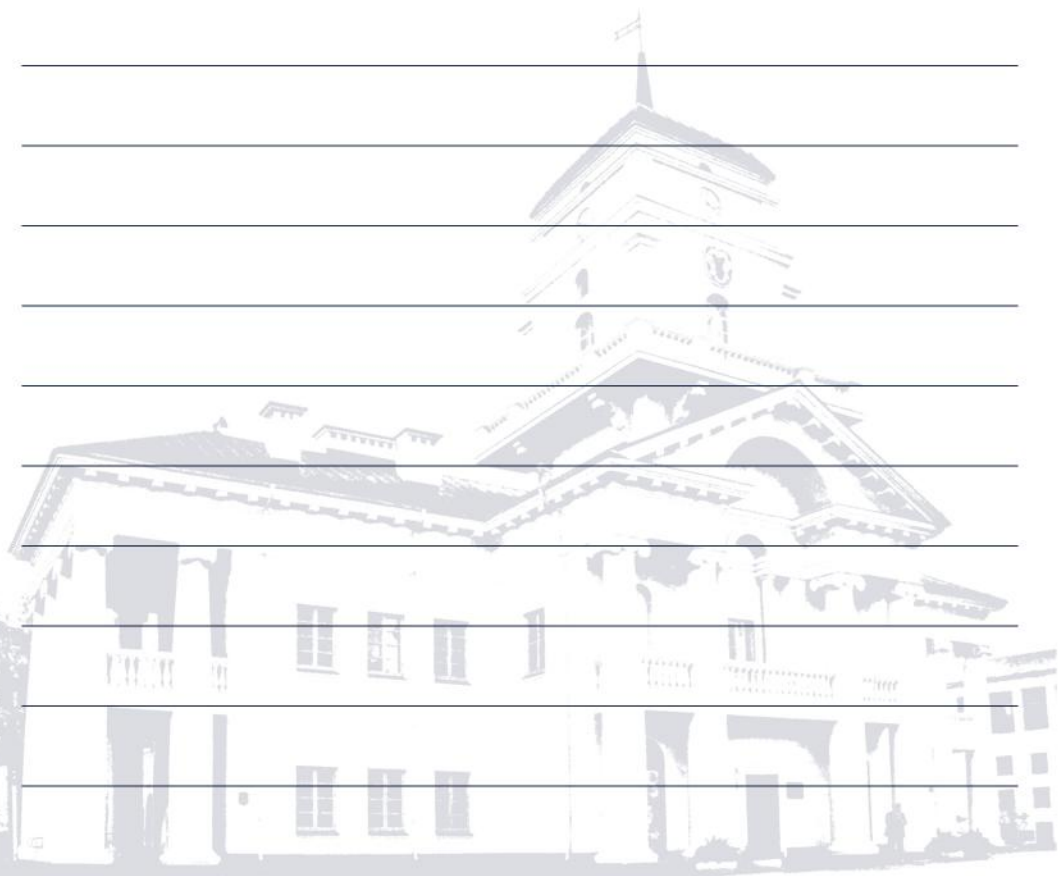
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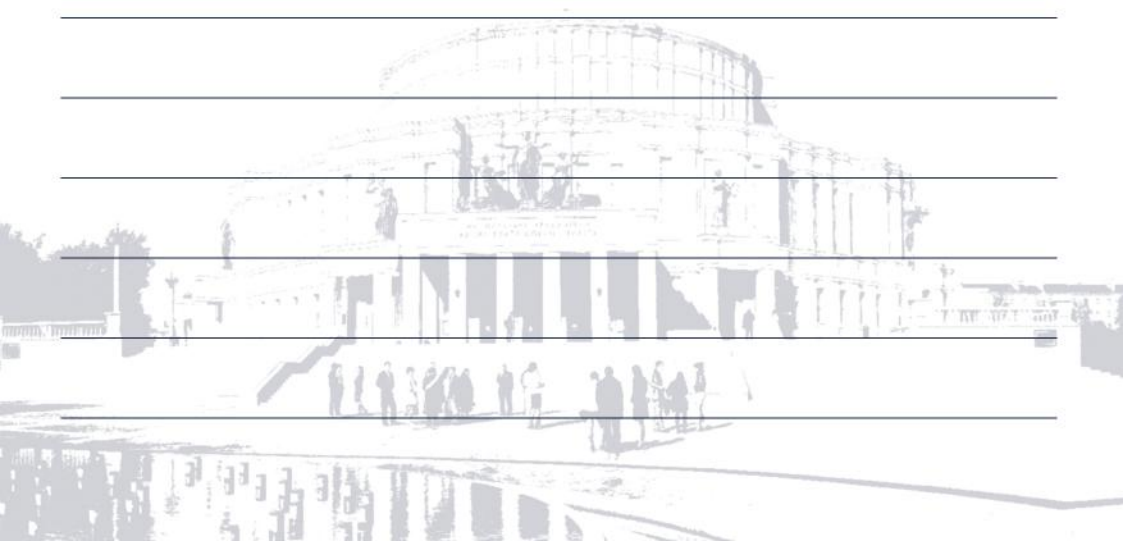
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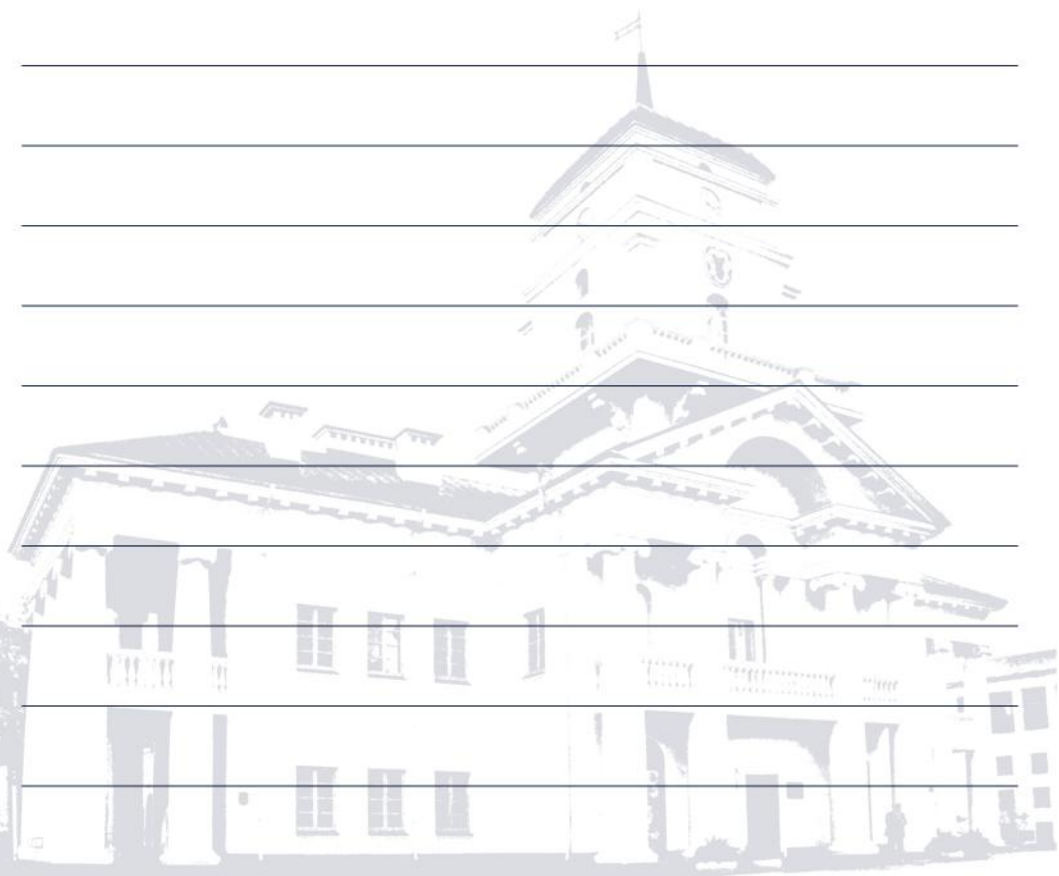
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