

Team Latvia

Turkey – Antalya

2013



Turkish president visits Latvia

Turkish President Abdullah Gül has met with Latvian president, Andris Berzins, in the capital city of Latvia - Riga, as part of a diplomatic visit, hailing Turkish-Latvian relations.

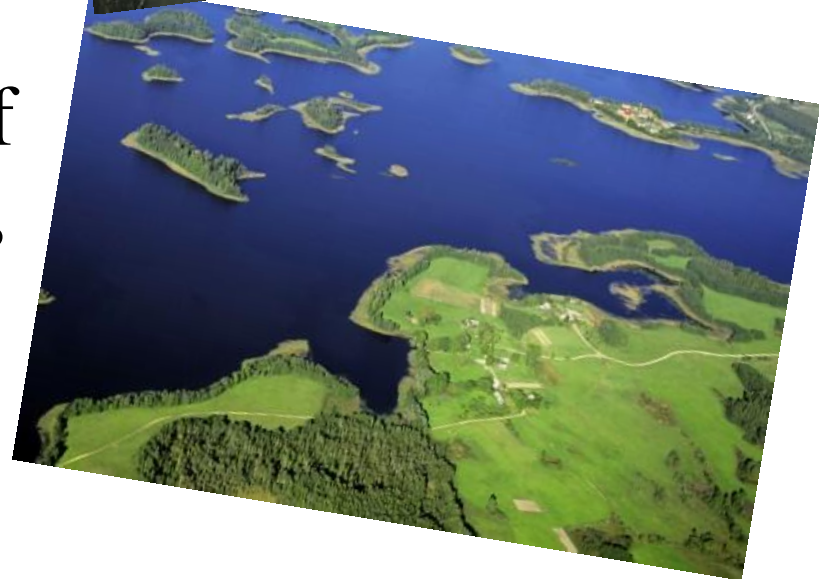


Latvia

Inhabitants: 2,070,371

Territory : 64,589 km²

Latvia, the pearl of the Baltic States, is one of the European Union member states and is situated in the North of Europe – on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

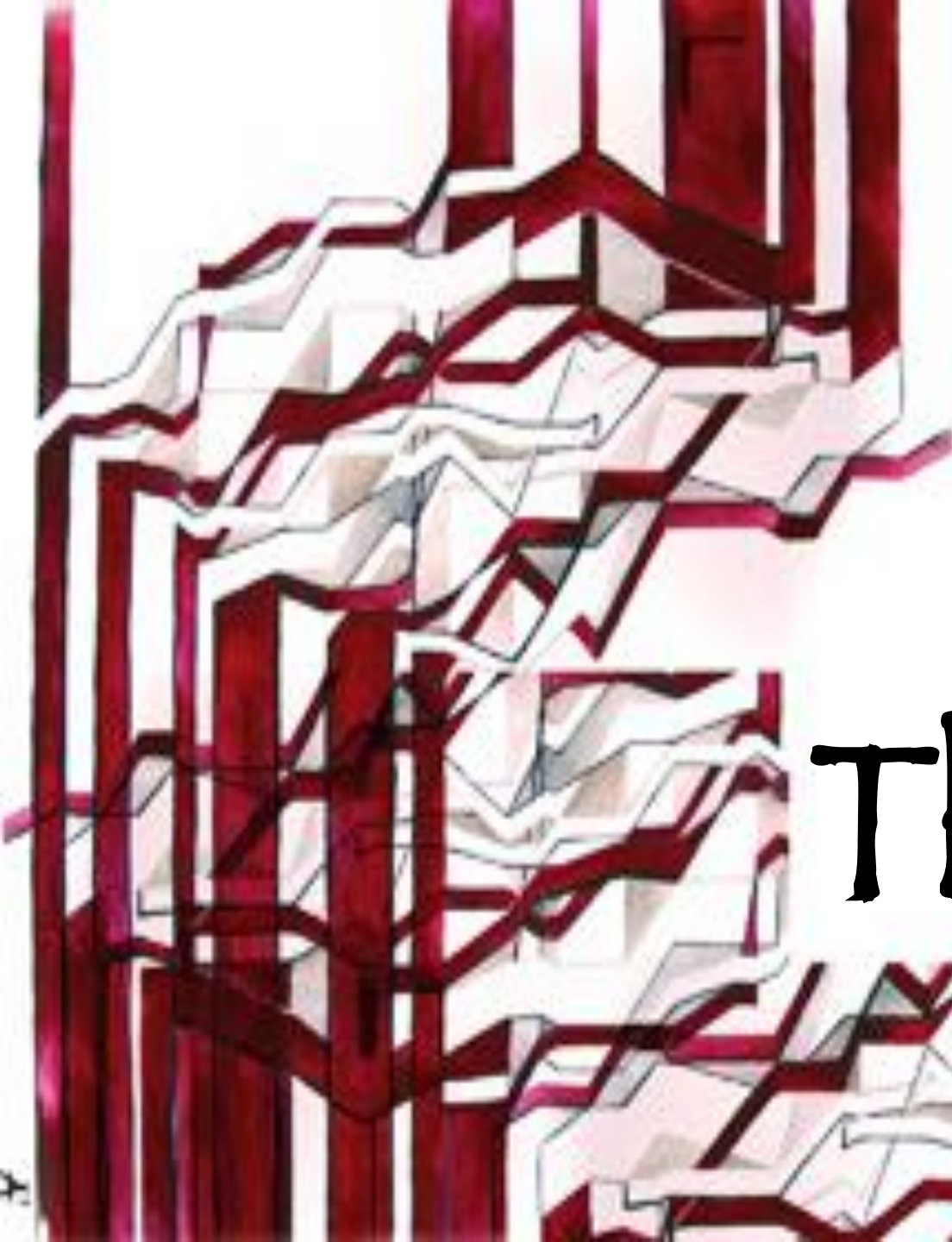


Adazi secondary school

Students: 1002

Teachers: 84





Opera and Theatres

Latvia offers a rich cultural life, and it can be truly proud of the high standard of its performing arts. The high quality of dramatic theatre, opera and ballet productions in Latvia can be explained by the educated audiences – their most genuine critics.



Many opera and ballet performers from the Latvian National Opera are now widely recognized around the world, and now they delight audiences in the most famous opera and ballet houses on the planet.



Theatres in Latvia

Latvians love their theatre – and not just watching it, but also acting in it - if not in the amateur companies that can be found in every larger town, then at least in the workplace production staged for Sports Day or Christmas.



Puppet Theatre

Latvian Puppet Theatre is for children, youth and adults. Using both traditional and innovative puppetry arts techniques.



Adazi secondary school "Children and Youth Theatre"





Music

Dainas

Dainas are very short, usually only one or two stanzas.

Dainas are short singable poems.

Latvians have Dainas about

- celebrations - wedding, birthday
- casual daily situations
- About people character
- Nature



Composers

One of the most famous composers of Latvia is Raimonds Pauls.

He has written music for 50 films, 6 ballets, many plays and he has composed songs for many latvian singers.



Eurovision

We, latvians, have hosted Eurovision song contest once in 2003.

It was possible thanks to our singer Marija Naumova, when she won the contest in 2002 in Tallin.

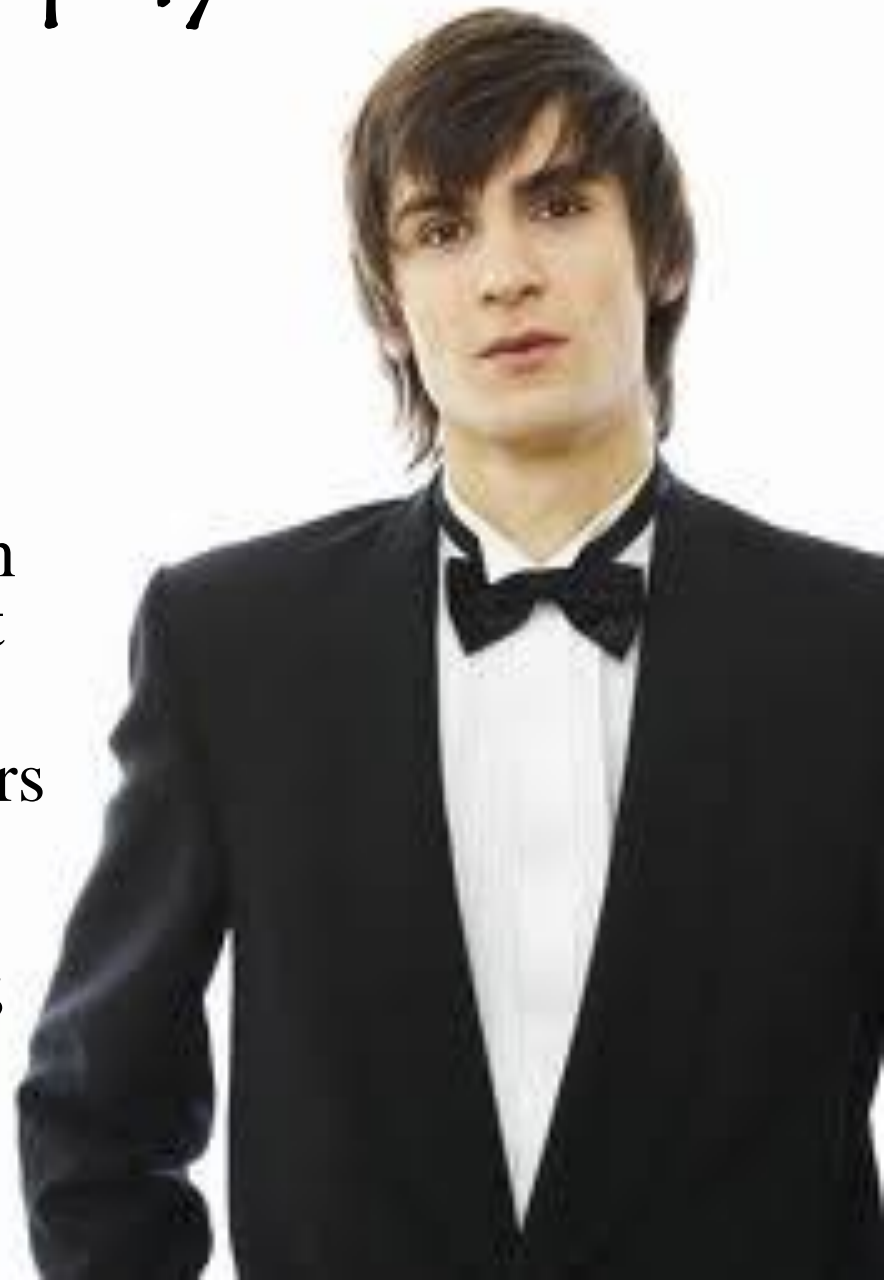


Piano-player

Vestard Shimkus is very skillful piano-player.

He has won many competitions across all over the world.

- Liszt International Pianists Competition in Los Angeles (2002, 1st place)
- International Performers Competition in Stockholm (2001, 1st place and *Grand Prix*);
- 5th World piano olimpycs(2007, 1st place)



Brainstorm

Brainstorm (Latvian:\Prāta Vētra) is a Latvian pop/rock band.

The band became popular internationally when they finished third in the Eurovision Song Contest in 2000 with the song "My Star".



Latvian Song and Dance Festival

The Latvian Song and Dance Festival is an important event in Latvian culture and social life. The All-Latvian Song and Dance Festival has been held since 1873, normally every five years. Approximately 30,000 performers altogether participate in the event.



Music in our school

Dziesma manai paaudzei, which stands for Song for my generation.

It is a contest where students can show their singing skills.

Everyone can participate starting from 1st to 12th class, professionals and beginners.



School's choir

In Adazi
secondary school
we have choir for
students from 5th
to 9th class.

It's called
Pienenīte.



Latvian song

Tad ziņgēsīm to ziņgi, **pidrallā, pidrallā,**

Par vienu melderzelli, **pidrallā, pidrallā.**

Tas mīlēja vienu meitiņu,

To otru arīdzan,

Pidrallalā, pidrallalā, to otru arī dzan.

Tā viena bija meldermeitiņa, **pidrallā, pidrallā.**

Tā otra bija saimniekmeitiņa, **pidrallā, pidrallā.**

To vien viņš apņēma, To otru atstāja.



Dance

Dancing culture

Dancing is a big part in Latvian culture. It has been there from ancient times. We have our own folk dance and it is unique.



Dance shows

Every year each dance group has to participate in a dance show. The best dancers are awarded with a chance to take part in the dance festival. Jury rates the groups and mostly all the dancers can dance in the festival



Dance festival

Every five years dancers from all over Latvia get together and dance in a united festival. It is amazing.

There are over 30000 participants each festival. It takes place in late June and ends in July.



Dance outfit

Every dance is preformed in a special outfit. There are different outfits in every region of Latvia.



School dance

In our Adazi secondary school we can learn to folk dance. Our dance group is very popular and has traveled around the Europe performing in festivals and shows. The group has almost 17 years of experience and every dancer enjoys dancing there.





Let's
dance



Sport

BMX

Maris Strombergs is a BMX cyclist. He is the only Olympic champion in men BMX cycling.

- He became the European, World and Olympic champion in 2008 ;
- Maris won in the World Championship In 2010. ;
- In 2012. he became the Olympic champion again.



Sleigh

Juris Sics and Andris Sics are two of the best sleighters in Latvia.

- They were the silver medalists of Winter Olympics in 2010.
- In 2008, 2009, 2013 Juris and Andris became the bronze medalists in mixed relay.
- In the European championships, they have won two gold and one bronze medal in the mixed relay.



Skeleton

Martins Dukurs the best skeleton racer in Latvia.

- In 2006 - the Turin Olympics, he came in seventh place.
- He became the European champion in 2010 the same year when Martins won the silver medal in the Olympics
- He became the world champion in 2011.
- In 2012, the third year in a row he became the European gold medalist as well as the second time in his career was a world champion.
- Martins came in second place at this years world championship.



Long jump

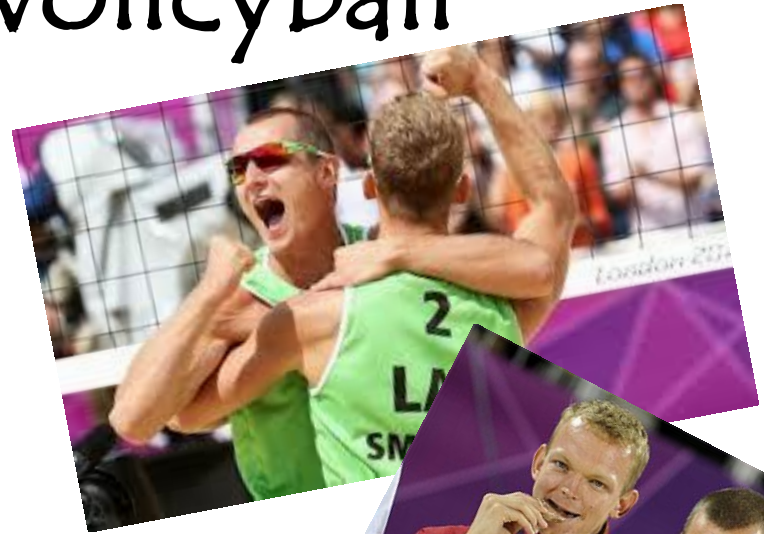
Ineta Radevica
was the
European
champion in
2010.

A year later she
got third place in
the world
championship in
South Korea.



Beach volleyball

A great success to Latvia was **Martins Plavins** and **Janis Smedins** at the London summer Olympics' beach volleyball. Everyone was surprised as they got the third place.





Thank
you