## Curriculum Vitae

# Gintautas Kėvišas

Date of birth:

13 11 1954, Kaunas, Lithuania

Education:

1972 graduated from the 22nd Secondary School in Kaunas

1973 graduated from the Juozas Gruodis School of Music in Kaunas, Piano Faculty

1978 graduated from the Lithuanian Academy of Music in Vilnius, Piano Faculty under Prof. O.Šteinbergaitė

* 1. postgraduate studies at the Moscow Conservatoire with Prof.Liberman

Positions held:

1987-1988 Artistic Director of the National Philharmonic Society of Lithuania

1988-2000 Director General of the National Philharmonic Society of Lithuania

April 1992 – December 1993 Director of the agency “Old and New Montcarlo”

November 2000 - July 2001 Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania

July 2002- Consultant of international festivals and international arts projects manager

July 2002-2017 Director General of the Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre

Activities:

Since 1983 intensive concert activity as a pianist

 founder and member of G.Kėvišas Chamber Music Ensemble,

 toured Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Estonia, Iceland, Italy, Latvia,

 Slovenia, Sweden

Management and organisation of concerts and tours:

1. founder and organizer of O.Messiaen Music Festival in Vilnius, Lithuania

1992 co-founder and organizer of Jewish Professional Music Festival in Vilnius, Lithuania

1997-2017 founder and Director of the “Vilnius Festival”

Over 80 concerts with Lord Yehudi Menuhin, the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra and Kaunas State Choir in South America (Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires among other venues), South Africa, Egypt, Europe, numerous performances at the world famous festivals and concert halls with Mstislav Rostropovich, Krzysztof Penderecki, Jessye Norman, Maurice Andre, Yuri Bashmet, Vadim Repin, Julian Rachlin and the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra, performances of Mstislav Rostropovich and the Lithuanian National Ballet Company in Germany, Greece, Egypt, USA (Kennedy Arts Centre), Japan, Great Britain (London Barbican Centre).

Conferences, seminars, round-tables:

1997-2001 - participation at the annual conferences and general assemblies of ISPA, IAMA, EFA (see below)

1999 - made a presentation on Lithuanian music and culture at the ISPA conference in Stockholm

March 2000 - made a report on “Vilnius Festival within the context of the European festivals” at the international conference “Modern culture management – part of the cultural policy” held in Vilnius

2001 - participated at the round-table discussion of the Ministers of Culture organized by UNESCO

May 2001 - made a report on the audiovisual policy in Lithuania at the Round-Table of EU Ministers of Culture and Audiovisual Affairs in Falun, Sweden

January 2006 - participated in the discussion “Culture – economic factor?” at the MIDEM conference in Cannes

February 2006 – made a report on funding of opera houses at the conference “European cities and their theatres” in Paris

Chairmanship, membership:

1989-1991 Chairman of the Association of the Philharmonic Societies of the Baltic States

1997 - 2001 member of the Board on Culture and Arts of the Ministry of Culture

2000 – 2001 member of the Presidential Commission of the Lithuanian Millenium Programme

2002 – 2004 member of the Committee of the European Festivals Association (EFA)

2003 – 2011 member of the Vilnius City Council

2004 – 2005 member of the artistic board of the Norland music festival (Norway)

2005 - 2012 Chairman of the Council of the Music and Theater Academy of Lithuania

2006 – 2011 Chairman of the Vilnius City Committee on Cooperation with North and South America

2017- Honorary Consul of Slovenia to Lithuania

Awards, merits:

1997 Honorary citizen of New Orleans

1997 Grand Duke Gediminas Order of Merits, Lithuania

1998 The Royal Order of Merit, Norway

2001 Honorary membership and Arts Award of Min-On concert association, Japan

2004 Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merits, Lithuania

2015 Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merits, Poland

2016 Officer’s degree of the Order of the Star, Italy

2017 National Order of Merits, France

Languages:

Lithuanian, English, Russian