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Nature on your mind – inspiration of nature in music and the arts

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Nature Concerthall stemmed from:

- → musicians looking for inspiration
- → scientists needing an alternative way to reach the public
- policy-makers understanding need to stimulate changes in human behaviour to drive change, bring higher awareness to sustainable development

Evolved into demand-driven event



WHAT IS DABAS KONCERTZĀLE?

- → Latvian for Nature Concerthall
- → Conducted from 2006 in two new locations each year
- → Organized in three parts:

 3 hours during daylight of more than 20 workstations providing interactive education

- 10 minute discussion between scientist and audience

— 50 minutes interdisciplinary performance crafted special for one topic





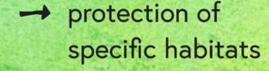
ALMOST 15 YEARS OF BUILDING UNDERSTANDING OF LATVIA'S VALUES

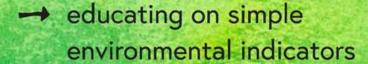
Nature imprints on the mind through empathy and deepening understanding of one concrete topic.



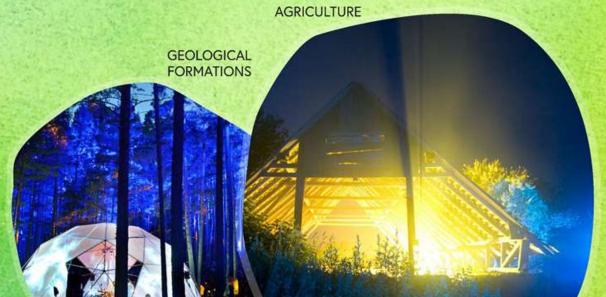
WATER QUALITY

popularization of less-known species and natural treasures













PRECONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS IN KEEPING NATURE IN OUR MINDS

Mutual interest from scientists, educators, artists to cooperate and create

Commitment to the idea and freedom for experimentation

 Success in building informal platforms among creators for development

Change of topics holds public's interest, suspense, intrigue year-to-year

→ High professionalism and success increases support from volunteers, municipalities





- → Relaxed atmosphere
- → More than 100 volunteers each year, over 60% people under 30
- Something to be seen, heard and a place 'to be' (photo ops, 'parcels' of knowledge)
- Innovation and experimentation in design, stage, approaches to symbiosis of art and science









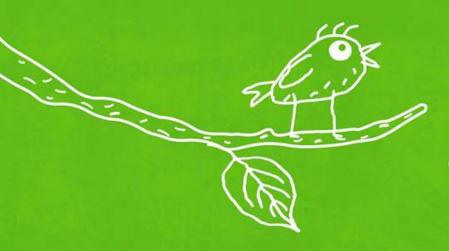
- → Need to bring people closer to nature so they mind nature more carefully
- → Calculation of risks, compromise of event choice for protected areas
- → Key scientist involvement to ensure the 'hero' is not compromised

→ Sustainable-thinking across the board (transport, waste, respect to nature, local economy)









NATURE IS ALWAYS GOOD!

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