

Agreement
Between the Estonian Ministry of Culture
and
Association Arts Spontanés

The undersigned parties:

a) *The Estonian Ministry of Culture*, located at 23, rue Suur-Karja, 15076 Tallinn, Estonia
Legally represented by Kristiina Alliksaar, Secretary General
(hereinafter referred to as “the Ministry”)

b) *Association Arts Spontanés*, a non-profit association registered under French law
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Legally represented by its president, Mr. Chrysanthos Antoniou
(hereinafter referred to as “the Association”)

Article 1 – Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the Estonia’s financial participation in the **3rd edition of the Festival European Polyphony “Paris–Rhodes”**, which will take place in Paris from **July 4 to 6, 2025**, organized by the Association.

Note of Intent

The Association **Arts Spontanés**, based in Paris, hereby expresses its intent to collaborate with the **Estonian Embassy in Paris** within the framework of the **3rd edition** of the festival.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to promoting cultural exchange and artistic dialogue between France, Estonia, and other European countries. The 2025 edition of the festival will highlight Estonian musical heritage, notably by celebrating the **90th birthday of composer Arvo Pärt** and, in memoriam, the **95th anniversary of Veljo Tormis**.

Festival European Polyphony Program– July 2025:

All events are free and open to the public; however, reservations are required for certain activities.

The Mikrokosmos Chamber Choir, under the direction of Loïc Pierre, will present an immersive concert titled *Saga des peuples sans armure* on Saturday, July 5 at 8:30 PM at Église Saint-Louis-en-l’Île (75004 Paris). A true creative laboratory, Mikrokosmos invites audiences into a dreamlike world of sound and movement, featuring a vibrant, staged a cappella performance celebrating Estonian composers Arvo Pärt and Veljo Tormis.

On Sunday, July 6 at 5:45 PM, the Grenelle Choir, directed by Alix Debaecker, will lead a musical promenade at the Parc Floral de Paris (75012). Earlier that afternoon, they will also host a vocal workshop with the festival’s educational team. Open to all, the workshop introduces participants to classical music through collective singing, focusing on polyphonic and Estonian repertoire.

The musical promenade and workshop echo the program *Three Composers, Three Visions of Estonia*, offering a journey into the heart of Estonian musical identity: Kreek’s warm modal harmonies, Pärt’s spiritual minimalism, and Tormis’s revival of ancient folk songs.

From July to September, Estonia will be in the spotlight at the Parc Floral de Paris with *Resonances*, a multidisciplinary photography and sound exhibition by Peggy Herbeau, Christophe Fillieule (photography), and Chrysanthos Antoniou, Savvas Karantzias (music). The exhibition follows the

journey of a composer with a disability to Tallinn, where he collaborated with the renowned Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir. This project is part of *Rhodes-Reval*, a cross-cultural artistic initiative born from the long-standing partnership between the choir and the European Polyphony Festival, with the support of Arts Spontanés (Paris) and Ars Artis (Rhodes).

Article 2 – Financial Contribution

The Estonian Ministry of Culture agrees to provide a financial contribution of **4000 euros** (four thousand euros) VAT included, to be paid in euros via **bank transfer** to the Association's bank account, **upon receipt of a valid invoice** sent to the Estonian Ministry of Culture.

Article 3 – Acknowledgment and Visibility

The Association agrees to mention the **Estonian Embassy** and the **Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia** in **all official communication and promotional materials** related to the Festival.

Additionally, the concert by the **Mikrokosmos Choir on July 5, 2025**, will be clearly presented as **held under the auspices of the Estonian Embassy** in all related communications.

Article 4 – Responsibilities

The Association is responsible for the overall organization, production, and communication of the Festival.

The Estonian Ministry of Culture will not be held liable for any organizational, legal, or financial obligations beyond the agreed financial contribution.

Article 5 – Duration

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall remain valid until the completion of the Festival and related reporting obligations.

Article 6 – Miscellaneous

Any modification of this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

This agreement is governed by French law.

Paris, the **17./06./2025**

For the Estonian Ministry of Culture

Name: Kristiina Alliksaar

Title: Secretary General



Signature

For the Association Arts Spontanés

Name: Chrysanthos ANTONIOU

Title: President

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