

**Agreement
on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture and Art
Between
The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania
And
The Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport of Georgia**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),
convinced that cultural cooperation enhances mutual knowledge of the two countries and strengthens the ties of friendship between them,
seeking to expand and improve mutually beneficial cooperation in the fields of culture and art,
in accordance with the Declaration of Developing Cooperation between the Republic of Lithuania and Georgia, of April 9, 1996,
acting with the authority of their competence and complying with the national law and international obligations,
have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of artistic groups, by inviting them to participate in international festivals and other important cultural events held in the other country. The Parties shall agree that artistic groups, their repertoires, programs, duration and routes of tours shall be coordinated on the basis of parity. When selecting artistic groups, the opinion of experts of the other Party shall be taken into consideration.

Article 2

The Parties shall be ready to exchange exhibitions of contemporary art and exhibitions from museum collections.

Article 3

In order to develop the cultural cooperation, the Parties shall exchange delegations of culture and art specialists, experts and artists. In each concrete case, members of delegations and visit programs shall be agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 4

1. The Parties shall join their effort to gain a better understanding and knowledge of each other's cultural heritage and shall assist each other in its preservation. The ways of

cooperation, formation of expert groups and their work shall be defined by agreements of respective Lithuanian and Georgian institutions.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in tracking down, identifying and researching valuable cultural objects that, while belonging to one country's cultural heritage, are located in the other country's territory. The issues concerning the restitution of valuable cultural heritage objects shall be determined by a separate agreement between the Parties.

Article 5

Acting with the authority of their competence, the Parties shall take corresponding and necessary measures to cooperate in the field of protection of copyrights and neighbouring rights and shall exchange information, specialists and expert groups.

Article 6

The Parties shall promote direct cooperation among cultural and art institutions, libraries, artistic unions and societies as well as other organizations. Forms and ways of cultural cooperation and exchange as well as funding shall be stipulated in separate international agreements between respective bodies of the two countries.

Article 7

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of cinema art. The Parties shall pay particular attention to the promotion and dissemination of their films in each country as well as facilitate contacts and exchanges between film making institutions and organizations in the two countries.

Article 8

The Parties shall stimulate the exchange of amateur art and folklore specialists. On the basis of parity, the Parties shall invite each other's folklore ensembles to participate in international folklore festivals held in their respective countries.

Article 9

If deemed necessary, every two years the Parties shall agree draw up an international cultural exchange program, envisaging concrete ways to implement cultural cooperation.

Article 10

The exchange of delegations and persons shall be carried out according to the following financial provisions:

1. The Sending Party shall cover two way international travel expenses, expenses related to the transfer of the load necessary for artistic activity to the capital of the Receiving

State and back home, also, within the scope of its possibilities, it shall pay royalties for performers;

2. The Receiving Party shall pay for visitors' meals and accommodation, shall cover travel expenses within the Receiving State's territory to destinations envisaged in the visit program;

3. Other financial provisions related to delegation and artist exchange which has not been mentioned in the Program shall be negotiated by respective institutions of the Parties.

Article 11

The exchange of museum collections and modern art exhibitions shall be regulated by the provisions and implementation principles determined by the organizers of these exhibitions.

Article 12

All the disputes due to the interpretation and application of the Agreement shall be settled by negotiation.

Article 13

Any amendments or supplements to this Agreement shall be agreed in the form of protocols and shall enter into force in the same way as this Agreement.

Article 14

1. The Agreement shall come into force on the day of its signature.

2. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years, renewable automatically for the next five year period, unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party in written form of its intention to terminate this Agreement no later than six months prior to the expiry of this Agreement.

Done in Tbilisi, June 6, 2007 in two copies in the Lithuanian, Georgian and English languages. Both texts are equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text of the Agreement shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Culture of the
Republic of Lithuania



For the Ministry of Culture, Monuments
Protection and Sport of Georgia


