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Belarus Opera Theatre to partake in Parnu festival in 2009

The company of the National Academic Opera Theatre of Belarus will participate in an opera festival in Parnu (Estonia) in 2009. The relevant agreement was reached during a visit of well-known Estonian cultural figures to Minsk, BelTA learnt from Alexander Ostrovsky, the Consul General of Belarus to Tallinn.

On May 25-27, Minsk welcomed Marika Park, the Director of the Parnu Concert Hall, and Toomas Kuter, the chairman of the organizing committee of Klaudia Taevi International Contest of Young Opera Singers PromFest. The visit was organized by the Consulate General of Belarus in Tallinn. The guests met with Valery Gedroits, the Director of the National Academic Opera Theatre, and Margarita Izvorska-Yelizaryeva, the art director of the theatre.

The diplomat noted that Belarus and Estonia had been closely cooperated in the opera art. Soloists of the Belarusian Opera Oksana Volkova and Ilya Silchukov took the third place at the previous PromFest.

This year, Ilya Silchukov took part in the festival PUCCINI-GALA in the Estonian towns of Parnu and Tallinn marking the 150th anniversary of the outstanding Italian composer Giacomo Puccini.

Belarusians successfully performed at the fourth international vocal contest among children and the youth Small Opera 2008 in Kohtla-Jarve in April. Alexandra Maksimenko, a student of Oginsky State Musical College in Molodechno, was awarded a diploma of the contest, Yulia Shkvarko, a student of musical school #4 in Vitebsk, took the third place in the junior group.

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