



## Choras SAULAINĖ

The youth choir of Kretinga Art's school named „Saulainė“ was established in year 2002. Violeta Andruškevičienė and Eugenija Karkienė lead the choir, piano concertmaster- Rima Stonkuvienė.



There is ancient sacred, new fashion Lithuanian folk and foreign music in the repertoire of the choir. The choir takes part in Lithuanian and foreign concerts and sings songs with professional artists. From the very beginning the choir has taken part in different festivals and competitions. The choir been the winner of Republic competitions many times.

In 2006 the choir “Saulainė” won a gold medal prize in XXIV international choir competition Olomouc (Czech Republic); in 2007 was awarded a gold diploma in international Johannes Brahms choir competition Wernigerode (Germany), in 2009- gold diploma in international choir festival-competition Ohrid (Macedonia), in 2011-first place in international choir festival-competition Antalya (Turkey). The choir Saulainė is participant of international choir festival Alta-Pusteria (Italy,2010).



The choir “Saulainė” is also proud of the silver medal won in the 2008 World Choir Games in Graz (Austria).



For all achievements, the choir has become a laureate in 2008 and nominated as a “New Glinted star”, also the choir won the first “Gold Bird” award in Lithuania.



## About conductor's and piano concertmaster

**Violeta Andruškevičienė** was born in 1959. She studied choir conducting at the Lithuanian National Academy of music and theatre. Since 1984 she has been the teacher of Kretinga art's school and since 2002 she has been a leader and first conductor of the choir "Saulainė". She is the conductor of the 2009 Lithuanian Millennium Songs and Dance Celebration.

**Eugenija Karkienė** was born in 1949. She studied choir conducting at the Lithuanian Pedagogical University. Since 1974 she has been the teacher of Kretinga art's school and since 2002 she has second conductor of the choir "Saulainė".

**Rima Stonkuvienė** was born in 1972. She studied grand piano at the Lithuanian National Academy of music and theatre. Since 1999 she has been the teacher of Kretinga art's school and since 2002 she has been piano concertmaster of the choir "Saulainė".