

# 100 YEARS TOGETHER

The development  
of the State of  
Lithuania as  
witnessed by the  
centenarians







In 2018, the Republic of Lithuania will celebrate the centenary of its restored Independence. Today it is a free and modern country with a unique history which has been and still is created daily by millions of its fellow citizens. Some of them have been together for as much as a hundred years.

“100 Years Together” is a project of artistic visualizations that shares the memoirs, experiences and life stories of the contemporaries of the Republic of Lithuania and their families through photographs and documentary film. The authentic stories of the centenarians reveal how major historical events have affected the lives of the people and how we, the citizens of Lithuania, have changed together with the country in the course of the last hundred years.

We aim to highlight, using artistic means, the most remarkable episodes in the lives of the centenarians and to use their unique individual stories to reveal what does it feel like to be old in today's Lithuania.





Both in a film and a photo album, “100 Years Together”, we present and preserve the memories of our heroes born in 1918 and earlier who are the eyewitnesses of the restoration of the Independence of Lithuania and share the experiences of people representing different professions, nationalities, and social or cultural circles.

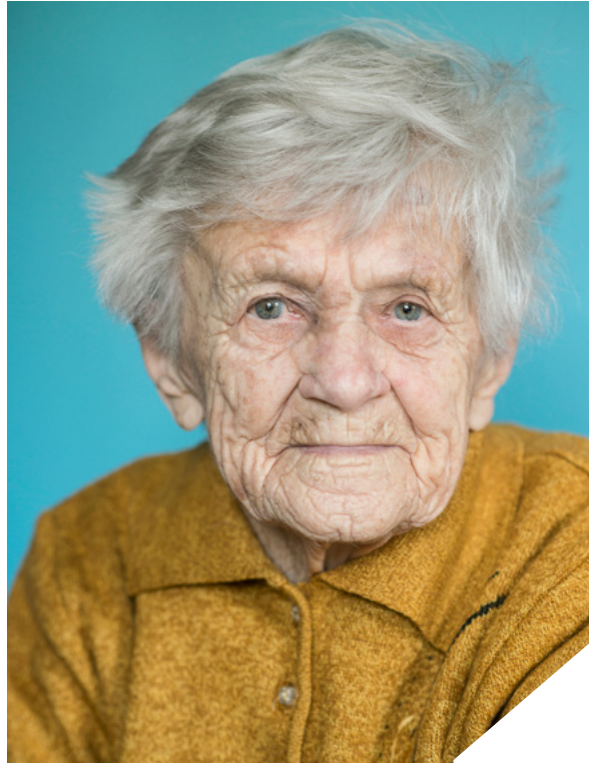
The project celebrates the centenary of the restoration of the Independence of Lithuania and encourages its citizens to take pride in their country.

# The HEROES



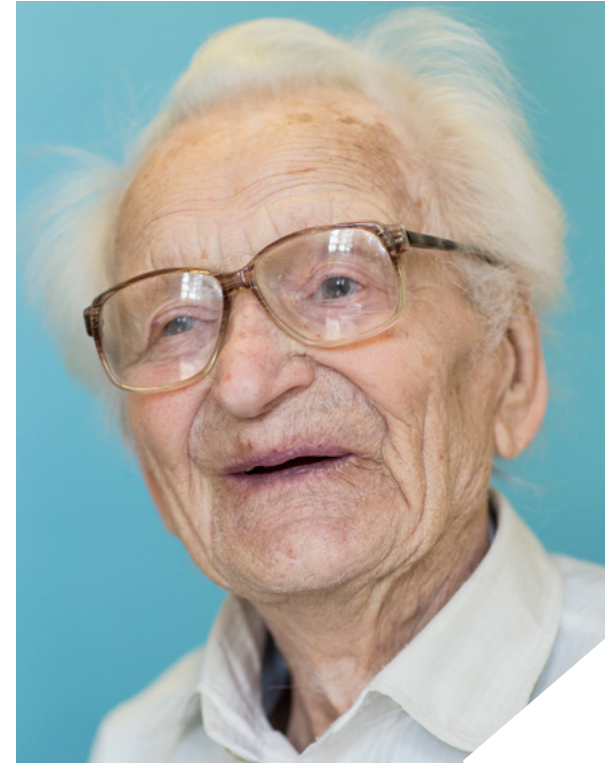
## **Aleksandras Stoncelis**

Aleksandras lives on the seaside with his wife Zuzana and takes walks everywhere as he stopped driving his car two years ago. “Maybe I could still drive but I also need to walk”, he smiles. Both of the spouses, who have spent 70 years together, are still full of energy: lush flowers bloom in their backyard, they share vegetables grown in their garden with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, while their house is still open to tourists coming to spend their holidays by the sea.



## **Veronika Gerasimavičienė**

Veronika saw the first deportations to Siberia and the shootings of the Jewish people. When she was young, she cycled 100 kilometers across the country to visit her beloved. “I feared nothing”, she says. Now Veronika enjoys every day, especially when she can enjoy a swing in her backyard.



## **Antanas Kvoščiauskas**

Antanas still plays the accordion and enjoys listening to the music on the radio. He particularly loves classical music but does not shun modern music either. Antanas attended only a primary school; nevertheless, several years ago he participated in the National Dictation writing competition.



# The CREATIVE TEAM



## **Project Initiator Marius Ciuzelis**

Marius Ciuzelis is the co-Founder and Manager of MC Charity Foundation who runs a befriending and support line “Sidabrine linija” for lonely elderly people.

One of the main focus areas of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life for elderly people who require attendance. The Foundation strives to make Lithuania a friendly country where old people are an integral and important part of the society, where everyone shows respect to senior citizens and old people can live a dignified, meaningful, active and healthy life.

[www.mcwealth.lt](http://www.mcwealth.lt)

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## **Producer Kestutis Drazdauskas**

Kestutis Drazdauskas is the co-Founder of Artbox, one of the leading film and TV production companies in the Baltic region, which cooperates with film production companies from Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Armenia, Poland, Finland, Latvia and other countries and has already created more than 15 features and short films. Kestutis also chairs the Board of Independent Producers Association and the National Association of Creative and Cultural Industries, chairs the Supervisory Board of Vilnius Film Office and is a Board Member of Film Policy Council, Lithuanian Film Academy, and European Producers Club. He also plays the flute and sings in a rock band called “Skyle”.

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## **Director Edita Kabaraite**

Edita Kabaraite is an experienced director and co-author of various films, TV projects, ads and music videos. Her creative portfolio consists of numerous directing projects including a two-part [documentary](#) about the President Valdas Adamkus and a feature film “Valentinas vienas”.



## **Photographer Monika Pozerskyte**

Monika Pozerskyte represents the youngest generation of Lithuanian photographers. She studied photography and media arts at Vilnius Academy of Arts. Monika focuses on social and commercial photography and has participated in more than 30 exhibitions in Lithuania and abroad over the past 10 years.

[Art works.](#)



## **Cinematographer Rytis Kurkulis**

Rytis Kurkulis is the author of various music videos as well as feature and documentary films. During his career of more than 10 years he has cooperated with a number of Lithuanian audio-visual product makers. His latest work is a feature film “Emilija iš Laisvės alėjos”, which has won public acclaim. He is also a member of the Lithuanian Association of Cinematographers.

[Filmography.](#)

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## **Composer**

### **Martynas Bialobzeskis**

Martynas Bialobzeskis is an artist, whose creativity draws from four different spheres: theater music, academic music, electronic music, and the search for a unique sound. He combines academic and pop music and his pieces are played at modern music festivals.

[Art works.](#)



## **Editor**

### **Eimantas Belickas**

Eimantas Belickas is the editor and composer of a number of films, documentaries, advertisements and music videos. One of the most remarkable examples of his editing work is a film “Kolekcionierė” directed by Kristina Buožytė. At the moment, Eimantas is directing his own first feature-length film “Tumo kodeksas”. He is also a well-known musician who plays together with Andrius Mamontovas.





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