

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference

Expressions and Impressions:

Personal and Communal Aspects of Traditional Singing

November 7–9, 2018, Estonian Literary Museum, Tartu

Singing is a universal cultural practice that includes processing of personal feelings and experiences as well as various individual and communal aims in the framework of poetical-musical tradition into a creative, voiced, bodily performance.

Hereby the Estonian Folklore Archives of the Estonian Literary Museum is pleased to invite you to participate in a conference devoted to traditional singing with its various personal and communal aspects. We invite you to discuss how songs reflect the mentalities and life of different time periods and have been functioning throughout the times as support for emotional and practical needs of individuals and communities.

The possible topics in this area include, but are not limited to:

- processing of the real/imaginary into a poetic text
- reflections of time vs timeless experience in traditional singing
- cross-cultural interactions and variability in text, music and other features of singing
- singing as voiced, melodic and rhythmic bodily action
- gender- and age-based approaches to singing
- functions of singing: ritual, magic, processing of experiences, guidance, creative expression, strengthening of group identity etc.
- singing as psychotherapy and as resistance: struggle with injustice, violence, trauma
- singing as (auto)communication; imagined and real, human and nonhuman, audiences and partners
- singer's personality
- documentation of singing as a complex cultural phenomenon, sources of song research and its critical reading

This conference is the tenth in a series of biennial conferences, currently expanding its focus from Finnic runosongs to the singing traditions of the whole world. Please send your abstract by the **1st of June** to efa.conference@folklore.ee ! You will receive notifications of acceptance by the 20th of June 2018.

The conference has no participation fee.

Homepage: <http://folklore.ee/regilaul/konverents2018/>

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