

# *INVITATION*

*To say farewell, the Ambassador of Japan  
and Mr. M. Akashi request the pleasure of  
the company of*

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*at the Concert from 18:00 followed by  
the Reception from 19:00 to 20:30 hours  
on Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
at the Applied Art Museum, Arsenalo st. 3A, Vilnius*

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*Please present this invitation card at the entrance.*

*The Concert will be the second showing in Lithuania.  
Number of seats for the concert is limited.  
First-come-first-served basis.*



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**\*\*\* Programme \*\*\***

18:00 – 19:00 (in the Hall on the 3rd Floor)

**Motoki HIRAI**

**A Suite of Picture Books**

– Storytelling, Images & Music –

Prologue

„The Tree of Courage“

Interlude

„The Restaurant with Many Orders“

Romanza

„The Cat who Lived a Million Times“

Epilogue

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19:00 – 20:30 (in the Hall on the 2nd Floor)

- Farewell speech of Ambassador of Japan
- Maki-Sushi demonstration  
by the Ambassador's chef Mr. Kunio Tose
- Haiku creation
- Tea ceremony



**Composer: Motoki HIRAI**



Widely acclaimed as “a most brilliant and sensitive musical talent both as pianist and composer” (-Guardian), Motoki Hirai has appeared in the music capitals of the Far East, America and Europe, performing in venues including Wigmore Hall (London) and Carnegie Hall (NY). Motoki studied music with his grandfather, the eminent composer Kozaburo Hirai and his father Takeichiro Hirai, the celebrated cellist and disciple of Pablo Casals. Motoki has broadcast internationally on radio and TV such as BBC and NHK. [www.motoki-hirai.com](http://www.motoki-hirai.com)

**ARTISTS**

**Juozas Šalkauskas (narrator)**

Lithuanian radio speaker known to all Lithuanians, press observer, winner of A. Macijauskas award for cherishing the Lithuanian language.



**Raimundas Neverovas (violin)**

Started to play the violin from the age of seven. Still being in the 6th grade, he already performed solo with the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, headed by maestro Saulius Sondeckis. In 2006, after graduating S. Šimkus conservatoire in Klaipėda, he continued his studies at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre. In 2001 he had internship at Vienna Music and Acting Arts University in the class of Prof. Jela Špitkova, former student of D. Oistrach. At the moment he studies for the Master degree at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre in Prof. J. Dvarionas violin class. The violinist actively participates in the concerts not only in Lithuania, but abroad as well.

**Eduardas Bogdanovas (violin)**

Started to play the violin since the age of five at his father's. In 2007 graduated E. Balsys Art Gymnasium in Klaipėda, violin class of the teacher K. Kupšienė. At the moment he studies at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre in prof. Ingrida Armonaite's violin class. In 2011 Eduardas became the winner of the International Youth Music Contest „With Music Around Europe: Lithuania – Italy“ (1st prize) and also the winner of the national contest of young talents in Klaipėda (2nd place). He is also a holder of diplomas of the national R. Katilius and A. Livontas contests. He was improving his skills at the master courses of various famous violinists and teachers.