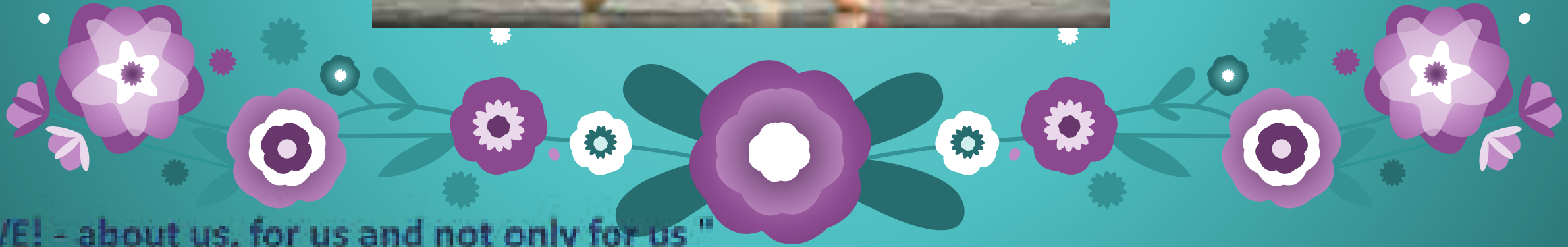
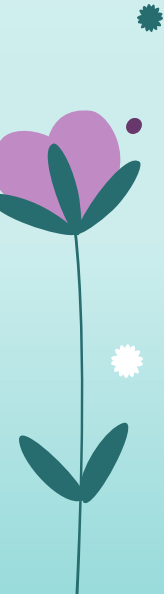
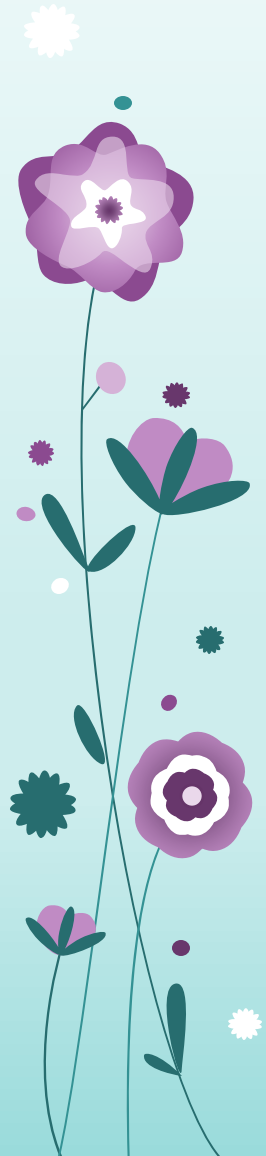


Latvia- the land, where you dance..

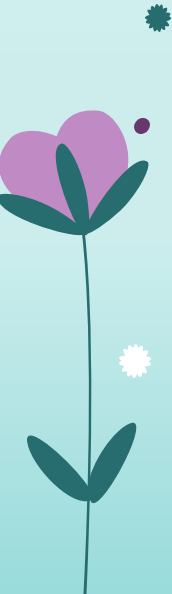
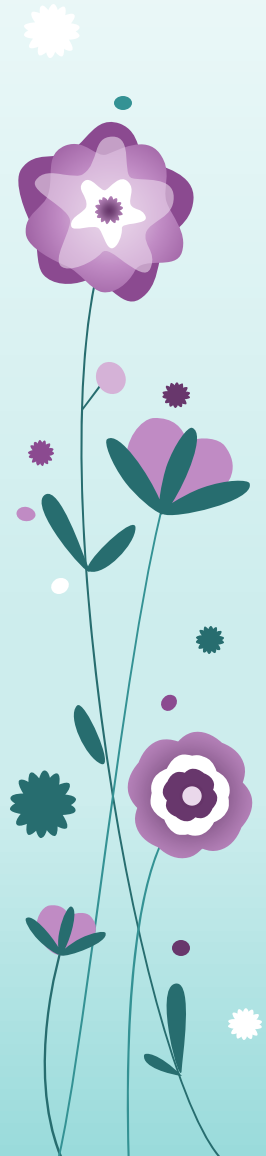


"WE! - about us, for us and not only for us "

Latvians have always celebrated life. And one of the holiday traditions is dance.

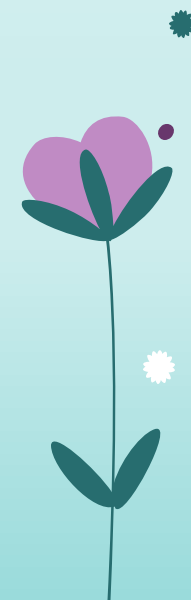
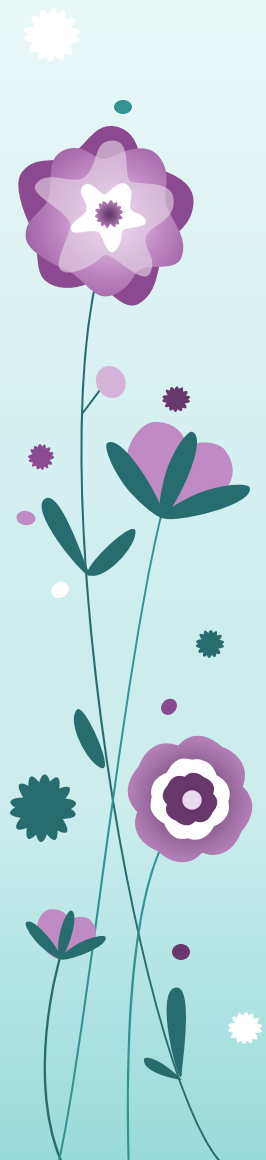


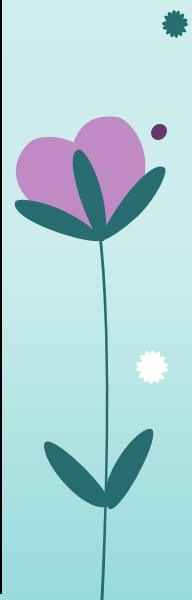
The oldest dance genre can be considered folk dances.



We offer you to watch the dance "Oh, Fatherland, corner corners."

- Music by Raimonds Pauls
- Choreography by Aldis Ādamsons
- Dance group «Solītis»
- The song tells about the beauty of Latvia and 4 regions. The dancers are wearing the national costumes of all regions of Latvia.





In the ancient times dance was considered as celebration and annual tradition.



Jāņi
Midsummer

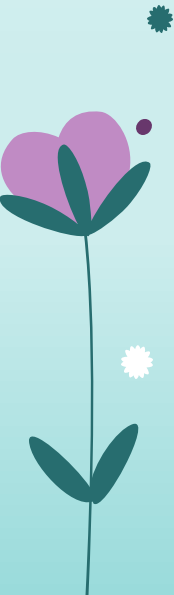
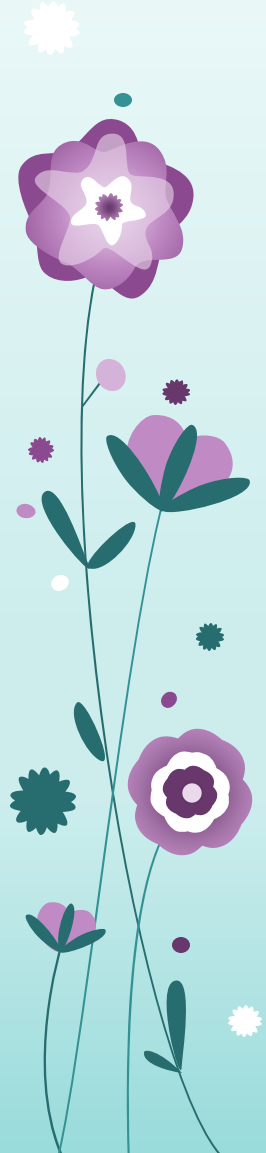


Ziemassvētki
Christmas

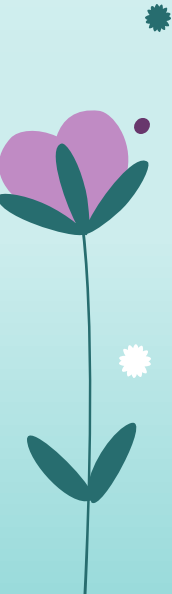
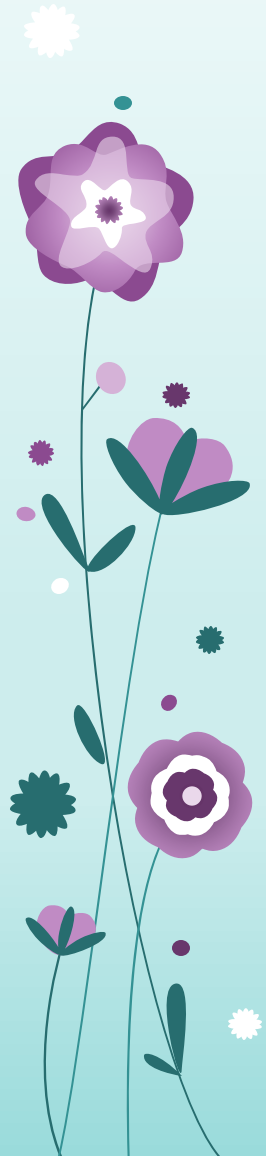


Mārtiņdiena
St. Martin's Day

Nowadays, Latvian folk dances are danced in pairs – a guy with a girl.



Cross-dancing (or Kadriļas) can often be seen.

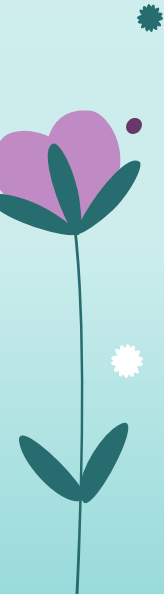
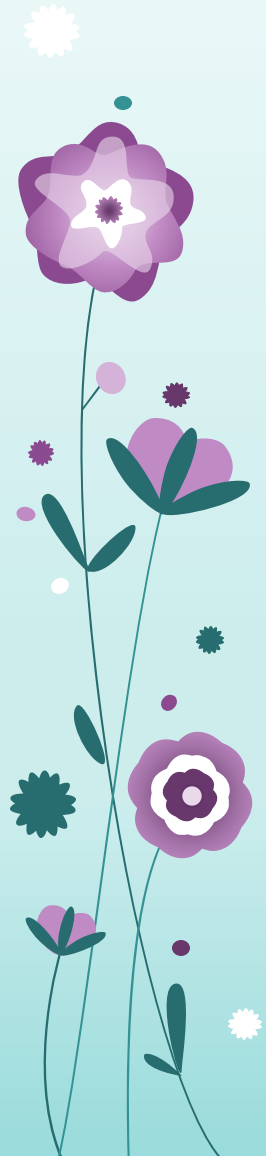


Solo dances.

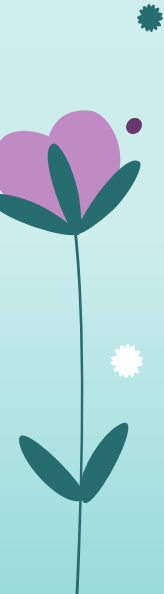
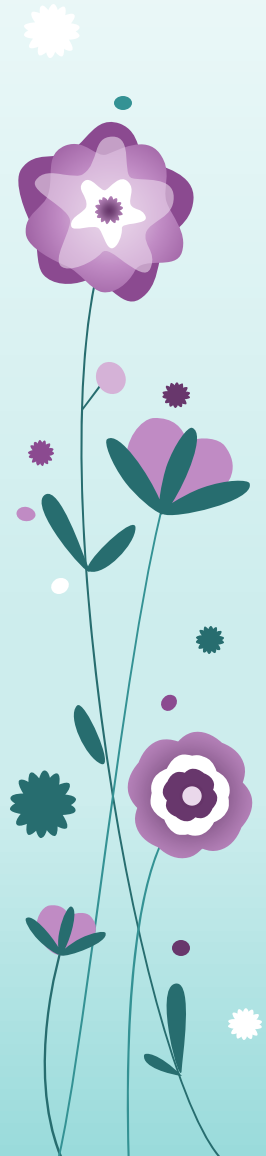


Teacher Ineta Donmane is dancing solo Latvian folk dance «Buobu dancis»

It is typical for Latvians to create signs and patterns with dance.



Once in 5 years, in Latvia happens the General Latvian Song and Dance Festival.

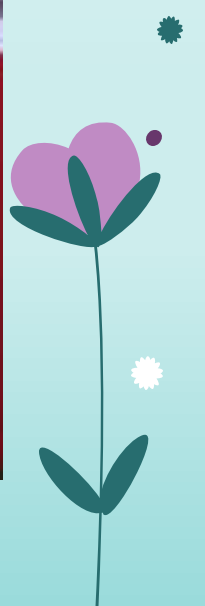
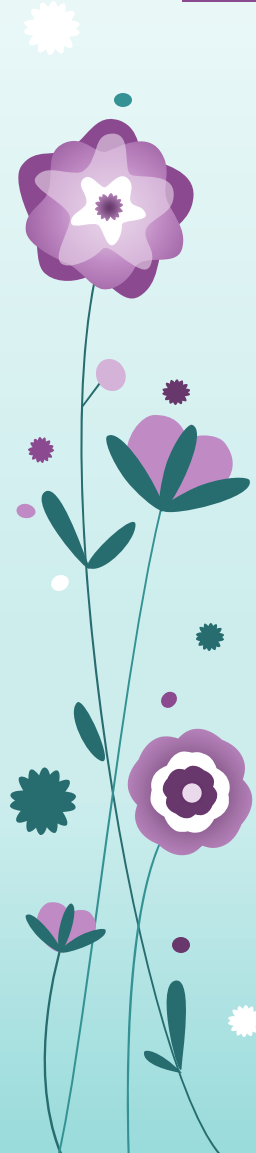


Since year.1873. Dance and Song Festival
has happened 26 times.

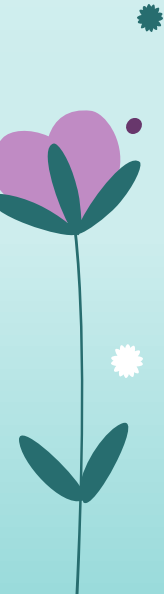
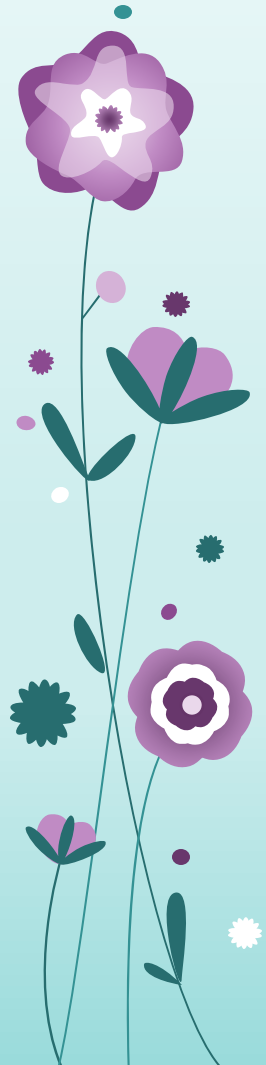


In picture:
The building of the Third General
Latvian Singing Festival on the
Riga Esplanade.

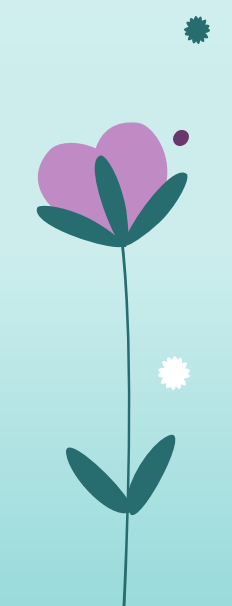
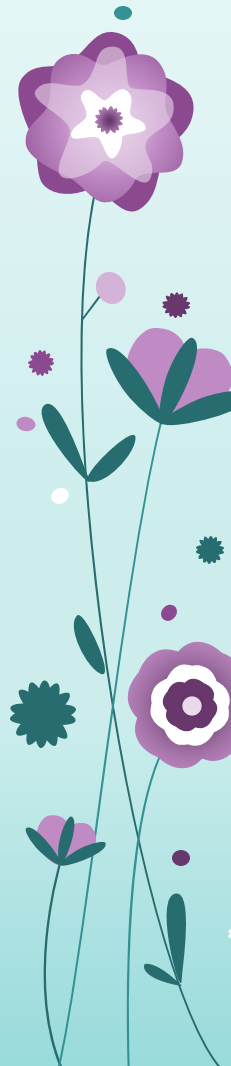
A Video about Latvian Song and Dance Festival.



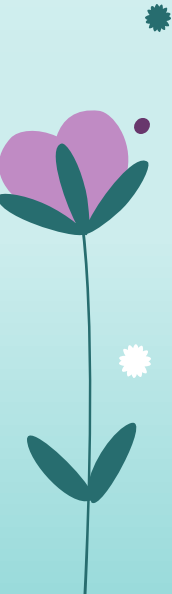
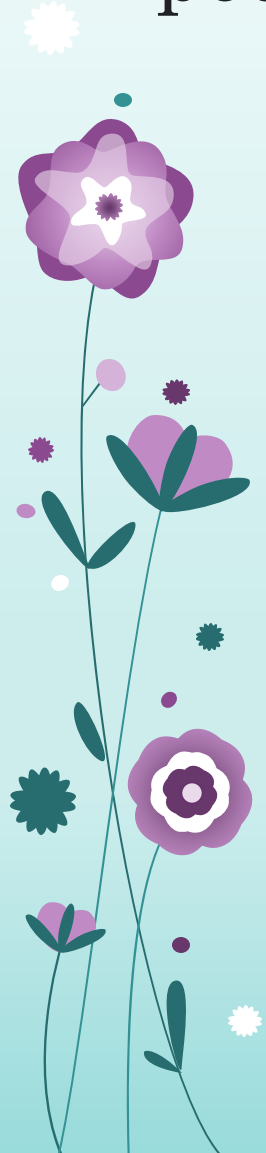
Latvian song festival traditions since year 2003 has been included in the UNESCO list of intangible cultural heritage of mankind.



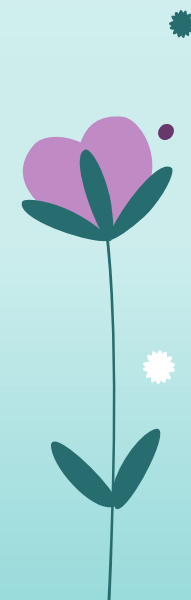
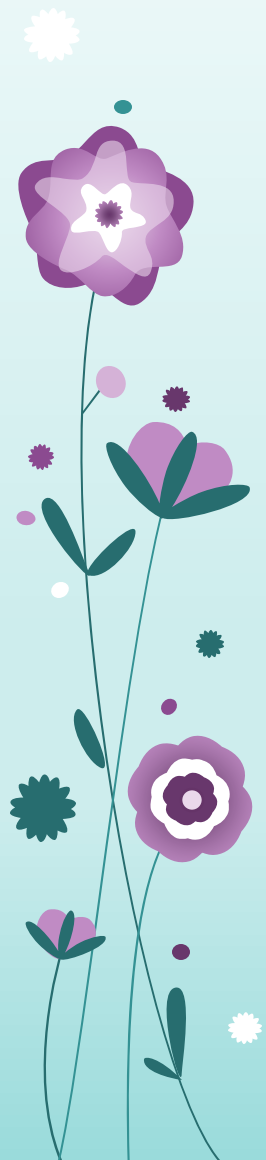
Excerpt from the 2018 dance festival large-scale production «Land of Mara.»



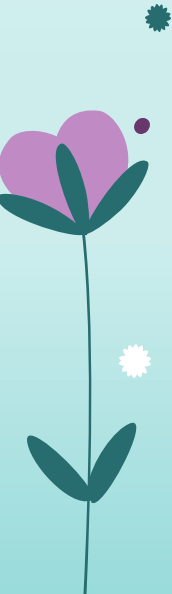
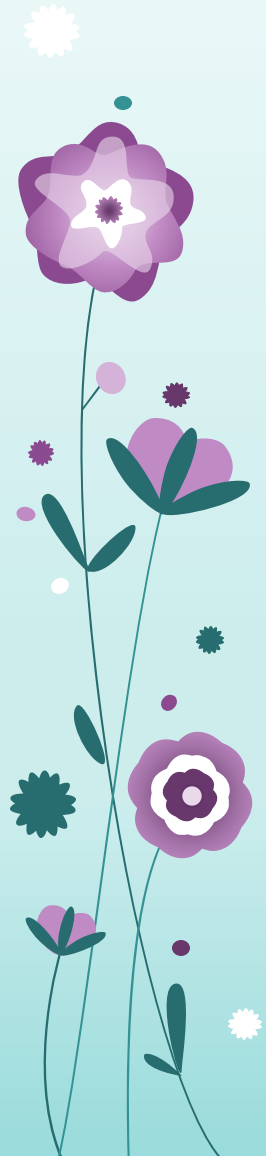
The Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Festival is the largest song and dance tradition for children and young people in Latvia.



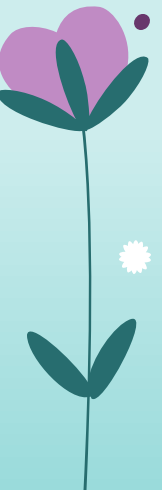
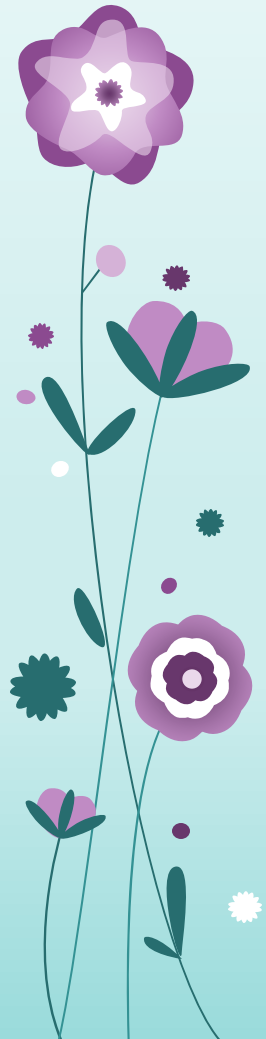
The first Student Song and Dance Festival took place on June 23, 1960 in Riga.



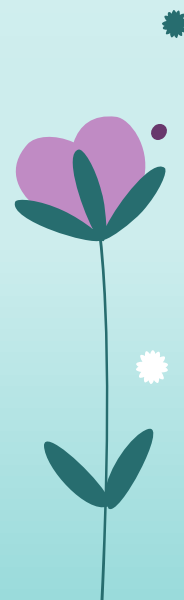
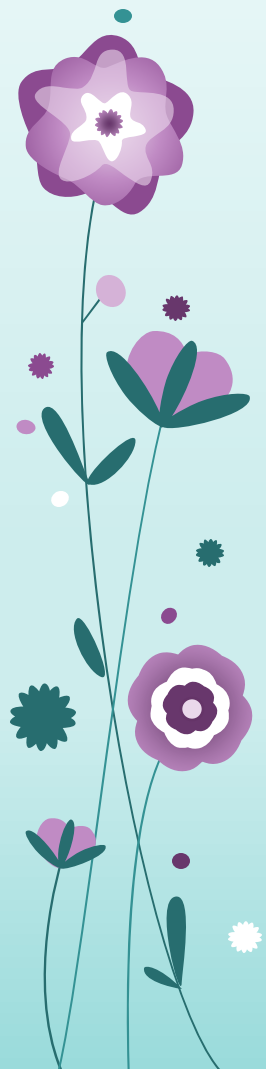
Traditionally the main dance concerts takes place at the Daugava stadium.



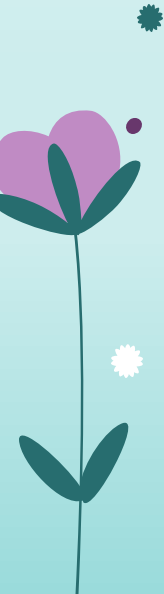
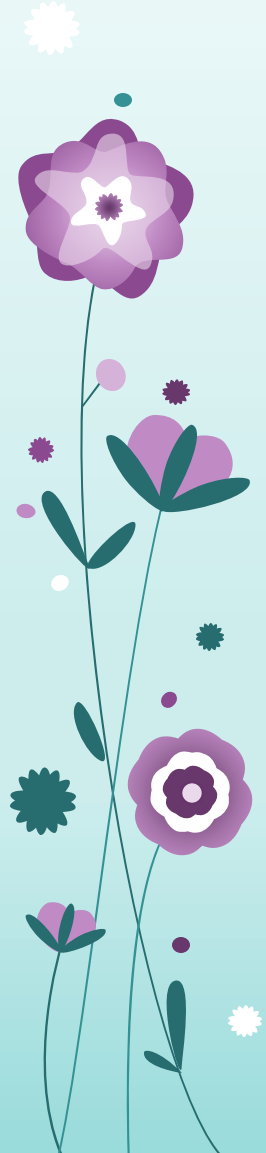
Very important and waited is the Song and dance festival procession, where participants rejoice in the festivities and each collective shows its country or collective festive outfits



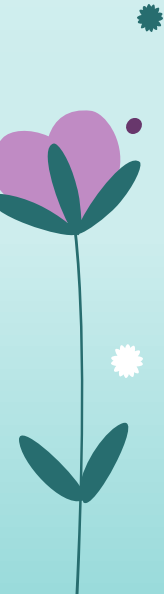
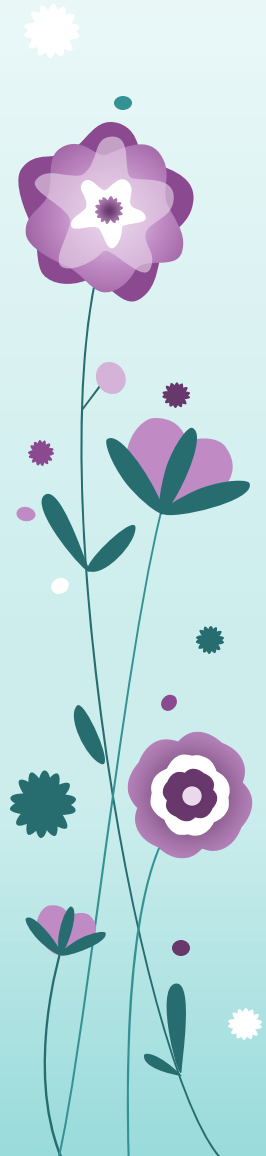
In 2015, for the first time in the history of the Latvian Dance Festival, the event was attended by students with special needs. And our school too.



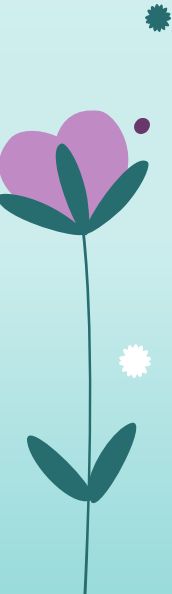
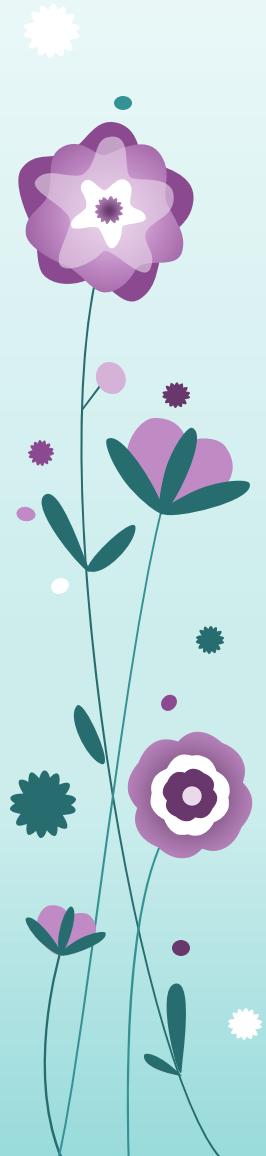
Our school was represented by various collectives.
School rhythm group teacher Ieva Altrofas, was under
the leadership of this.



Dance group "Solītis" led by teacher Ineta Dovmane.



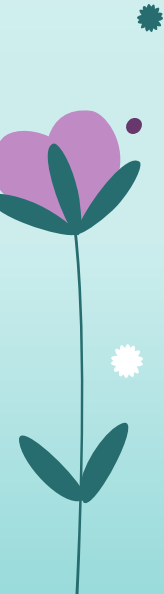
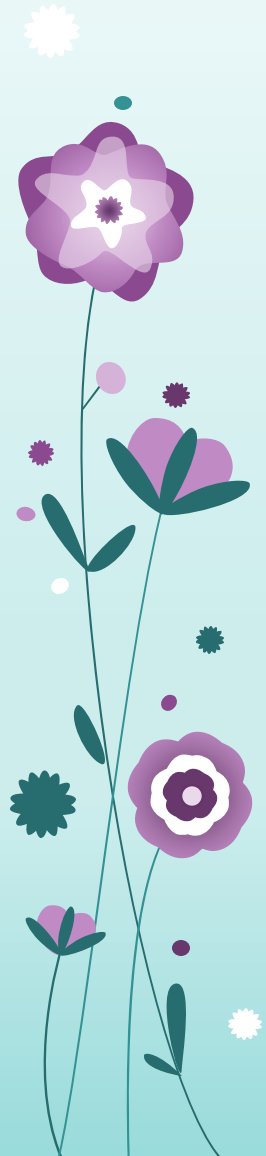
It was a hard but a fun job. Long before the holidays, they already started practising- even indoors.

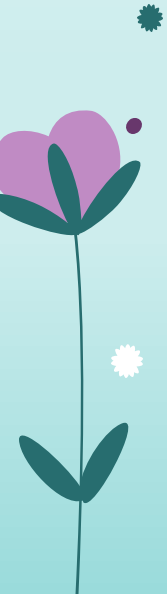
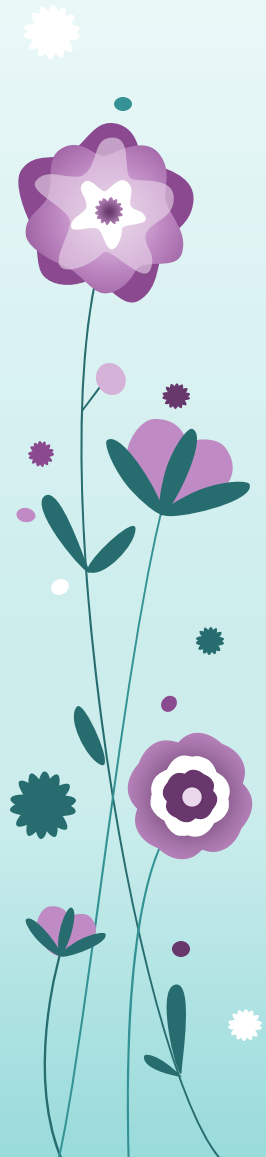


They tried on festive outfits, because festive outfits is the pride of every Latvian.

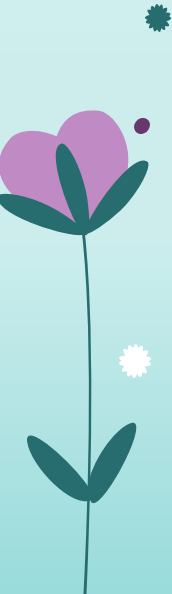
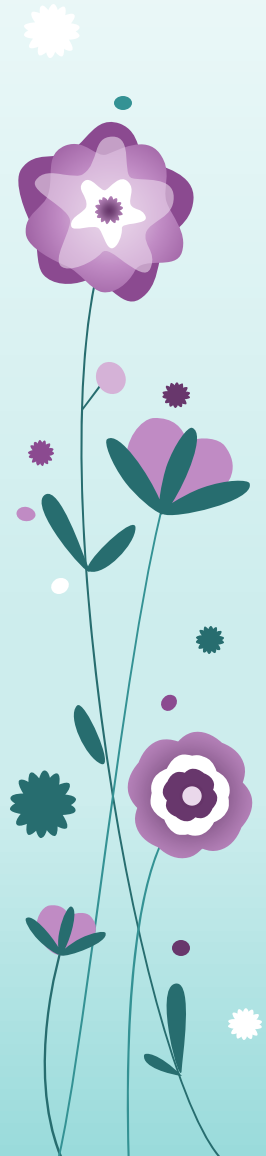


They even practised on stage.

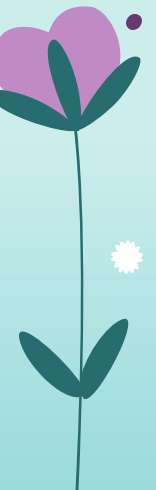
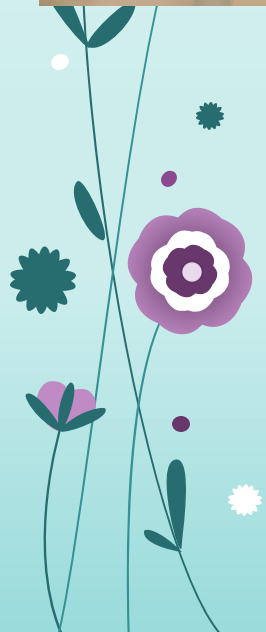




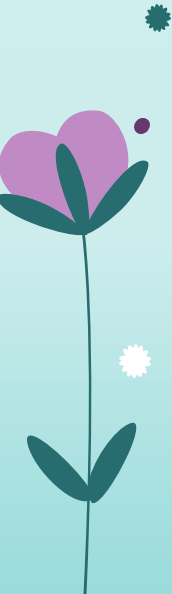
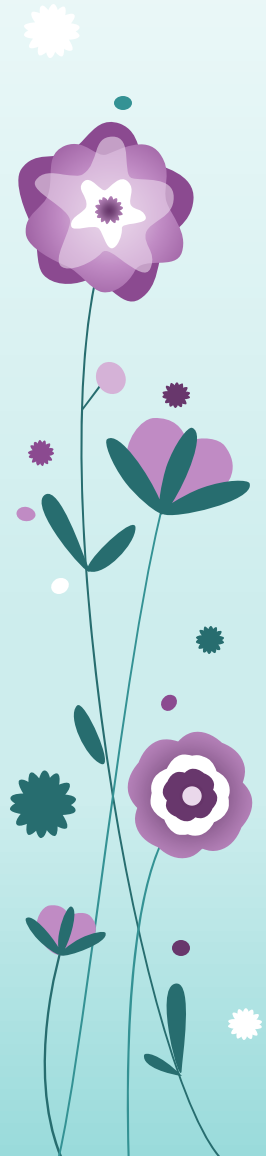
It took a lot, a lot of time, endurance and patience.



Even on the festive morning, the activity does not stop. Teachers excitedly dressed up in their folk costumes.

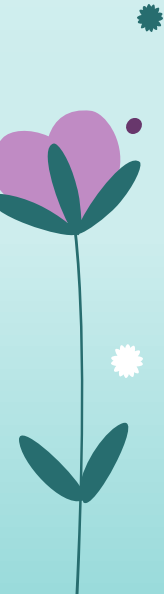
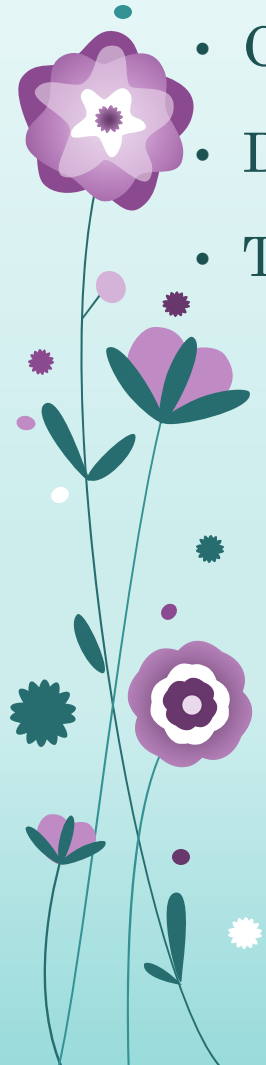


We are ready to celebrate!

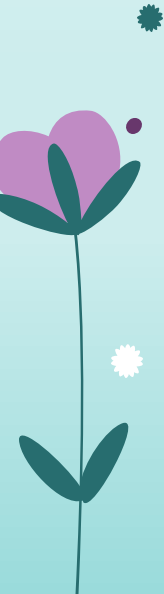
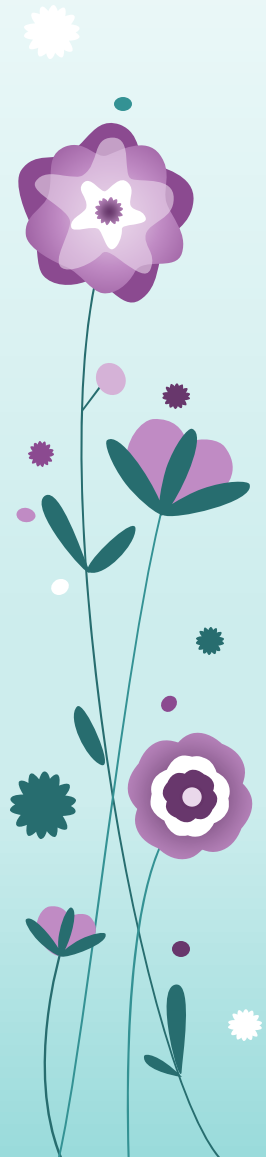


We offer you to watch the dance «Release the flower along the dam»

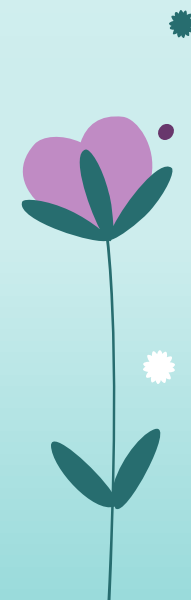
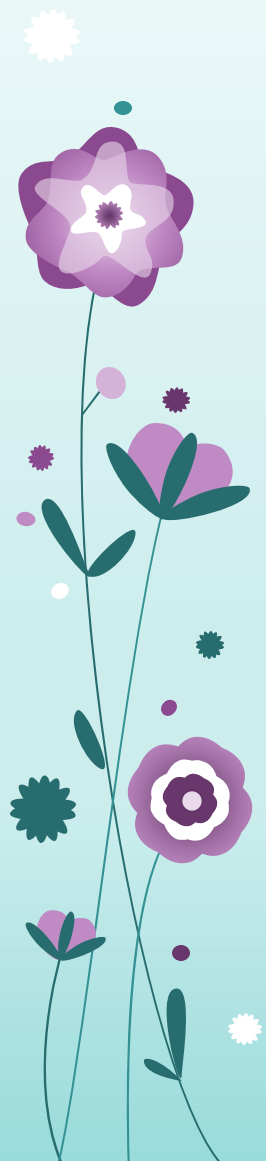
- Music by Raimonds Pauls.
- Choreography by Aldis Ādamsons
- Dance group «Solītis»
- The song is from the theater performance "Parish Bazaar"



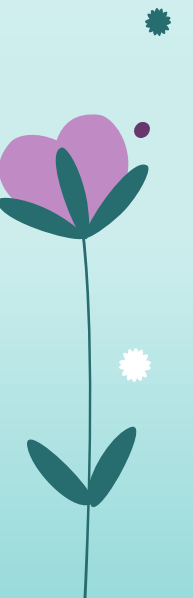
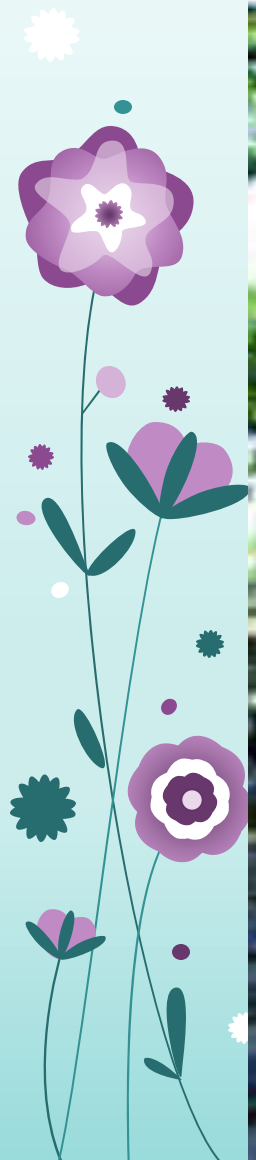
This was the moment before....

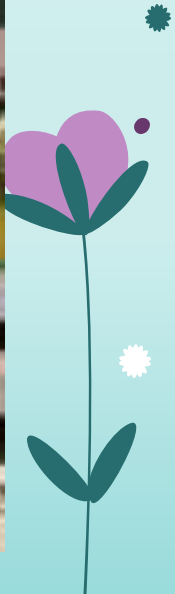
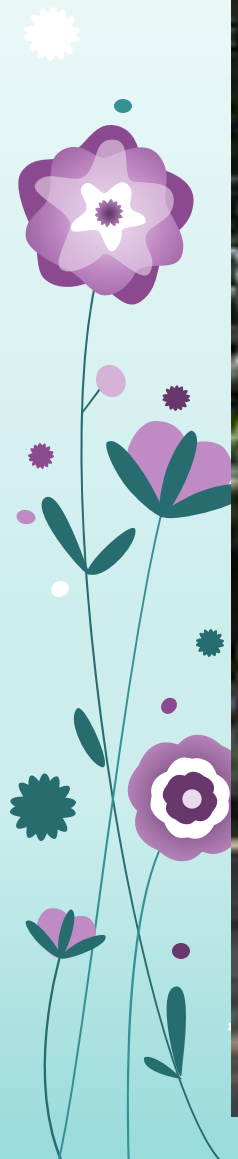


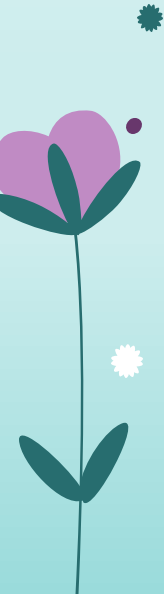
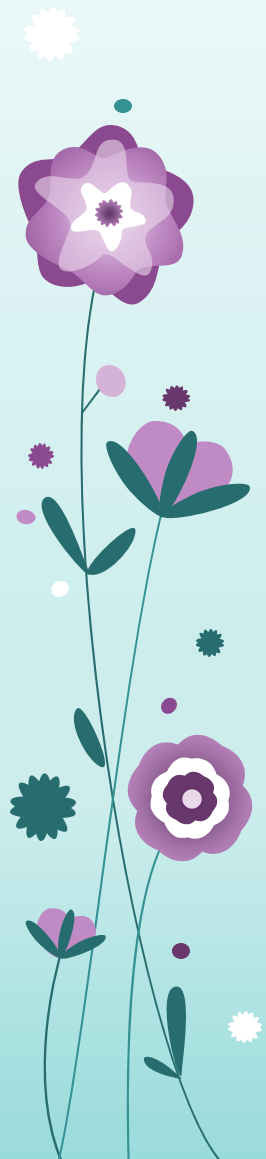
And then the important and responsible moment- the concert..









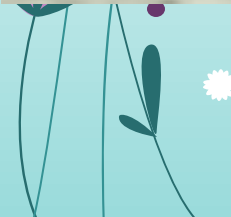


We offer you to watch Folk dance: «The mice went to the mill»



- Folk music
- Choreography by Aldis Ādamsons
- Dance group «Solītis» (litle group)

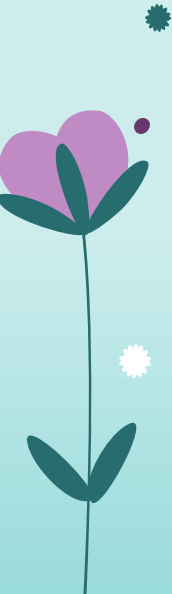
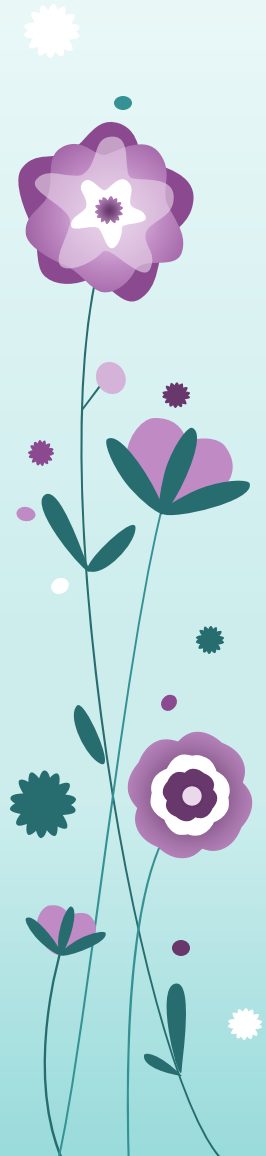
The emotions of the spectators show how important such an event is for the families and teachers of our students.



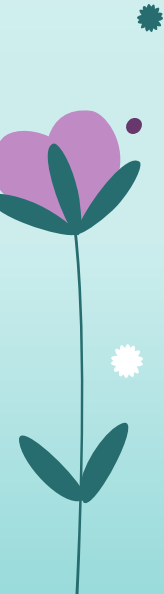
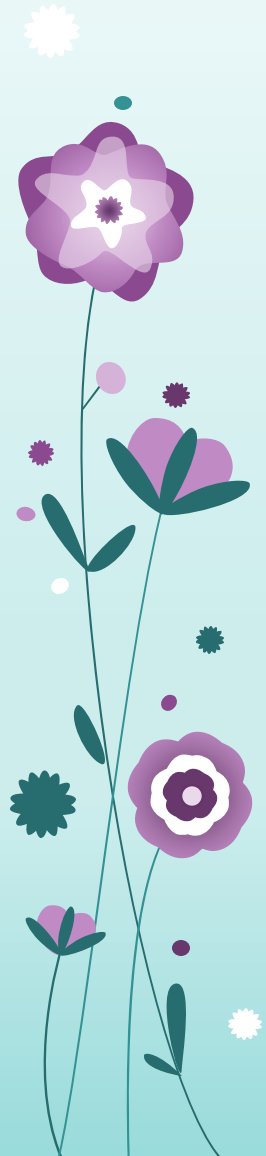
After a well done work, they could relax and take part in creative workshops organized by the participating schools.



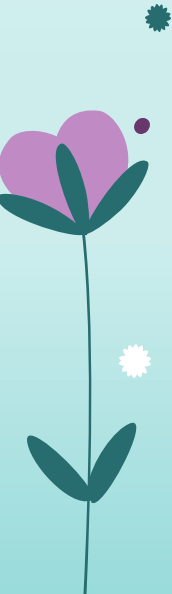
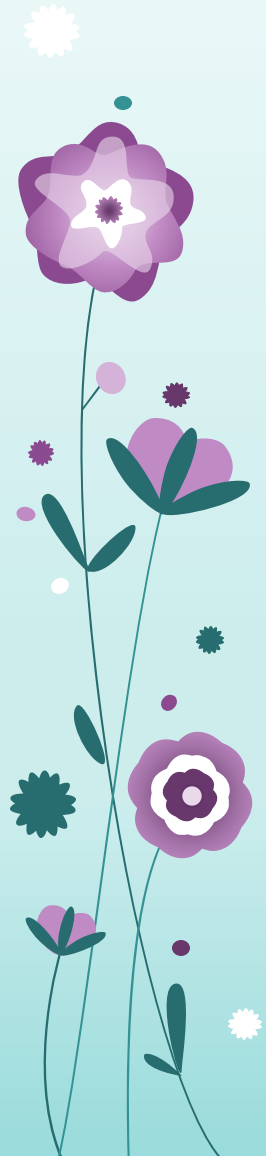
One of the most anticipated moments was the festive procession. Rejoice at the opportunity to be together.



Special transport was provided for children with reduced mobility so that they could take part in the festive procession.



Everyone was happy! Because dance and song unite like nothing else.

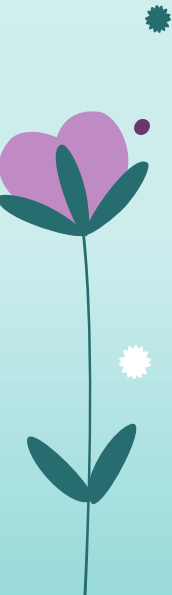
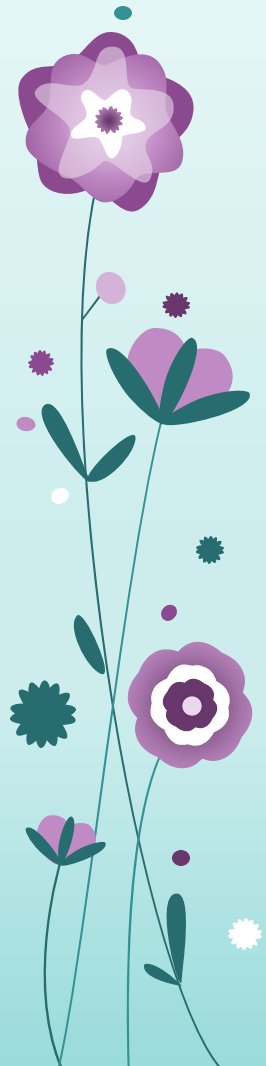


It was clear that our school would take part in the next dance festival as well, but a pandemic started and the festival was canceled

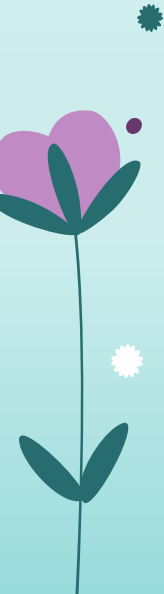
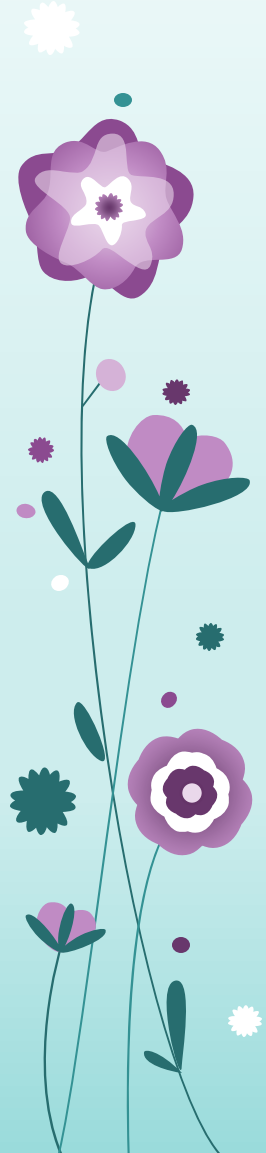


XII LATVIJAS
SKOLU JAUNATNES
DZIESMU UN DEJU
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~~06. - 12.07.2020.~~



But we continue to dance, sing and live.
Because Latvia is a land where you dance!



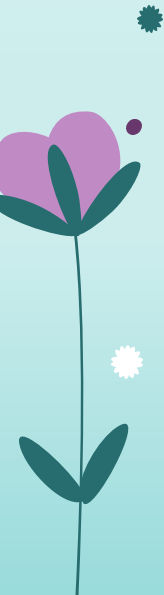
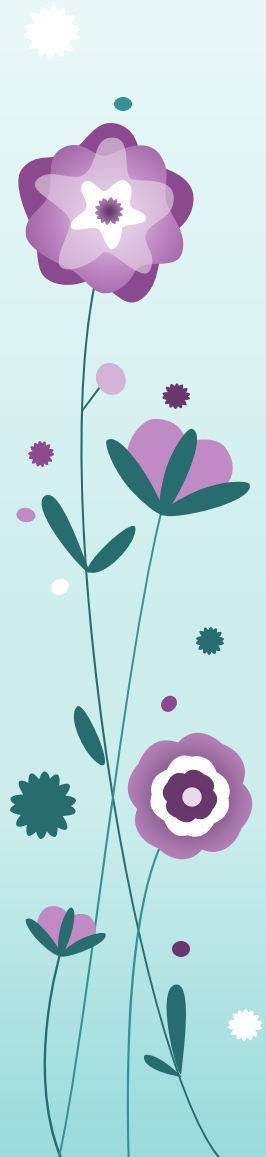
We offer you to watch Folk dance: Cows Cossack

Govju kazāks

Music: Folk music by Jānis Grigaļs

Choreography by Aldis Ādamsons

Dance group «Solītis»



Thank you for your
attention!

