

Martynas Levickis in Madison July 2010.

Although Madison is a bit off the beaten path for Lithuanian performers, we have been lucky to land some wonderful musicians, the latest being the young classical accordion virtuoso, Martynas Levickis. Between concerts in Chicago, June 10, 2010 Martynas appeared at the University of Wisconsin Mosse Humanities Building, at a concert commemorating the State Day of Lithuania.



Sponsored by CREECA (Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia), BALSSI (Baltic Area Language Studies Summer Institute), Madison Vilnius Sister Cities, Inc., and the Lithuanian Consulate in Chicago, the concert drew its audience from the local Lithuanian community as well as the staff and students of Lithuanian language studying at the BALSSI course.



The 20-year-old artist has a resume that exceeds those of musicians twice his age. He has been playing accordion since the age of 3, began studying at the age of 8, has won multiple prizes at international competitions, has performed with several Lithuanian chamber orchestras in the most popular international festivals. Martynas has studied and performed in England, toured the US, appeared on TV, and written his own compositions. His program in Madison included a mix of classical and modern composers, and ended with a beautiful encore of a Piazzola tango.





MVSC was honored and thrilled to meet and hear this young artist, and to show him our most popular Madison spots : the Union Terrace, the University campus, State St., the restored Orpheum Theater, and Art Fair on the Square where Martynas found a photo of Lithuania's Hill of Crosses and recognized a work by his uncle. In this scenic tour of Madison, they even found time to watch the World Cup match for third place, and wound up at the Bandung Indonesian restaurant for dinner.

We look forward to a return visit from this talented and pleasant young artist. To learn more about Martynas Levickis, go to www.levickis.com