

## **LAULUPIDU THE VOICE OF A NATION**

The first song festival was held as a national unification event while Estonia was under Czarist rule. Since that time, Laulupidu has been held 25 times:

1869	under Czarist Russia	(845 singers)
1879	under Czarist Russia	(1,227 singers)
1880	under Czarist Russia	(782 singers)
1891	under Czarist Russia	(2,700 singers)
1894	under Czarist Russia	(3,951 singers)
1896	under Czarist Russia	(5,681 singers)
1910	under Czarist Russia	(10,000 singers)
1923	Republic of Estonia	(10,562 singers)
1928	Republic of Estonia	(15,049 singers)
1933	Republic of Estonia	(16,500 singers)
1938	Republic of Estonia	(17,501 singers)
1947	under Soviet rule	(25,760 singers)
1950	under Soviet rule	(31,907 singers)
1955	under Soviet rule	(30,321 singers)
1960	under Soviet rule	(29,273 singers)
1965	under Soviet rule	(25,806 singers)
1969	under Soviet rule	(30,230 singers)
1975	under Soviet rule	(28,537 singers)
1980	under Soviet rule	(28,969 singers)
1985	under Soviet rule	(26,437 singers)
1990	under Soviet rule	(28,922 singers)
1994	Republic of Estonia	(25,802 singers)
1999	Republic of Estonia	(24,875 singers)
2004	Republic of Estonia	(23,995 singers)
2009	Republic of Estonia	(23,988 singers)