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"Museums in the Northern Dimension"**
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«Lodkastrun»

Project presentation
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Time: Thursday, October 13, 17:30 – 18.00

Place: Hall of the Noble Assembly, National museum of the Republic of Karelia, Lenin Sq., 1

Admission: for conference participants and guests

«Lodkastrun» (the singing boat) was first designed and implemented in the city of Suzdal in 2012, as part of the Art laboratory «Man»-«Game 3000». The author of the idea is Alexander Leonov (music project «Yar-Ga», <https://vk.com/yargasounds>). A traditional «botnik» dugout boat is used as resonator. This boat is an ideal sample of small riverboats used for transporting hay from floodplain meadows, fishing or hunting on melting ice, etc.

Boats like that were widespread in Karelia and Finland. In «Kalevala» epic poem and other late middle-age texts the boat and Kantele musical instrument serve as the main symbols and artefacts, which most of the folk stories and narratives include. «Lodkastrun» reminds of «Kalevala» being both a boat and a musical instrument.

«Lodkastrun» has been a part of all the Art laboratories «Man»-«Game 3000» held in Suzdal since 2012, as well as Art Play Gallery with Sergey Starostin's participation (Moscow, 2013), Goethe Institute project «Tales by Grimm Brothers» (Saint-Petersburg, 2014), «Musical festival and folk crafts fair» (Sochi, 2014), opening of «New Jerusalem» Exhibition complex of Moscow region (2014), culture and tourism project «Travel of the WORLD» (2015). It has also participated in Embankment festival in Samara, «White Noise-2016» festival on the White Sea, Kizhi island sailing race, Sea festival (Saint-Petersburg, 2016), Festival of the World Music (Sheremetyev's palace, Saint-Petersburg, 2016).

The boat (dugout or log one), which "Museums in the Northern Dimension" conference participants will see and listen to was built in Karelia in 2016 by Ilya Dragunov and Alexander Leonov with the support of the Karelian Information Centre for Tourists.

Alexander Leonov, Olga Gaydamak, project participants («Yar-Ga»)

