



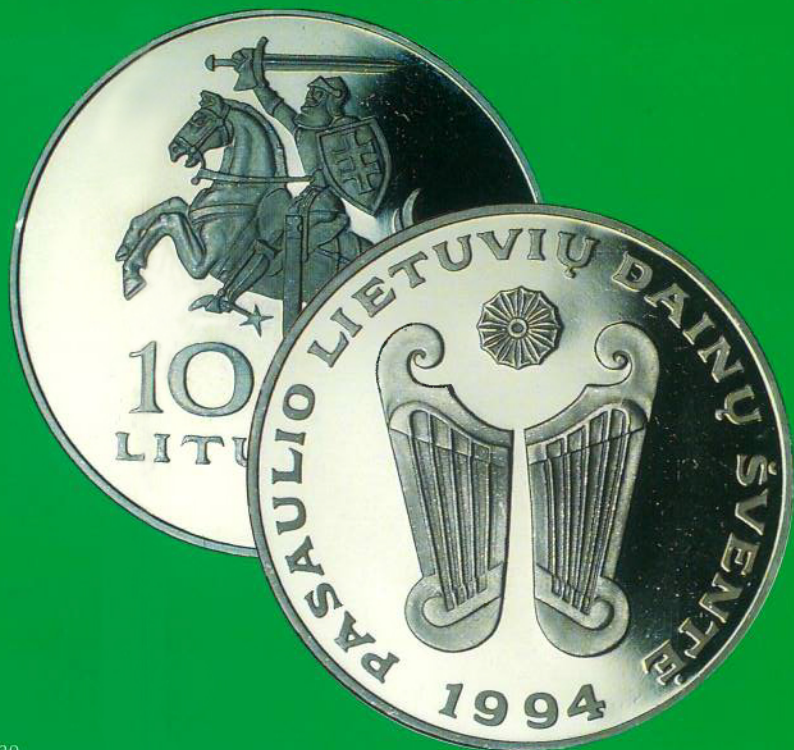
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# *Lietuviškos Kolekcinės Monetos*







*Those mellow songs of Fatherland  
So heavenly awakening my heart...*

*Maironis*

In July of 1994 for the first time after Lithuania had regained its independence compatriots from all over the world representing 27 thousand Lithuanians from 10 countries and three continents were gathering to the most impressive cultural event – the Song Festival of the Lithuanians all over the world. Dancers and singers, musicians and amateurs from various parts of the world came together to recall and to respect the major valuables of the nation – music, dances and songs, folk art –



everything that helped the nation to preserve its spirit, vigour and unity through all the calamities in the knotty course of history.

This Song Festival of the Lithuanians all over the world was a jubilee song festival – the seventy fifth.

Concerts of dance and song ensembles, folk instrument orchestras, as well as performances of old country singers and musicians, authentic songs rendered by single performers in the way they inherited from their parents and ancestors – everything intermingled into a colourful garland of music and songs and turned the event into a grand spectacular. Presentations of folk, classical and sports dances, programmes of song and dance companies, supplemented by musical pieces performed by zither and panpipe musicians, wind instrument orchestras and countryside folk instrument groups enriched the treasury of Lithuanian culture, continuity of traditions and creative power of the nation.