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General facts

- The most outstanding Latvian popular music author
- Composer, pianist, conductor, producer
- Traditional music, jazz, blues, French chanson, German schlager intonations – creates a specific, typical music style



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Education

- Born on January 12, 1936 in Riga
- 1946 - studied in Emīls Dārziņš music school
- 1953 - studied in Conservatory of Latvia – piano class
- 1956 – established Riga's Radio sextet



Work experience

- After studies - works at the Latvian Philharmonic orchestra (pianist) and composes
- 1962 – studies composition in the Conservatory of Latvia
- 1981 – establishes children vocal group "Dzeguzīte" (pianist and song author)



Achievements

- 1988 - Chairman of the Latvian SSR Culture Committee
- 1989 - Minister of Culture
- 1994 - receives the *Grand Music Award*
- 1998 – 2006 - deputy of Parliament



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Main compositions

- Music for 30 theatre plays
- Music for more than 30 motion pictures
- More than 500 popular songs
- More than 70 songs for children



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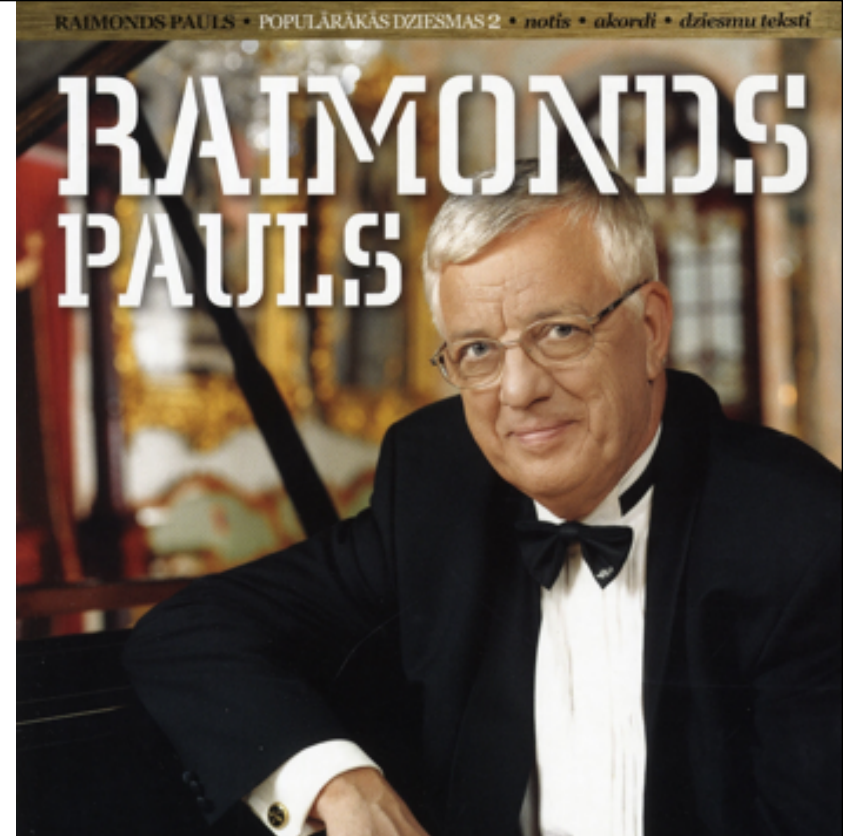




The most popular and worldwide known song - "Dāvāja Māriņa"

When in my childhood I was hurt,
I hurried to find my mother, to grab
her dress
My mother laughed and said to me:
The life was given to a girl, but the
happiness was forgotten to give





Thank you!



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