

A photograph of four female performers in traditional Estonian folk costumes standing on a stage. They are wearing white blouses with red sashes and patterned skirts. One performer on the right is holding a large, decorated wooden shield. In the background, there is a large audience seated in rows under a clear sky.

# From folklore to народное творчество: performing *runo-song* on stage

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Estonian Folklore Archives of Estonian Literary Museum



Recording of Karelian and Estonian folk culture, 1950s.  
Photos: Estonian Literary Museum; [kivike.kirmus.ee](http://kivike.kirmus.ee)

## Karelian runo-singer, newsreel „Soviet Karelia“ 1955.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmCyHC6mtNE> [14:45]



To develop the Soviet folk-art – socialist in content, national in form!

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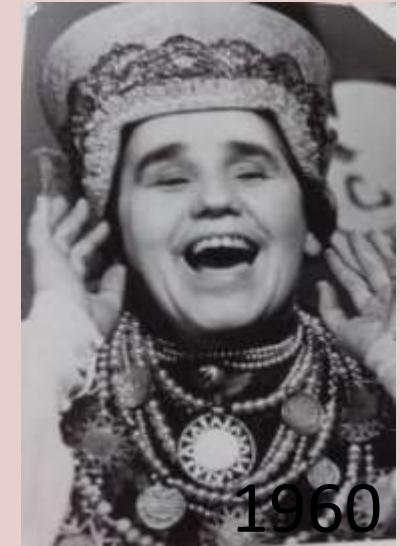


# ELAGU EESTI NSV 10. AASTAPÄEV!

A review of amateur cultural activities, 1950.  
Singers from Kihnu island ([Film archive, f. 203](#))



**New *leelu*.**  
**Laine Mesikäpp (1917-2012)**



1950



Opening of the folk-dance show  
at the song festival in 1950.  
Laine Mesikäpp performs an opening call.  
([Film archive, f. 203](#))



Opening of the folk-dance show  
at the song festival in 1965.  
Laine Mesikäpp performs a greeting song.  
A newsreel's cut ([Film archive, f. 203](#))



Opening of the dance festival in 1985. Laine Mesikäpp performs an opening call and song. (Archives of Estonian National Broadcast)



Helsinki, 1931. (ERA, Foto 57)

## Political songs of Setu singers. Anne Vabarna and her choir



Moscow, 1947 (ERA, Foto 7990).



The tour of folk-musicians, 1935. (ERA, Foto 17996).



ARENDA DA SISULT SOTSIALISTLIKU  
JA VORMILT RAHVUSLIKU  
NÕUKOGUDE RAHVAKUNSTI!



Estonian song festival in Tallinn, 1947.  
A newsreel's cut ([Filmiarhiiv f. 203](#))



## Estonian choral movement, 1950s

Photos: Photos: Estonian National Museum;

Museum of Hiiumaa; Museum of Saaremaa; Museum of Tartu; Museum of Virumaa; Museum of Värska; [www.muis.ee](http://www.muis.ee)

# The Pyatinsky folk choir (founded in 1910) / народный хор М. Е. Пятницкого



# Karelian folk-ensemble „Kantele“, 1959.

Государственный ансамбль песни и танца Карелии "Кантеле"



<https://d1.net-film.ru/web-tc-mp4/fs101219.mp4>

## Amateur ensembles of popular songs and folk-instruments, 1950s.



Photos: Museum of Võrumaa; Estonian Dairy Museum;  
Museum of Saaremaa; [www.muis.ee](http://www.muis.ee)



*Thank you for listening!*

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