

## **Gaitis Jānis Pujāts**

is professional composer, music theory teacher and tuba player from Madona, Latvia. As a tuba player Gaitis in 2019 graduated Cesis Music Secondary School named after Alfrēds Kalniņš. Later he continued to develop tuba playing skills learning it optionally with associated professor of JVLMA Jānis Retenais.

As a composer Gaitis obtained a bachelors degree at JVLMA under docent Ēriks Ešenvalds and now continues masters studies under docents Ēriks Ešenvalds and Arturs Maskats. In 2023 Gaitis received Creativity Award of JVLMA Composition department for bright creative activity. At international choral composition contest Vox Juventutis'20 with choral composition "O Salutaris Hostia" he was one of the finalists and awarded with a Choir's Affection award. Gaitis has participated in many international projects such as EOALab (*European Opera Academy*) in 2021 and NordplusMusic organized immersive media courses "IMMEDIA" in 2022.

Gaitis is also a teacher of music theory and brass at the MIKC Latgalian Secondary School of Music and Arts, tuba player in wind band "Fortissimo" and professional wind band "Rēzekne" and trombone player in wind band "Madona".