



# THE BALTIC Times

## SIXTH ANNUAL EVENING GALA DINNER

RAISING SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM IN THE BALTICS

TOPIC: THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Dear Guest,

On behalf of The Baltic Times, I would like to cordially invite you to join us for an evening gala dinner at **7:00 pm on 10 October 2019 at the Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel in Riga**, Latvia, to raise a robust democratic society, and I ask that you support us by attending or sponsoring this special event. The Baltic Times (TBT) has been committed to this cause since the paper was founded in 1992. In recent years we have sponsored an essay contest among young journalists to promote the importance of independent journalism, as an important building block of any democratic society.

During the program, which will take place over a gourmet sit down dinner, we will honor several journalists who have made a tangible impact on the development of independent Baltic media. A special musical treat will also await the guests.

We are presently finalizing the following prominent speakers: **Rami Sherman**, a former Operations Officer in an Israeli special commando unit, who was part of the historic mission to rescue the Jewish hostages from the Entebbe airport in Uganda in 1976; he will share unique behind the scenes insights of this famous mission and highlight the differences between reality and how it was later portrayed in dozens of films and countless books and articles; Ukrainian journalist **Arkady Babchenko**, who took part in both Chechen Wars and worked as a war correspondent for more than a decade; he will share his unique perspectives on the ongoing war of disinformation surrounding the conflict in Ukraine with Russia and its proxies; **Elena Sheinina**, Editor-in-Chief of VIP Lounge magazine will discuss how the consumer tastes had evolved in the Baltics and will share her magazine's research into the beneficiaries of many leading Baltic companies going beyond formal ownership diving deep into the real personalities behind household names.

The proceeds will go to help young journalists – the winners of TBT essay competitions – as new aspiring beacons of truth and transparency in our society. The gala will bring together many of the leaders who will shape the future of the Baltic region, including senior government officials,

diplomatic dignitaries and top business people. Last year over 45 ambassadors, senior diplomats, state officials and business leaders attended.

Individual tickets for the gala are **EUR 95 each (or EUR 180 for two)**, and Corporate Sponsor packages are available for EUR 3000 as Gold Sponsor (includes table for 10, and 10 lifetime subscriptions to The Baltic Times) and for EUR 2000 as Silver Sponsor (seating for 6, and 2 lifetime subscriptions to The Baltic Times). For those of you who would like to contribute to this important cause but are unable to attend, we are happy to extend “Honorary Baltic Times Journalist” titles to those who contribute EUR 1000 or more. To reserve tickets please contact Tatiana Linde at [tatiana@baltictimes.com](mailto:tatiana@baltictimes.com), by 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2019.

Please join us in support of this important cause and help us invest in a bright future for the Baltic countries. I look forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,

Gene Zolotarev

Publisher, The Baltic Times



Previous Gala dinners were attended by: Embassies of Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovak Republic, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, USA, Taipei Mission and also representatives of Norwegian, Swedish, Dutch Chambers of Commerce and many other private entrepreneurs and business leaders.