

DAIVA VENCKUS

Speaker on the Baltic Revolution Eyewitness to History

As the American-born daughter of Lithuanian World War II refugees, Daiva grew up between two worlds, shaped by a history that had been cut off by Soviet occupation.

In 1989, Daiva travelled to Lithuania to reconnect with her ancestral identity. Instead, she found herself witnessing a resistance movement as the Soviet system began to fracture.

Something in Daiva shifted.

She realized the fate of her identity was tied to the fate of Lithuania.

By 1990, she was coordinating diaspora activism and press relations in support of Lithuanian independence across the United States.

In 1991, she returned to Lithuania days after Soviet forces killed civilians during the January events. She worked inside the Parliament as a press spokesperson, editor, and translator as the defining moments in the country's fight for freedom unfolded.

Daiva was awarded the Lithuanian State Honor, Commemorative Medal of January 13, for her contributions during this historic struggle.



Daiva doesn't just teach this history, she lived it

Popular Topics:

- The Baltic Revolution: How Ordinary People Changed the Course of History
- Lithuania's Road to Freedom: How a Nation Broke Away From the Soviet Union
- Why the Soviet Union Collapsed: And Why it Happened so Fast
- When Empires Collapse: What History Teaches Us Today

Themes:

- Non-violent resistance, collective action, the power of individuals
- Culture, memory, national identity, and music as tools of resistance
- Historic parallels, global implications



Today, Daiva speaks, researches, and serves as a primary resource for those seeking to understand the Lithuanian independence movement and the collapse of Soviet power.

Daiva brings this extraordinary story to life for audiences seeking to understand how political change happens and the role each of us plays in shaping it.

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Presentations tailored by age and audience. Available for: Universities - Schools - Conferences & Panels - Cultural Organizations - Baltic Community Events - Book Clubs - Virtual Programs

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