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Adrees by Modestas Pitřėnas, Winner of the Baltic Assembly Prize 2015 for the Arts
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour and responsibility to address you, members of the communities of literature, arts and science, and all of you who have gathered here tonight and who, by visiting the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, declare our common position and our common values.

Professional competence and creative intuition are the two components uniting us, winners of the Baltic Assembly Prize. If it were not for the knowledge and inspiration, nobody would be able to see our exclusivity, our flair and our passion. Therefore, first and foremost I would like to express my gratitude to the institutions of science and art that have seeded the aspirations. And also to the land that has given opportunities to implement those aspirations. I believe that our region represents an exceptional and extraordinary place where the Eastern and Western civilizations merge and where we are able to recognize, discern and use the advantages and knowledge offered by these civilizations and create our field of science and culture as well as our own identity.

May I congratulate everyone today, especially those who had been nominated but did not receive the prize, everyone who works with passion without expecting any reward. So do we, the ones who have been today shown Olympus for just one blink, as the obligation to foster our values and preserve our passion.

The Christian world will soon celebrate Advent – the period of bright expectation. Let us, therefore, alongside with the acknowledgement, competence and inspiration, let more dignity and wisdom, calm and peaceful coexistence in our land and in this entire little world.

Thank you.

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