

Currently Jānis Porietis is the Associate Professor of Trumpet at the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Music Academy, principal in the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra as well as a member of the National Guard Big Band. For ten years (2006-2016) he was also the principal trumpet of chamber orchestra Sinfonietta Rīga.

Dr. Porietis received his masters' and bachelor degree in Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Music Academy. During this time he studied in Netherlands with Reijer Dorrestein and in Finland with Pasi Pirinen.

In 2013 he received his DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) from the University of Kansas where during that time he was also the GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistant) of Professor Stephen Leisring. In this period of studies he has participated in many workshops and masterclasses led by Philip Smith, Joseph Alesi, Michael Sachs, Vincent Penzarella, Ray Riccomini, Mark Inouye, Jon Lewis and other great brass players. Also, during this period Dr. Porietis took part in three Naxos label CD recordings being the principal and solo trumpet with the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble with whom he also appeared in a concert in Carnegie Hall, New York which was very well received by the critics of The New York Times. He is also the first brass player who has ever been nominated for the most prestigious music award in Latvia in 2015 in the category of *Outstanding work in an ensemble*. In 2021 he was nominated in the same category and received the award. 2021 has also been important because of the release of his solo CD *Distant Light* – music for trumpet and organ.

Dr. Porietis has been a part of numerous chamber groups playing in very different music genres which helps him explore music in various ways. He can also be heard in his trumpet/piano-organ recitals. More information is available on his website [www.porietis.com](http://www.porietis.com)