

Today, a compilation compiled by President Toomas Hendrik Ilves called "Teenage Wasteland – Lemmikud aastatest 1963-1978 / Favourites 1963-1978" was released on vinyl. Last year, a donation of 3,200 euros was collected for the My Dream Day charity from the sales of President Ilves's CD, which was released last December.

The compilation was also unveiled in Riga and Helsinki, apart from Tallinn; the funds collected for the charity from foreign sales will be known in July.

According to President Ilves, the songs in the compilation have all shaped his later tastes in music, from new wave to punk, grunge down to today's Wolf Alice, Palma Violets and Vaiko Eplik. "These were the songs I listened to at night with a small 12 transistor radio when I was growing up, which provided much needed redemption for life in what The Who called a Teenage Wasteland. Funny to say now, turning 62, but back then my life was saved by rock 'n' roll," he admitted. "All the pieces present in my collection were first released on vinyl and were a part of my teenage record collection. Now I can proudly place my very own vinyl next to theirs," added President Ilves.

The compilation includes 16 various songs from 1963-1978 that influenced the President when he was growing up in the United States of America. The following favourite songs of the Head of State have made it to the record: Four Tops - "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)", The Temptations - "My Girl", The Shangri-Las - "Leader of the Pack", The Beach Boys - "Help Me, Rhonda", Cream - "Tales of Brave Ulysses", The Band - "The Weight", The Velvet Underground - "Rock & Roll", Roxy Music - "Virginia Plain", The Who - "Baba O'Riley", Lesley Gore - "It's My Party", New York Dolls - "Trash", The Troggs - "Wild Thing", David Bowie - "Panic in Detroit", Ramones - "I Wanna Be Sedated", Peter Sarstedt - "Where Do You Go To (My Lovely)?" and MC5 - "High School".

The vinyl collection was released by Universal Music Baltics and will be available today from all good record stores in Estonia, incl. Lasering, Terminal, Apollo, Rahva Raamat and CD Market. The record was produced at the Estonian Vinyl Plant enterprise. The two-man company that operates in Tartu was only launched this year and is the first Estonia-based vinyl plant that relies on committed amateurs.

"We finally released it on the format that the President, Universal and dedicated music lovers

were looking forward to," said the Sales Manager of Universal Music Baltics, Margus Varusk.

Minu Unistuste Päev (My Dream Day) is an organisation that was established in 2011 based on voluntary activities and funding from supporters. Its aim is to make dreams come true for seriously and chronically ill children in treatment at Estonian hospitals and it tries to bring joy to the lives of the children and their next of kin. For example, this year Tristan had a helicopter ride with his family, Richard hugged a lizard, Aliide drove a race car, Johanna met with the President and Adele had a day where everyone could be a princess. In addition, group events are organised for children who spend lots of their time in hospitals or are treated at home to allow them communicate with each other. For additional information, go to: <http://www.facebook.com/MinuUnistustePaev/> and <http://www.minuunistustepaev.ee/>

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