

In the beginning of July the compilation album "Teenage Wasteland – Favourites 1963-1978" compiled by President of Estonia Toomas Hendrik Ilves was released on vinyl. The compilation will be available in Tallinn Music Week (TMW) summer house at Positivus Festival in the picturesque coastal town of Salacgriva, Latvia from 15th to 17th July. President Ilves will also hold a signing session in Tallinn Music Week (TMW) summer house on Sunday, July 17th at 7:30 PM.

President Ilves is known to be a passionate music fan with a wikipediatic knowledge of pop culture whom the delegates of TMW conference have heard quoting PJ Harvey and Jello Biafra and reminiscing about his days at CBGBs in New York. As a seasoned festival-goer on the constant search for new sounds he has visited Positivus also in 2013 to check out British indie rockers Palma Violets and will look forward to their fellow countrymen Wolf Alice's performance this year. A signing session in TMW summer house on the main street of Positivus will take place right after the latter's live on July 17th at 7:30 PM.

According to President Ilves, the songs in the "Teenage Wasteland" compilation have all shaped his later tastes in music, from new wave to punk, grunge down to today's britrockers and the ruler of Estonian indie, 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 songs from 1963-1978 that influenced the President when he was growing up in the United States of America. There are gems from Motown's prime and 60s teenage symphonies, trippy blues and quirky artrock, proto-punk and glamrock, observational tales and rabble-raising anthems.

Both the vinyl edition and the original CD version of the collection were released by Universal Music Baltics. The vinyl 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.

A donation of 3,200 euros was collected for the My Dream Day charity* from the sales of the album's CD version, released last December. Apart from Tallinn the CD compilation was also unveiled in Riga and Helsinki, the funds collected for the charity from foreign sales will be known later in July.

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Positivus, the biggest and most significant summer festival in the Baltics, will be celebrating their 10th birthday this year.

Teenage Wasteland – Favourites 1963-1978 tracklist:

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)?
MC5 – High School

* 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

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