



## Vanceva® World of Color Awards™ Honorable Mention

Entry: 321

### Project information

**Project:** Giant Amber Concert Hall

**Location:** Liepāja, Latvia

**Client:** Liepājas pilsētas dome

**Façade manufacturer:** SIA Tehnodizains

**Glass laminator:** AB Panevezio stiklas

**Construction company:** Merks

**Date completed:** August 2015

**Featured products:** Vanceva color interlayers and Saflex® RB 47

**Area:** 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Photographer:** Valters Pelns

### Architects/Designers

**Firm:** Volker Giencke—Giencke and Company Architects

**Website:** [www.giencke.com](http://www.giencke.com)



## Giant Amber

### Special effort goes into creating amber Vanceva color interlayers for Liepaja Concert Hall in Latvia.

In a city of straight-lined streets and squared-off buildings, Giant Amber defies the uniform with sweeping, metallic curves. A brilliant, orange cylinder among blocks of urban structures, Giant Amber glows like its namesake, the precious amber stone native to the region of Liepaja, Latvia. Vanceva® color interlayer system was customized in a deep orange hue to tell the story and honor the symbolic importance of the amber stone in Latvian culture and history.

The Liepaja Concert Hall is the result of a 2003 international design competition. After several years in the planning and design stages, construction on the final design began in 2013. The project team included Volker Giencke—Giencke & Company Architects, Merks Construction Company, and glass laminator AB Klar Glass Lietuva.

From the bird's eye view, Giant Amber looks like an egg. The shell of the building, a conical glass façade, envelops the yolk, an enclosed concert hall supported by structural steel framing. Staircases, hallways, and brightly lit common spaces flow through the layer between the glass façade and the concert hall like the supportive matter around a yolk. These tiers create a layering effect—it feels as though one building has been inserted into another.

As the new home of the Liepaja Symphony Orchestra, one of the oldest and most renowned orchestras in the Baltic States, Giant Amber will host a variety of musical genres and events—from classical to rock and pop concerts, dance events to corporate celebrations. The Liepaja Concert Hall is one of the

biggest entertainment venues in the Baltic region with 1,200 seats. A separate multifunctional center houses the 154-seat Chamber Hall and several public areas, including a music school, an experimental stage, a music club, cafes, and bars.

In January 2014, sample colors of Vanceva films 5, 4, and 7 were provided as mock-up options to incorporate into the design. When the use of the 4-color interlayer conflicted with the project budget, Eastman created a customized alternative using 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> of Vanceva RB 47 451800 Amber color to match 4 layers of Vanceva 5475.

### About Vanceva®

Producing a broad spectrum of colors and moods that are unachievable using stock selections of glass, Vanceva color by Eastman gives architects and designers more creative freedom with glass than ever before. Vanceva color interlayers can be combined to produce more than 17,000 transparent, translucent, or opaque color options to help create the desired tone and intensity. When Vanceva color interlayers are combined with tinted or reflective glass, the design possibilities are nearly limitless. No other interlayer brand delivers the complete spectrum of colors for laminated glass like Vanceva colors.

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