

Events during ASD in Riga

RIGA OPERA FESTIVAL 2023

Fri 09.06.2023 - Wed 21.06.2023

Location: Riga

Riga Opera Festival, founded in 1998 as the first festival of its size and scale in Eastern Europe, it has already become a treasured tradition. The festival is highly anticipated by both Latvian audiences and opera-lovers from abroad, which form the majority of all Riga Opera Festival fans. Since 2022, the festival programme includes also ballet performances.

More information: <https://www.opera.lv/en/fest/>

INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

Sat 10.06.2023 - Sun 11.06.2023

Location: Jelgava (Accessible from Riga - 30 min by train or 40 min by bus)

In 2023, the 17th International Sand Sculpture Festival will take place in Jelgava.

The International Sand Sculpture Festival annually gathers thousands of guests from Latvia and beyond its borders, who go to Jelgava to enjoy the art of sand sculpture, musicians' concerts and the festival's atmosphere.

More information: <https://festivali.jelgava.lv/en>

FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD TOUR STAGE "CHALLENGE"

Thu 15.06.2023 - Sun 18.06.2023

Location: Majoru beach (Accessible from Riga - 30 min by train)

One of the most anticipated events in the world of beach volleyball will take place in the sands of Majori Beach, where the best volleyball duos of the world and Latvia in the men's and women's category will compete.

More information: <https://www.visitjurmala.lv/en/whats-on/season-news/make-a-reservation-to-the-biggest-2023-beach-volleyball-event-in-the-baltics/>

UNREAL FESTIVAL

Sat 17.06.2023

Location: Mežaparks Great Stage in Riga

The EDM festival UNREAL FESTIVAL will take place for the first time this summer on June 17 at Mežaparks Great Stage in Riga. Enjoy 12 hours of electronic dance music experience out of this reality with augmented reality visuals, 3D models and A.I. generated content! This summer the most iconic location – Grand Stage at Mezaparks – will be, literally, UNREAL!

Festival visitors will be delighted by DJs who are the movers and pioneers in the genre of electronic dance music. Main artists – Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike (Belgium and Greece), Mike Williams (Netherlands), Tungevaag (Norway), Plastik Funk (Germany), Sammy Porter (UK), Gaullin (Lithuania) and many more combining the top electronic dance music DJs in the world, that have performed on “Tomorrowland”, “Ultra Music Festival”, “Daydream festival”, “Mysteryland” and other festival stages.

More information: <https://unreal-festival.com/>

JAZZ IN OLD TOWN AT THE SMALL GUILD HALL GARDEN

Thu 08.06.2023; 15.06.2023; 22.06.2023

Location: Riga Old Town

Well-known and popular jazz melodies performed by talented musicians. Jazz must be heard many times before you suddenly get hit with the feeling. And then you do not feel time anymore. Improvisation between musicians and the audience creates an atmosphere of energy and feelings. The true emotions jazz can offer is like an oasis in the synthetic world of music.

More information: <https://www.liveriga.com/en/9336-jazz-in-old-town-at-the-small-guild-hall-garden/>

RIGA FESTIVAL

26.05.2023 - 21.06.2023

Location: Riga and Jūrmala (Accessible by train 30 min ride)

The music festivals provide concert performances of the most prominent musicians both from Latvia and abroad, ballet productions, world premieres, multimedia events, open air performances and activities for children. Outstanding musicians have roots here: Gidon Kremer, Misha Maisky, Māris Liepa, Raimonds Pauls, Kristīne Opolais, Elīna Garnača and many others.

The festival concerts take place in historic venues – the concert halls, the Opera house, churches, at the palaces and manor houses in Latvia, as well as in ever so charming street cafés and restaurants of the Old Rīga for thousands of those eager to listen to the music.

More information: <http://www.rigafestival.lv/en/>

RIGA FLEA MARKET

Sat 10.06.2023

Location: Riga (Spīķeri Creative Quarter and Promenade)

The Riga Open-air Flea Market is held in the Spīķeri Quarter. Here one can find old knick-knacks and different useful things, as well as original design objects, clothing and fashion accessories.

The market is set up in a spacious and cosy square within the quarter. Historically, Spīķeri was a district of warehouses, so the spirit of trade is familiar to this place. Nowadays the Flea Market revives this trading atmosphere.

Here it is possible to find old-fashioned objects and clothing, as well as works made by contemporary designers.

RIGA PHOTOGRAPHY BIENNIAL NEXT 2023

27.04.2023 - 23.07.2023

Location: Riga

An international contemporary art event analysing visual culture and artistic representation. Biennial is focusing on young and promising artists from the Baltics and other Nordic countries, as well as European countries in general, who are in the early stages of their creative careers. Programme also includes educational events.

In the focus of the 2023 Biennial are "awkward" topics – that is to say topics that are normally avoided or silenced as they can provoke strong emotions and disagreements. Living in isolation has sparked discussions on the impact it left on the society, including our mental health. As we thought we could start returning to our usual way of life, a new challenge shook the world – war requires to rethink the values and express positions clearly.

More information: <http://www.rpbiennial.com/program.html>

FAIR AT KALNCIEMA QUARTER

Every Saturday

Location: Riga

The farm produce, arts and crafts market is a long-standing tradition at Kalnciema Quarter, offering the citizens and visitors of Riga exquisite local products made by farmers, artisans and designers. The trademark of the market is the quality of its wares – foods of biological and Latvian origin, unique and attractive creations of local artists, designers and artisans – the goods not to be found on the shelves of supermarkets. The locals particularly enjoy the friendly, intimate atmosphere of the market.

As the diversity of creative enterprises in Latvia grows, the market becomes a meeting point for those, who wish to present their fresh business ideas to a wider public for appreciation. Hence, it is the place where one can seek new ideas and unique solutions every Saturday.

Along with weekly trading and shopping, the market is a place to celebrate seasonal, geographic and design milestones – almost every Saturday the fair is devoted to a particular event or theme, which is richly represented in the versatile assortment of goods.

More information: <http://www.kalnciemaiela.lv/en/market/>

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL – OVO

15.06.2023 - 18.06.2023

Location: Riga

Cirque du Soleil is thrilled to announce its return to Riga with its high-energy and high-acrobatic production OVO. An exciting Cirque du Soleil experience, OVO is a colorful intrusion into a new day in the life of insects, a non-stop riot of energy and movement. Through show-stopping acrobatics highlighting the unique personalities and abilities of selected insect species, OVO explores the beauty of biodiversity in all its contrasts and vibrancy.

From mighty crickets bouncing off trampolines to a hypnotic spider contorting inside her web, OVO exudes extraordinary showmanship to tickle the imagination. Funny and chaotic, yet adorable and wonderful, OVO charms our inner child with its sweet exuberance. Comprised of 100 people from 25 different countries, including 52 artists, OVO ("egg" in Portuguese) brings to the stage high-level acrobatic acts redefining the limits of the human body.

More information: <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/ovo>

LATVIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART

Various permanent and temporary exhibitions

Location: Riga

The National Art Museum's new permanent exposition, marking the fully renovated building's reopening, is a comprehensive expose on Latvian art in both the 19th and 20th centuries, with emphasis on the various stylistic periods and the artists who were instrumental. Spanning two floors in the renovated main building, complete information is presented that clearly shows the development of Latvian art, focusing on the various periods, those who made it all happen, the highlights of the time.

Apparently, visitors flocking to the museum since its opening, are the most interested in the modernized building itself, finding the time spent here well worthwhile.

Certainly, one of the upgrades is the app to be downloaded on your cell phone titled /in Latvian/ "Mākslas muzejs", for an interactive guide while visiting the museum. The app is free of charge, and available in Latvian, Russian and English: "GooglePlay" un "AppStore".

More information: <https://www.lnmm.lv/en/latvian-national-museum-of-art>

RIGA ART NOUVEAU CENTRE

Various permanent and temporary exhibitions

Location: Riga

Rīga is one of the few European cities where Art Nouveau architecture, art and design objects have survived in great numbers. It is even called "the metropolis of Art Nouveau". There are 800 Art

Nouveau buildings in Rīga, mostly located in the city's centre - particularly on Alberta Street. Riga Art Nouveau Centre can also be found on this street, in the former apartment of the renowned Latvian architect Konstantīns Pēkšēns, who lived and worked here till 1907 and designed this beautiful building. Rīga is one of the few European cities where Art Nouveau architecture, art and design objects have survived in great numbers. It is even called "the metropolis of Art Nouveau". There are 800 Art Nouveau buildings in Rīga, mostly located in the city's centre - particularly on Alberta Street. Riga Art Nouveau Centre can also be found on this street, in the former apartment of the renowned Latvian architect Konstantīns Pēkšēns, who lived and worked here till 1907 and designed this beautiful building.

More information: <https://jugendstils.riga.lv//eng>

ART CENTER ZUZEUM

Various permanent and temporary exhibitions

Location: Riga

Founded in 2017, Zuzeum is the contribution of art collectors and patrons of art Dina and Jānis Zuzāns to the artistic infrastructure of Latvia and the entire Baltic region. The aim of the center is to popularize Latvian art in an international context, to create space for dialogue and cultural exchange. The new premises and exhibition halls will make the ever-growing Zuzāns collection available to the general public.

More information: <https://www.zuzeum.com/en/>

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LATVIA

Various permanent and temporary exhibitions

Location: Riga

The library is a cultural and information center which offers a list of opportunities for domestic and foreign visitors - you can visit a wide range of themed reading rooms to get acquainted with grandiose bookshelves, periodicals, audio/video recordings, and rare publications. The library also has a Cabinet of Folksongs (Dainu Skapis) for public viewing, a world-class cultural asset and included in the UNESCO Memory of the World Program.

More information: <https://www.lnb.lv/en/news/izstades/>

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<https://www.liveriga.com/en/>