



InterUrban Presenting the Arts and Culture of Tartu (Estonia)

23 October - 5 November 2023

Veszprém and Bakony-Balaton region hosts the world: 29 cities from around the globe to be exact, throughout the year. Guest cities from Japan to Jamaica have 2 weeks to showcase their culture within the framework of Veszprém-Balaton 2023 European Capital of Culture's InterUrban event series, carried out by well connected Hangvető. From January till December almost 150 programmes, including world class jazz concerts, creative writing workshops, street theater performances and a bicycle raves feature in Veszprém's most diverse, most wide-reaching programme series as of yet. The city presented in the programme will be Tartu (Estonia), European Capital of Culture 2024.

Tartu has serious claims to culture, as the seat of the first Estonian university, the originator of the Festival of Song, and the oldest city of the Baltics. Member of the Hanseatic League, a long-standing center of trade and learning, it retained its qualities whether under German, Swedish, Russian or Polish sway. Its historic cityscape and unique atmosphere are tinged with the playfulness and down-to-earth character of Estonians. Speaking of which, Tartu saw the first Festival of Song in 1869, at the time of, and expressing the beginnings of Estonian nationhood. Just how much singing and music is intertwined with Estonian identity becomes clear from the events of the Singing Revolution - a four-year wave of protests that swept the Baltics and ended Soviet rule. There's a layer to the frolicky folk and fresh music arriving to Veszprém in Tartu's two-week InterUrban turn.



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Folklore music workshop

24th October, 2023, 5 pm

Foton Audiovizuális Centrum,
8200, Veszprém, Vár utca 17



Free event, registration required

Growing up in a musical family, singing has been second nature to Silver Sepp since childhood. He transmits the ease and joy of singing and Estonian vocal tradition effortlessly, inviting anyone to join. Participants can get a taste of the age-old tradition, the runometer of mythical times and the beauty of Estonian language, and sing together like our ancestors did, huddled around the fire in the days of yore.

Registration: [here](#)



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Kristiina Ehin and Silver Sepp poetry and music session

24th October, 2023, 7 pm
Foton Audiovizuális Centrum,
8200 Veszprém, Vár utca 17



Free event, registration not required

An evening full of songs, poetry and stories from Estonia by Silver Sepp and Kristiina Ehin is taking you to the landscapes of Estonian bogs and seaside meadows where the summer is short and light and the gray winter seems to last forever. Kristiina and Silver are diving into existential questions of how to live, love and care of each other in the planet where wars have never ended. Could the knowledge of roots and family stories help us to find out who we are and where we truly belong to? The couple shares their songs and poetry often made together.



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The Gardener of Tension Fields film screening

26th October, 2023, 5 pm

Foton Audiovizuális Centrum,
8200 Veszprém, Vár utca 17



Free event, registration required

The magical realism of Mehis Heinsaar can best be captured through the nature-imbued documentary of 'Gardener of Tension Fields'. As our poet rambles and wanders on his 'poor man's pilgrimage', he encounters the inhabitants of magical Estonian forests. Wildlife cinematographer Joosep Matjus and documentarist Katri Rannastu create – or rather, faithfully record – spellbinding imagery of the inner workings of a creative mind, as well as the ceaseless inspiration of nature. The screening is followed by a meeting with the creators and Mehis Heinsaar.

Registration: [here](#)



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Curly Strings concert

27th October, 2023, 7 pm

Zöld Élet Háza

8449 Magyarpolány, Táncsics utca 7



Free event, registration not required

Curly Strings is an acoustic four-piece band that draws its inspiration from their own personal heritage in the current Estonian cultural space. Intense and playful ensemble work paired with a sincere presentation of their original music forms the main basis of Curly Strings' soundscape. They bring their unique Baltic take to the acoustic music world in combining the familiar with the unfamiliar, having catchy heartfelt songwriting side-by-side with folk music aesthetics, making them an exciting act to look out for.



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Mari Kalkun concert

4th November, 2023, 7 PM

Hévízi Református és Evangélikus Templom,
8380, Hévíz, Helikon u. 2



Free event, registration not required

Clear and profound, like an untamed creek, enchanting, like a forest fairy – Mari Kalkun is one of the most adored artists of Estonian folk. Playing the kannel (a plucked string instrument, the Estonian kantele), piano and accordion, she sings of nature's wisdom and foolish humans, with the poetic force possessed by but a select few. She already enchanted MÜPA's audience last year, this concert's day and location will undoubtedly deepen her inspiration, always tangible, always audible with Mari Kalkun.



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Tartu Uus Movement Theater performance

4th November, 2023, 7 PM

ActiCity Tánc és Mozgásművészeti Központ,
8200 Veszprém, Hóvirág u. 1



Free event, registration required

The original title of this show, LOOD refers to tales and level (the tool), prefacing a series of lopsided maneuvers and balance-seeking acts. The stories we tell ourselves each day, finding one's way in a world out of joint – Renate Keerd's physical theater gives a deep subject a thoroughly enjoyable rendering. Its fun and accessible gestures don't require any interpreting, though the little Estonian dialogue will be subtitled. Veszprém welcomes the production by Tartu's Uus Teater, a treat for seasoned theatergoers and complete novices alike.

Registration: [here](#)



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