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ventspils city festival programme

Thursday, 1 August - warm-up

19.00 | **Festive warm-up concert ROCK BALLADS. SUNSET STRIP** 

/Theatre House "Jūras vārti"/


The concert will be performed by the VENTSPILS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, the mixed choir VENTSPILS, soloists AIJA VĪTOLIŅA, ATIS IEVIŅŠ, ERVĪNS RAMIŅŠ and ATIS ZVIEDRIS. Conductor AIGARS MERI

Friday, 2 August - opening

22nd INTERNATIONAL FLOWER CARPET FESTIVAL "Colourful Flower Games"
/Big Square/

07.30 – 17.00 | **City Festival Fair**
/Old Town Market Square/

10.30 | **Meeting with the writer KRISTĪNE ULBERGA**
/H.Dorbe Memorial Museum/

11.00 | **Liepāja Puppet Theatre performance in PII SPRĪDĪTIS** 

/Pārventa Library/

12.00 – 17.00 | **Creative workshop for children**
/Gāliņciems Library/

19.00 – 21.30 | **OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL and awarding ceremony of the City Council Grand Prize and awards**
/Amphitheater of the Concert Hall "Latvija"/

Hosted by actor NORMUNDS LAIZĀNS. Music by singer AIJA VĪTOLIŅA and TANGO SIN QUINTO

FRIDAY EVENING AND NIGHT PROGRAMME

21.00 – 01.00 | **Beach Waterpark Whirlpool Night** 

21.00 | **Sunset on the beach with DJ MAKREE**
/VIETA, KUR būt/

21.00 – 01.00 | **FESTIVE SPICES**
/Annas Street courtyard/

A creative party in the courtyard of the Old Town. DJ SLĪMESTS SLAIŠTS

22.00 | **Rapper MARCH and VENTSPILS JAZZ NONET**

23.00 | **THE BEATLES DUB CLUB /United Kingdom/**

24.00 | **MONDAY IN SPACE**

21.30 – 02.00 | **OLD TOWN SCHLAGER BALL**
/Old Town Market Square/

The Tavern "Karliskā zoss" offers the band DAKOTA





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Saturday, 3 August - Festival events

BIG SQUARE

22nd INTERNATIONAL FLOWER CARPET FESTIVAL "Colourful Flower Games"

Participants from all over the Baltics. Until 14.00 everyone can vote for their favourite

07.00 – 08.30 WELCOMING THE SUN IN MOVEMENT AND SOUND

Meditative musical programme LĪGA & BAHS. Exercising the body and mind. Morning invigorating Masala chai tea

09.00 – 17.00 BALTIC DESIGN MARKET

With the participation of nearly 50 of Latvia's best fashion, jewellery and accessory designers, as well as guests from Lithuania and Estonia

12.00 – 17.00 Presentation of the latest cars by Moller Auto Ventspils

12.00 – 17.00 CONCERT BY STUDENTS OF THE VENTSPILS MUSIC HIGH SCHOOL

12.00 **SABĪNE MUSTERMANE with band**

13.00 and 14.00 **Young percussionists**

15.00 **Ventspils Music High School Wind Orchestra**

16.00 **EMĪLIJA JERMOLA TRIO**

OLD TOWN

07.30 – 17.00 City Festival Fair

/Old Town Market Square /

12.00 – 17.00 FESTIVE SPICES

/Annas Street courtyard/

Creative buzz, vinyl record sales, vegetarian cuisine and cocktails, street circus and musical programmes

12.00 **Percussionist NILS ĪLE and ethnopercussion group ZEMEDUNN**

12.30 **"Roses in the Wind" by the travelling circus BEZTEMATA**

13.00 and 14.30 **Magician DANTE PECOLLI**

13.30 **ZEMEDUNN drumming with visitors**

14.10 **BEZTEMATA performance "Creation of Life"**

15.00 **Singer EMILIJA with an acoustic programme**

15.40 **BEZTEMATA performance "Dual Nature"**

16.00 **JURIS SIMANOVIČS and the band BEZ GRĒKA IENĒMTIE**

12.00 – 15.00 BOOK FESTIVAL

/Town Hall Square/

Event "READ. THINK. DO. CELEBRATE!", hosted by EMĪLS and IEVA KĪĢEĻI. Photo exhibition "Travels through European Countries", culinary blogger PIPARS, workshops and games

12.30 **Journalist LIEGA PIEŠIŅA in conversation with writer LAURA VINOGRADOVA and blogger, traveller, book author ZANE ENIŅA**

14.15 **Launch of the book "Ventspilnieka ābece"**

14.30 **Awarding of the authors of the books of Ventspils state city and region and musical greeting by JŪRAS AKMENTIŅI**

13.00 – 19.00 COME. SEE. DISCOVER! 🇪🇺 🇯🇵

/Livonian Order Castle/

The Castle's exposition is open. Exhibitions to see: MĀRIS ČAČKA "Reception" and Ventspils Woman's Wardrobe in the 1950s-1980s". Medieval wooden games and tools of torture, thematic workshops

13.00 – 15.00 SEE at the Festival 🇪🇺 🇯🇵

/House of Crafts/

ELVITA ŠEPUTAITE (Klaipėda)
paper art cut-out exhibition - masterclass



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Saturday, 3 August - Festival events

OTHER LOCATIONS

- 10.00 – 17.00** **RAITIS SILARĀJS 3X3 BASKETBALL CUP 2024**
/3x3 basketball courts, Brīvības iela 14/
- 11.00** **FESTIVAL PROCESSION "BRIGHTER! FUNNIER! LOUDER!"**
/Route - Lielais prospekts in the section from Katoļu to Brīvības Street/
- 12.00** **LATVIAN DRAG RACING FESTIVAL 2024** €
/Ventspils Airport/
The fastest drag racing cars from all over Europe, a large-scale car exhibition area, shows and entertainment programmes
- 12.00 – 16.00** **TERRACE FESTIVAL "WISE. BRIGHT. CREATIVE!"** €
/Science Centre VIZIUM/
Technology workshops and other exciting activities for families and children on the VIZIUM terrace. DJ MAKREĒ will play music, students of MARIJAS DEJU STUDIJA will provide dance performances
- 18.00** **Chamber music concert THREE PIANISTS for the 15th anniversary of the new building of the Pārventa Library**
/Pārventa Library/
The concert features pianists ANDREJS MĀRTIŅŠ GRĪNBERGS, OLGA TRUBENKO and ENDIJS RENEMANIS

OSTAS STREET PROMENADE

- 09.00 – 23.00** **Artisans' market, the most delicious food and drinks, wide trade**
/Ostas Street Promenade/
- 09.00 – 19.00** **ANNELS playground for children** €
/Square near Kurpnieku Street/
- 10.00 – 04.00** **EURO-LUNAPARK grand carousel park** €
/Square between Lielā and Ūdens Street/
- 11.00 – 17.00** **Ancient car exhibition of the ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF LATVIA**
/Promenade section from Ūdens to Jāņa Street/
- 13.00 – 16.00** **LATVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR STRONGMEN**
/Square in front of the "Travelling Cow"/
- 12.00 – 17.00** **WATERFRONT MUSIC**
/The central stage of the Festival at the "Vecais Spīķeris"/
- 12.00** **JŪRAS AKMENTIŅI**
- 12.30** **ZEBRENE and Ventspils musicians**
- 13.10** **RAUM with backing band**
- 14.00** **Lithuanian band PROPER HEAT**
- 15.00** **Awarding the winners of the Flower Carpet Festival, awarding the most interesting participants of the procession, honouring the winners of the competition CITY ORNAMENT 2024**
- 15.30** **CHRIS NOAH concert**
- 20.00 – 23.00** **WATERFRONT EVENING**
Hosts of the evening - actors of the duet GRABULIS - GINTS GRĀVELIS and ANDRIS BULIS
- 20.10** **Concert by South American musicians THE MARIACHIS**
- 21.20** **Film "VENTSPILS 700+34"**
- 21.30** **Concert by INTARS BUSULIS AND ABONEMENTA ORĶESTRIS**
- 22.55** **Festive address by the Chairman of Ventspils State City Council JĀNIS VĪTOLIŅŠ**
- 23.00** **FESTIVE FIREWORKS**

NIGHT PROGRAMME OF THE FESTIVAL

- 20.00 – 23.00** **Night trips with the locomotive MAZBĀNĪTIS** € €
/Seaside Open Air Museum - station of the locomotive Mazbānītis/
- 21.00 – 01.00** **TOBOGGAN RIDE NIGHT** € €
/Adventure Park/
Rides on a floodlit toboggan track. Music by 3Live Project
- 23.00 – 05.00** **NIGHT DANCES** €
/Reņķa Garden/
From midnight onwards, music by THE SOUND POETS, Bon Jovi lookalikes BON GIOVI /UK/ and FIŅĶIS with band. DJ MĀRIS DADZIS. Entrance from 22.00
- 24.00 – 06.00** **PARTY ON THE TERRACE WITH DJ ZIGGY** €
/Ole Bar/



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Sunday, 4 August - closing events

- 07.30 – 15.00 City Festival Fair**
/Old Town Market Square/
- 10.00 – 17.00 Crafts Day: COME, SEE, DISCOVER!** € ♣
/Seaside Open Air Museum/
Opening of the Kurzeme potters' kiln with potters DUMPJI, EDVARDS STRAZDIŅŠ & GUNTARS RAČŠ and MAĢIE SUIĻI play. Pāvilsta amateur theatre performance, craft demonstrations, rides with horses and the locomotive Mazbānītis, mini ZOO. Guided tours of the new museum exhibition
- 11.00 Festive activities for children BEST MEMORIES**
/Children's Town/
Foam party, Lidl x Lupilu baby crawling championship and Latvian Safer Internet Centre stand
- 12.00 LATVIAN DRAG RACING FESTIVAL 2024** €
/Ventspils Airport/
- 13.00 ANNIVERSARY PICNIC**
/Gāļiņciems Library/
Closing of "Knitted for Gāļiņciems", workshop for children, music by VENTSPILS BLŪMĪZERISTI
15.00 Opening of MALDA PORNIECE's painting exhibition "Tell me where the most beautiful land is..."
- 15.00 MUSIC AT THE COURT OF PRUSSIA** € ♣
/Livonian Order Castle/
Playing: MAIJA KĻAVIŅA, KRISTĪNE STUMBURE (transverse flute), NORA KALNIŅA (soprano), ELĪZA ČAŠA (baroque cello), GERTRUDA JERJOMENKO (harpsichord)
- 15.00 BEST MEMORIES in Pārventa**
/Children's Park "Fantāzija"/
Foam party, Lidl x Lupilu baby crawling championship and Latvian Safer Internet Centre stand
- 17.00 Bard concert THE MOST FLOURISHING SONGS**
/Pārventa Stage/
Participants YOLI KAMPUOS /Argentina/, TOMASZ EDMUND DRACHAL /Poland/, ARNIS MILTIŅŠ /Latvia/ and Ventspils artists JEKATERINA VARKAKOVA, ALEKSANDRS MIRVIS, ALEKSANDRS SIVACKIŠ and JURĪJS SAKSAGANSKIS
- 17.00 GIDONS KRĒMERS and orchestra KREMERATA BALTICA** €
/Concert Hall "Latvija"/
The closing concert of the Festival will feature the chamber orchestra KREMERATA BALTICA together with its artistic director, the legendary violinist GIDONS KRĒMERS

EXHIBITIONS

- **MĀRIS ČAČKA "Reception"**
painting and graphic art/*Livonian Order Castle/* ♣
- **"Ventspils Woman's Wardrobe in the 1950s-1980s"**
Ventspils Museum collection/*Livonian Order Castle/* ♣
- **"Hidden City"** related finds during archaeological monitoring in Ventspils/*Livonian Order Castle/* ♣
- **ELVITA ŠEPUTAITE (Klaipėda)**
exhibition of paper art cut-outs/*House of Crafts/* ♣
- **Ventspils Photo Contest 2023** Ventspils Photo Contest 2023
/Main Library/
- Exhibition of **textile artist DZINTRA VILKS**
/Pārventa Library/
- Photo exhibition **"Travels through European Countries"**
/Main Library/
- **ANNA HEINRIHSONE "Fog Day"**
/Theatre House "Jūras vārti"/



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