



## Celebrating New Year in Ventspils with a magnificent firework display!

On New Year's Eve, on December 31, at 11.30 p.m., residents of Ventspils and guests of our city are welcome to meet the New Year 2023 together on the Big Square (Lielais laukums). Waiting for the firework display to begin, everyone is welcome to listen to a musically energetic program arranged by the legendary Latvian dance music group 100Debija that will perform its greatest hits, encouraging everyone to start dancing and also giving a chance to recall the energetic nineties. The firework display will start at traditional Ventspils time 00:33:44.

The Latvian dance music came into being thanks to the flagship band of that time – the band 100Debija. After a 20-year break, the band returned to the Latvian scene in 2020 having a slightly changed line-up. In nowadays concerts, the mighty-sounding songs written by Agris Semēvics and former band's member Modris Skaistkalns are accompanied by a dance group of boys with a specially created choreographic performance. The program will feature such songs as Man dimantu nav, Sen jau viss, Netici tam and others. Special surprises are also prepared for the concert in Ventspils.

Shortly before half past one, the city mayor, Mr. Jānis Vītolīšs, will welcome everyone with his New Year's address, while the true New Year will come to Ventspils at 0.33 a.m. with a magnificent firework display by firework artist Kalvis Kalniņš with his numerous innovative pyrotechnic solutions.

We wish a joyful holiday and a happy New Year to everyone!