

## Festive Midsummer Celebration in Reņķa Garden together with Ventspils Theatre and Rozentāls Brothers

On Midsummer evening, 23 June, at 20.00 in Reņķa Garden, Ventspils Theatre invites all those celebrating to an open-air new production "Ak, mīļo Blaumanīt!" (Oh, Dear Blaumanis!), after which a festive bonfire will be lit and from 22.00, with music by the Rozentāls Brothers, we will be able to dance merrily until the morning roosters start to crow. In the performance "Ak, mīļo Blaumanīt!" almost the entire Ventspils Theatre ensemble takes part. Together with Ābrams, we will be able to experience the joys and sorrows of bargaining, go to "Mazbērzi", where the crazy Trīne is, and to "Kārklēni", where we will have to chase some thieves. We will take a look at the events of "Ezerlauki" and, of course, we will end with the "Silmači" family celebrating Midsummer. The production combines excerpts from Blaumanis' plays – "Trīnes grēki" (The Sins of Trīne), "No saldenās pudeles" (From the Sweet Bottle), "Zagli" (Thieves) and "Skroderdienas Silmačos" (Tailor Days in Silmači). Everything will be brought together by Ābrams, played by Andris Lasmanis. The chapel "Danču spēle" under the direction of Vita Kroņkalne will provide fun and lively stirring of the soul and feet. There will be music, songs and dances. The chapel will be accompanied by Ventspils Theatre actors Simona Pastore, Simona Grieze, Indra Vītiņa, Baiba Jaunzeme, Rūdolfs Punkstiņš, Arturs Grieze and Aivars Punkstiņš. The song ensemble "Ventiņ" will delight with lovely songs. At the end of the performance we will join together in singing Midsummer songs. All this was put together by director Vija Draviņa.

After the performance, the shortest night of the year will be followed by dancing and celebration with the Rozentāls Brothers and DJ Jānis K. The musicians will get even the most reluctant partygoers up on their feet to spend Midsummer night in fun, enjoying delicious food and refreshments that will be available for purchase in the Reņķis Garden area throughout the night. The Rosentāls Brothers are sought-after musicians in Ventspils for open-air balls, weddings and other important occasions. They are truly adept at creating a fun and lively atmosphere. Hearing popular melodies will give you an irresistible desire not only to dance, but also to sing along.

Entry to all events is free.

Happy festivities!