



Ventspils City festival 700+34



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Ventspils City Festival 700+34 programme – blooming, colourful and sonorous

Ventspils will celebrate its 700+34th birthday on the first weekend of August. Three days of concerts, exhibitions, art performances, sports activities, delicious and blooming surprises. Saturday, 3 August will end with fireworks on the Ostas Street Promenade, which is particularly magnificent in the reflection of the River Venta waters. The Festival's concerts will feature musicians from as far afield as South America, music superpower Great Britain and neighbouring Lithuania, as well as the most popular Latvian and local Ventspils artists. The world will be watching the Olympic Games with bated breath, and the streets, squares and parks of Ventspils will be packed with people to enjoy some of the wide range of events on offer.

VENTSPILS CITY FESTIVAL 700+34 PROGRAMME: HERE

Thursday, 1 August – warm-up

Festive warm-up concert ROCK BALLADS. SUNSET STRIP

19.00 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. Theatre House "Jūras vārti"
The programme includes legendary songs by Guns n' Roses, Bon Jovi, Cinderella, Poison, Aerosmith, Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Mr. Big, Skid Row, ballads by Joan Jett and other rock stars of the 70s and 80s. Ticket price: €10 – €15 (ticket pre-sale at "Biļešu paradīze" box offices and online)

Friday, 2 August – opening

22nd INTERNATIONAL FLOWER CARPET FESTIVAL "Colourful Flower Games"

Making flower carpets. The rules of the Festival require each team to create one floral carpet in the shape of a circle with a diameter of 2.8 metres Big Square within 23 hours

- 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
Ticket price 4 EUR, available at Pārventa Library
- 12.00 – 17.00 Creative workshop for children Gāliņciems Library
Dreamcatcher workshop using natural and other materials
- 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"
Awarding ceremony and concert. Ceremony 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 Beach Waterpark
Night relaxation in the Waterpark's pools, jacuzzis, saunas and on slides. Entrance fee € 8
- 21.00 Sunset on the beach with DJ MAKREE VIETA, KUR būt.
- 21.00 – 01.00 FESTIVE SPICES
A creative party in the unique courtyard of the Old Town. DJ SLĪMESTS SLAISTS will take care of the musical mood of the evening
- 22.00 Joint programme will be presented by Ventspils rapper MARCH and VENTSPILS JAZZ NONET Annas Street courtyard
- 23.00 Special guest – British DJ CHRIS ARNOLD with his project THE BEATLES DUB CLUB, which will take visitors on an exciting musical journey through his collection of cover versions, remixes and compositions, including the great The Beatles
- 24.00 Audiovisual performance by the duo MONDAY IN SPACE
- 21.30 – 02.00 OLD TOWN SCHLAGER BALL Old Town Market Square
The Tavern "Karaliskā zoss" offers Old Town Schlager Ball with the band DAKOTA. Evening market, food, drinks and dancing

Saturday, 3 August – Festival events

BIG SQUARE

22nd INTERNATIONAL FLOWER CARPET FESTIVAL "Colourful Flower Games"

Participants from all over the Baltics, whose artworks will grace the Big Square throughout the weekend. Everyone can vote for their favourite until 14.00

WELCOMING THE SUN IN MOVEMENT AND SOUND

- 07.00 – 08.30 Meditative musical programme LĪGA & BAHS with gong, wind chimes, singing bowls, kokle and countless percussion instruments. Exercise for body and mind, greeting the rising sun and the city, 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
Young musicians from Ventspils Music High School SABĪNE MUSTERMANE and her band. Sabine is a young singer and musician who released her debut album "Magnētiņi" at the end of last year
- 13.00 and 14.00 The Big Square will be filled with the sounds of percussion instruments. Young percussionists will perform both solo and ensemble programmes
- 15.00 Ventspils Music High School's Wind Orchestra will perform a sonorous, colourful and varied programme
- 16.00 The musical programme will be closed by EMĪLIJA JERMOLA (Emīlija Jermola trio). Emīlija is a young and promising musician who has just graduated from the Music High School in June and is actively creating her own music

OLD TOWN

- 07.30 – 17.00 City Festival Fair Old Town Market Square
- 12.00 – 17.00 FESTIVE SPICES
Creative activity in the Old Town courtyard. Vinyl record sales, the unique vegetarian cuisine and cocktails of the "Vārnu ielas republika", special coffee from Closer Coffee Roasters, a street circus, musical programmes and a spiced treat for big and small
- 12.00 Percussionist NILS ĪLE and ethnopercussion group ZEMEDUNN
- 12.30 "Roses in the Wind" by the travelling circus BEZTEMATA, featuring large-scale flowers and juggling wind
- 13.00 and 14.30 DANTE PECOLLI will surprise with magic tricks Annas Street courtyard
- 13.30 ZEMEDUNN drumming with visitors
- 14.10 Meet the Big Reptile and the Strange Eyes in BEZTEMATA performance "Creation of Life"
- 15.00 The talented musician EMILIJA, known from the television show X Factor, with an acoustic programme
- 15.40 Twins by twins and a monocycle in the Circus BEZTEMATA performance "Dual Nature"
- 16.00 Songwriter and musician JURIS SIMANOVIČS, with the band BEZ GRĒKA IENEMTIE
- 12.00 – 15.00 BOOK FESTIVAL
Informative and entertaining event "READ. THINK. DO. CELEBRATE!". It will be hosted by EMĪLS and IEVA KĪGĒLI, the main characters of the TV programme "Mēs ar brāli kolosāli". Find out more about European countries in the photo exhibition "Travels around Europe". Let's create our own celebration story "Latvia – EU". Creative workshops, games and other activities will await children
- 12.30 Culture journalist LIEGA PIEŠIŅA will talk to writer LAURA VINOGRADOVA and blogger, traveller, book author ZANE ENIŅA. Town Hall Square
- 13.45 Let's explore the flavours of Europe with culinary blogger PIPARS
- 14.15 Launch of the book "Ventspilnieka ābece"
- 14.30 Awarding the authors of the books of Ventspils state city and region and a musical greeting from the pop studio JŪRAS AKMENTIŅI
COME. SEE. DISCOVER!
- 13.00 – 19.00 The Castle's exposition is open. Exhibitions to see: MĀRIS ČAČKA "Reception" – painting and graphic art; "Ventspils Woman's Wardrobe in the 1950s-1980s"; Medieval wooden games and tools of torture, thematic workshops in the Castle's courtyard. Ticket price: € 2; € 5 Livonian Order Castle

📅 Fri, 02.08.2024

📅 Sun, 04.08.2024

🏠 Vecpilsētas tirgus laukums, Amatu māja, Livonijas ordeņa pils, Rātslaukums, Jaunpilsētas laukums, Dzirnau laukums, VIZIUM, Ventspils lidosta, Pārventas bibliotēka, Piejūras brīvdabas muzejs, Piedzīvojumu parks, Ventspils Svētā Krusta Romas katoļu baznīca

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