

Refreshing with Skopje Summer Festival

Skopje summer is hot. And residents of Skopje tend to escape the heat. Whoever has relatives or friends to visit or any other reason to leave the concrete jungle, leaves. Yet, there are many people who have to stay in Skopje over the summer. But they soon find out that there is no reason for despair. On the contrary, every year *Skopsko leto* or *Skopje Summer* festival offers an exclusive program for Skopje summer prisoners. Spectators enjoy programmes with world famous stars and the most renowned Macedonian performers which cannot be seen at other times during the year. Director for Culture and the Art responsible for this event organizes this festival under the patronage of the City of Skopje and the Ministry of Culture. Skopje Summer lasts over forty days, from the 21st of June to



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**СВЕЧЕНО ОТВОРАЊЕ НА
СКОПСКО ЛЕТО 2012**

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the 31st of July. The festival usually opens with a big concert of the Macedonia Opera and Ballet. The opening is symbolically connected with the first day of summer and the World Day of Music.

One of the distinguishing features of this festival is that it has managed to take art out of conventional spaces to unusual locations in the city, and thus has made it provocative and available to each and every resident. In this way Skopje Summer has brought together many places and locations, such as the Old Bazaar, the mysterious Kapan An and Suli An, Kale Fortress, City Park, pedestrian street "Macedonia", the Vardar quay, city squares, old neighbourhoods as well as more remote corners from Matka Canyon to the Marko's Monastery. Some events occur in restaurants and bars. But the festival's rich programme also embraces more traditional cultural spaces such as museums, galleries and theatres.

The scale of the festival is impressive: over 1500 events, several thousands of artists, thirty to fifty thousand viewers and



listeners. For the 33 years of its existence, the festival has offered rich and diverse programmes including concerts, theatrical performances, art and photographic exhibitions, poetry readings, multimedia projects, opera and ballet performances and selected film screenings. In addition,

SKOPJE SUMMER 2012 Highlights

JUNE 21	20.00	-Exhibition EASY CONNECTED - SKOPJE-NISH-SOFIA - Culture Information Centre
	21.00	Ceremonial Opening of Skopje Summer 2012 -SOFIA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA–Hall of the Macedonian Opera and Ballet
JUNE 22	20.00	- Opening of the INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE STUDENT FESTIVAL - in front of Army Hall
	21.00	- Concert OF THE SOLOISTS, THE ORCHESTRA AND THE CHOIR OF THE MACEDONIAN OPERA AND BALLET - Suli An
JUNE 23	20.00	- "GREV ILI SHPRICER" – Drama Theatre
JUNE 24	20.30	- "ECOLOGIC FAIRYTALE" – Children's and Youth Theatre
JUNE 25	20.30	- EVENING OF COMPOSER BUZHAROVSKI - City Skopje Museum
	20.30	- "ANTICA" - Macedonian National Theatre
JUNE 26	20.00	- EMITER "SKOPJE" Skopje Urban Stories– City Centre
	20.30	- "DRAGON'S BRIDE" - Drama Theatre Skopje
JUNE 27	12.00	- Book promotion "DUSHKA TASEVSKA – MUSIC BECAME MY DESTINY" - City Skopje Museum
	21.00	- "EMPTY CITY" - COP Universal Hall Skopje - Small Scene
JUNE 28	20.30	- MARRACASH ORCHESTRA - Amphitheatre at Mother Theresa's House
	21.00	- "MISS JULIA" – Macedonian National Theatre
JUNE 29	20.30	-Exhibitions PORTRAITS OF BELGRADE ARCHITECTS, CURSED NEIMAR – BOGDAN BOGDANOVIC - Museum of Contemporary Art
JUNE 30	20.30	- Instalation of BORIS PETROVSKI- City Centre
JULY 2	20.30	- Photography Exhibition - Chifte Amam
JULY 3	21.00	- VASKO SERAFIMOV- Amphitheatre at Mother Theresa's House
JULY 4	20.30	- "NECKLACE OF SONGS AND DANCES" by TANEC - Amphitheatre at Mother Theresa's House
JULY 5	20.30	- Photography Exhibition "URBAN MAN" - Mala Stanica
	22.30	- Costume Sound Greeting "SO-OBLEKUVANJE" – "Menada", Old Bazaar
JULY 6	21.00	- ARIAN AND FRIENDS UNPLUGGED - Kurshumli An
JULY 7	21.00	- "KABADAYAS" - Amphitheatre Mother Theresa (Universal Hall)

the festival offers art and fashion shows, exhibitions of traditional handicrafts, book promotions and other events.

The epithets that critics use for the festival include “the most abundant”, “the most diverse”, “the longest” and “one of the richest international cultural events held in Macedonia”. The festival is well received beyond Macedonian borders and its international reputation is confirmed by its membership of the International Festivals & Events Association - IFEA. Over the years, the festival has become known not only for featuring returning star performers, but also for welcoming young up-and-coming artists and performers from all over the world. Participation in Skopje Summer festival features in every participant’s resume and portfolio.



Please visit the web site of the Directorate for Culture and the Arts <http://www.dku.org.mk/> for full listings and for confirming times and locations of events.

JULY 8	20.30	- Concert of four-hand piano JASNA AVRAMOVSKA AND SLAVICA MICEVSKA - City Skopje Museum
	21.00	-ROMEO AND JULIETTE - Macedonian National Theatre
JULY 9	21.00	- FABULA RASA – Suli An
JULY 10	20.30	András Csáki – guitar – Daut Pashin Amam
JULY 11	20.30	- Concert of WEST COAST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – Suli An
JULY 16	20.30	- KRSTE BADAROVSKI – piano- City Skopje Museum
	21.00	-Kafe Cinema - Fun Park “Luna”
JULY 17	20.00	- Exhibition “Colour Vibrations” of DITA STAROVA QERIMI- Chifte Amam
	20.30	- STEFAN GRASSE – guitar and RAFAEL KEMPKIN - marimba- Daut Pashin Amam
	21.00	- Kafe Cinema- Fun park “Luna”
JULY 18	20.00	- Exhibition “FOUR ELEMENTS” of SQUIPE MEHMETI- Mala Stanica
	21.00	- “FOKLORIC STORIES” - Amphitheatre at Mother Theresa’s House
	21.00	- Kafe Cinema- Fun park “Luna”
JULY 19	20.30	- KYNNEŠ KABALE – Suli An
	21.00	- Kafe Cinema - Fun park “Luna”
JULY 20	20.30	Concert of „JANE SANDANSKI” - Amphitheatre at Mother Theresa’s House
	21.00	- Kafe Cinema - Fun park “Luna”
JULY 21	20.30	- Concert of the participants of the violin seminar of Anna and Oleg Kondratenko - City Skopje Museum
	21.00	-Kafe Cinema - Fun park “Luna”
JULY 23	21.00	- Concert of „OFIR EL VIAJE “- in front of the Museum of Holocaust
JULY 24	20.30	- Concert of BOLOGNA CELLO PROJECT – Daut Pashin Amam or City Skopje Museum
JULY 25	11.00	- BORKA NAUMOVA - SCULPTURES - Museum of Contemporary Art
JULY 26		- TOMISLAVA LOJIC - piano, BARBARA MIKULIC - flute, MARIJO KRNIC - tenor - City Skopje Museum
JULY 30		- Concert of Ensemble of North Cyprus - in front of Army Hall
JULY 31	21.00	- Concert „SYMPHONY” of „LEB I SOL & JEUNESSES MOVING ORCHESTRA”, Kurshumli An