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Prelude to the Festival

August 2 – 21

City Centre, Old Town, 11th November Embankment

The RIGA FESTIVAL BIG GAME. The game's participants will be able to discover exciting sites and learn things about Riga. This year's theme is music. You can get participants' cards at the music shop *Upe* at 5 R. Vāgnera Street, or at the Tourist Information Centre starting August 2.

August 16 – 22, 10 am – 10 pm

1 The Esplanade Park FESTIVE FAIR

For the whole week, until the grand finale of the festival, you can see and purchase different things and products made by Latvian craftsmen, watch the craftsmen at work, and even find new forms for your own self-expression. Concerts, competitions and Riga's "Dwarves' Workshop" will be open every day!

August 20

10 am – 6.30 pm

2 Strazdumuiža Park, Jugla STRAZDUMUIŽA VILLAGE CELEBRATION

11 am – 8 pm

3 Museum of Decorative Arts and Design Exhibition ART DECO STYLE – TREND BETWEEN THE WARS

The outstanding fashion historian Alexander Vasilev's clothes collection from Paris. Creative workshops – felting and textile printing. Fee: LVL 0.50 – 2.00

3 – 10.30 pm

4 Riga Town Hall Square OLD TOWN BELFRY MUSIC FESTIVITIES

3 pm Tapiola Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert (Espoo, Finland), conductor Jani Telaranta

4 pm The United Youth Symphony Orchestra of Riga Music Schools, conductor Andris Veismanis

8.30 pm OLD TOWN BELFRY MUSIC – sounds of trumpets from the balconies of the Town Hall Square and the belfry of St. Peter's Church

9.30 pm THE GREAT NIGHT CONCERT. Music from the world's best musicals. Participants: Vidzeme Chamber Orchestra, Linda Leen, Niks Matvejevs, Dita Lūriņa, Riga Chamber Choir *Ave Sol* and the Riga children's vocal group *Dzeguzīte*, conductor Andris Veismanis

4 pm – 6 pm

5 Kronvalda Park PARALYMPICS TRAIL ORIENTEERING (TRAIL-O) COMPETITION TAKU-O-ABC

6 5 pm – 7 pm The Small Guild

HONOURING THE COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
With invitations only

5 pm – 5 pm the next day (August 21)

7 The Square near Riga Congress Centre 24-HOUR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

"KRASTU MAČS" (The Match of the Riverbanks)
The right bank of the Daugava plays against the left bank (Pārdaugava) – 24 games in 24 hours. The winner gets the challenge cup!

6 pm

8 Riga Artists' House (Mākslas darbinieku nams) CONCERT BY THE SUDMAĻI FAMILY

At the concert you will hear songs composed by the Sudmaļi family as well as musical performances from the TV show "The Singing Families". Fee: LVL 1.50 – 2.50

7 pm – 9 pm

9 St. Peter's Church
Concert of the 13th International Sacred Music Festival: THE STATE CHOIR LATVIJA AND THE LIEPĀJA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Programme: the world premiere of music by two contemporary Latvian composers – Leons Amoliņš's "Liturgy of History" and Pēteris Butāns' "Cantata for Choir and Orchestra". Conducted by Māris Sirmāis

7 pm

10 The House of the Black Heads
Concert PALACE MUSIC. Participants: soloists of the vocal ensemble *Putni (The Birds)* Antra Dreģe, Iveta Romancāne, Sanda Audere, Ainārs Paukšēns (cello), Ivars Cinkuss (harpsichord, voice). Programme: works by Mozart, J. C. Bach, Schütz, and music by the Latvian contemporary composers Andrejs Selickis and Mārtiņš Aldiņš

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August 21

10 am 'til Midnight

11 11 November Embankment, Daugava Aquatorium, at AB dambis

10 am – 4 pm RIGA HARBOUR 810 – REGATTA "HARBOUR PADDLE"

11 am – 4 pm RIGA HARBOUR 810 – WATER MOTORCYCLE RACE "HARBOUR CUP"

12 am WORLD ELITE AEROBATICA FORMULA flights

1 pm THE PARADE OF RIGA'S MASCOTS

2 pm COMPETITION IN THE BIG FOOD STREET

3 pm ROLLERSKATING COMPETITION

4 pm CARTOON RALLY 2010

5 pm AIR SHOW OF THE JET GROUP BALTIC BEES

5.10 pm CONCERT "RIGA RETRO" (Professional Symphonic Band "Riga")

6 pm WORLD ELITE AEROBATICA FORMULA flights

7 pm RIGA HARBOUR 810 – FESTIVE CONCERT

8.14 pm action CITY – ORCHESTRA

8.30 pm O!KARTE'S NIGHT RACE WARM-UP

10 pm O!KARTE'S NIGHT RACE

11 pm FIREWORKS COMPETITION

GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS FOR CHILDREN ALL DAY LONG

10 am – 11 am

12 **PARADE OF ANTIQUE VEHICLES**
Riga Motor Museum – Brīvības Street – Freedom Monument – 13th of January Street – 11th November Embankment – Strēlnieku Square

11 am – 1 pm

13 **International Gathering of Antique Vehicles RIGA RETRO 2010** in Strēlnieku Square, Old Town. More than 100 vehicles from the Baltic states, Russia, Germany, Finland and Sweden

10 am – 5 pm

14 Riga City Canal from Bastejkalns Park to the Opera **RIGA HARBOUR 810 – CANAL REGATTA**

The teams of well-known Latvian companies will compete for the titles "The Fastest Canal Racer", "The Most Stylish Team", "The Saddest Water Racer", and "The Canard"

10 am – 5 pm

15 Zaļā iela (Green Street) **GREEN STREET FESTIVITIES**

Musical performances, demonstrations by weight-lifters and body-builders, fashion and hair stylists, "Green Market," animals from the Riga Zoo, tournaments of chess, draughts and billiards

10 am – 7 pm

16 Spilve Airfield **Aircraft Gathering THE FLY-IN AT SPILVE**

11 am – 5 pm

17 Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation **TALES OF RIGA OVER THE CENTURIES: FACTS AND LEGENDS**

Theatrical tours around the museum exhibition halls in Latvian, Russian and English. At noon – a concert program, THE WHIRL OF ANCIENT MUSIC AND DANCE, with performances of ancient music and the dance ensembles

11 am – 10 pm

18 **FESTIVITIES IN VĒRMANES GARDEN**

- Songs, dances and theatrical performances. Participants: the brass band *Fanfara, Auseklītis*, the dance groups *Dzirnas* and *Zelta Sietiņš*, the Riga children's and youths' musical theatre *Ribēja Mute* with the play "Pif," and different Riga dance groups
- RIGA WINDOWS – a fair and various demonstrations of traditional arts and crafts
- Traditional Latvian games, ancient scales and measures, and puppet theatre workshops organized by the Riga Latvian Society's *Sprīdīša Skola*
- BOOK STREET

11 am – 4 pm

19 The Riga Latvian Society House (the main lobby) Latvian traditional arts and crafts workshops

A SONG FOR WORK WELL DONE

Here you can learn to blow pipes made of natural materials (birch-bark, bagpipes, combs, reeds) together with the folk group *Airi*, make the traditional clothes of the Zemgale region, trinkets and crowns with folk group *Pāri Laukam*, or join the workshops of visual arts, textile arts, woodworking, leatherworking and ceramics with the teachers of the O. Kalpaks Crafts School

12 – 3 pm

Riga Old Town

THE CITY IN LEGENDS

A special route in the Old Town will introduce the most amazing legends about Riga. Legends will be played out by mimes on eight platforms in different places

12 – 6 pm

20 Laipu Street

LAIPU STREET CELEBRATION. Shops and galleries in Laipu Street invite you to creative workshops and photo sessions in the costumes of the last century. The band "Black Tea" and Jānis Ancāns will perform the music

12 – 6 pm

21 Alberta Street

100 YEARS AGO IN ALBERTA STREET

Educational and entertaining activities – creative workshops, retro photo salons, open-door days and theatrical stage settings in the atmosphere of the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. Guests at the Art Nouveau Museum will be received by reincarnations of the architect Konstantīns Pēkšēns and his cousin Marija, the first female Latvian playwright

2 pm – 11 pm

22 A meadow at the cultural centre Imanta

An Open-Air Event: **IMANTA – A PLACE WITH A NAME**
An afternoon concert for children, drawing and portrait workshops, a "living sculpture" garden, an evening concert of dance groups with the LU students' brass band; an open-air ball and fireworks

3 pm – Midnight

23 Spīķeri Quarter: Contemporary Art Museum KIM?, 12/1 Maskavas Street

ART SUMMER IN THE OLD WAREHOUSES (Spīķeri)
Creative workshops and the chance to participate in a virtual contemporary art history tour

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4 pm – 5.30 pm

9 St. Peter's Church **TAPIOLA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

(Espoo, Finland). This concert is part of the European Festivals Experience for Travelling Youth Orchestras, funded with support from the European Commission. The music by Einojuhani Rautavaara, Richard Strauss, Jean Sibelius, Franz Schubert and Leonard Bernstein will be performed

5 pm – 10 pm

24 Courtyard of the Bolderāja Music and Art School, 31 Stūrmaņu Street

Event "SvArs"

Performances by the percussionist Elīna Endzele (Latvia) and Conrad Süß (Dresden Opera, Germany). *Jakob Noiman Festival Band* will mix Jewish folk music, Caribbean rhythms and Jēkabs Nīmanis' heart music. A reading of the new play "Pinkainie gadalaiki" (*Disheveled Seasons*) by the author Jānis Joņevs. The past, present and future of the Bolderāja district will be revealed in two exhibitions: "Urban Outcast" and "SvArs".

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

7 Riga Congress Centre **Choir concert: ORTHODOX VOICES IN LATVIA**

Participants: the Sveshnikov's State Academic Russian Choir, the Chamber Choir KLASIKA of the International Foundation for the Unity of Orthodox Nations, and the Chamber Choir of the Gnesin State Music College

8 pm – Midnight

25 Dzegužkalns Park **THE LEGENDARY LATVIAN ROCK GROUP**

"PĒRKONS". The rock band *Pērkons*, which changed Latvian music forever, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. At the concert you will hear songs from the recent solo album by the band's leading star, Juris Kulakovs, with lyrics by the classic Latvian poet Jānis Ziemeļnieks – "Ētera Odējs", as well as the golden hits of *Pērkons*. Competitions and surprises





August 22

10 am – 8 pm

Old Town, Mežaparks, Mangaļsala,
Daugavgrīva, Vecdaugava

ADVENTURE RACE TRIATEL XRACE. You do not need any special preparations or equipment; everybody can take part, whether beginners or professionals

12 am – 7 pm

18 FESTIVITIES IN VĒRMANES GARDEN

- THE 1ST FOLK FESTIVAL OF VERMANES GARDEN "IN VERY HEART OF RIGA". The festival will start with songs for children performed by singers Silviņa Silava, Agita Kauzēna and Arnis Miltiņš. Then the singing of Haralds Šīmanis, Uldis Ozols, Āris and Saulceris Ziemelis, Anta Eņģele, Zane Šmite, Juris Hiršs, Kaspars Dimiteris, Uldis Kākulis and Ziedonis Stutiņš will range across a broad spectrum of folk music for all ages all day long. At 5 pm Andris Mičulis, "Līga", the Vitols family, Ieva Akurātere and the band *Lidojošais Paklājs (The Flying Carpet)* will perform. Competitions and surprises!
- RIGA WINDOWS – a fair and demonstrations of traditional arts and crafts
- BOOK STREET

12 am – 5 pm

26 Open-Air Museum BLACKSMITHS' DAY

Demonstrations of this ancient craft by masters from Latvia and other countries, an exhibition of wrought iron, as well as musical and theatrical performances. Fee: LVL 0.50 – 2.00

3 pm

17 Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation

Concert THE SPIRITUAL LIGHT OF WAGNER

Participants: Krišjānis Norvelis (bass), Valdis Jansons (baritone), Jekaterina Suvorova (harp), Viesturs Kairišs

August 21 and 22

August 21, 12 am – 6 pm

August 22, 11 am – 6 pm

Culture centre Iļģuciems

27 Exhibition of Latvian textile and mosaics craftsmen RIGA TEXTILE MOSAICS

On the opening day of the exhibition, visitors will have an opportunity to take part in master classes and listen to a specially prepared concert programme performed by the opera soloist Aivars Krancmanis. Fee: LVL 0.50 – 1.00

August 21, 12 am, 2 pm, 4 pm

August 22, 12 am, 2 pm

6 The Small Guild

Musical performance for children: THE BLACK CAT (Latvia – Finland). With the participation of children and young performers from the theatre studio *Vinnijs* (Riga Culture Centre *Mazā Gilde – The Small Guild*), Jāzeps Mediņš Riga Music School No. 1 and the theatre studio of Helsinki Annantalo Arts Centre, as well as the actor Taisto Oksanen (Finland). Director Maire Saure. Music by Sami Baldauf (Finland)

All days of the Festival

7.30 am – 10 pm

28 The Town Hall Arcade

CRAFTSMEN'S STREET. A fair for traditional applied arts and crafts; demonstrations of arts and crafts

August 20, 2 pm – 6 pm

August 21, 22, 11 am – 4 pm

29 Jāņa Street 6

KETE'S HOUSE: creative workshops for children

Everyone will have an opportunity to make souvenirs from wool, paint plaster figures, fashion birds, pots and whistles out of clay, create wonderful paper and plastic works and take them back home

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Riga's public transportation
free of charge on August 21 and 22

More information on www.rigassvetki.lv or call 1188



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