Theme – based fire show Illumination

Rich in metaphor and poetry, evocative and visually impactful the show takes the viewers to a journey through a fantasy world populated by mythical creatures in search of the answer to the question “How to preserve the light in our souls?” What makes it different from its more conventional relatives are the specific forms of expression used – the expressive “talking” bodies of the actors and the fire as the main character in the show present in all its elements: costumes, production design, props, storyline. There is no dialogue in the show.

The Park of the National Palace of Culture, by the Lion Monument (next to Kabana movie theatre)

18th May, 21:00

www.facebook.com/firetheatre
ANNA KARENINA
A story of a group of people, who “cannot joke with matters of the heart” (quoting the characters of the novel themselves). Personal, matters of the heart, which take place in front of the very eyes of the merciless Society. One rough and brutal force—a force that is vague, under disguise and secretive, which unceremoniously controls their lives. The 900-page novel has many movie versions. “Sofia Theatre and I are presenting a theatrical one to you. It is worth watching if not for anything else for excellent acting.” – Nikolay Polyakov, Director

Tiramisu (comedy)
The play is based on the personal experience of the Polish author Yoanna Ovshan-ko’s as an advertising agent—she has worked in a powerful agency and knows this new modern way of life. She tells a story about seven young, successful, strong and beautiful women who struggle for success in society. The audience will witness their most intimate experiences and will empathize with the clash between their personal aspirations and the established social rules for success, career, and standards of happiness.

The Hunchback of Notre-Dame
The Hunchback of Notre-Dame is an attire made of shiny words which never tears. It will keep you warm in the winter and bring coolness to your heart in the summer. It can be used as a blanket tucked in which you will dream magical dreams of love, treachery, passion and downfall.” — D. Stoyanovich, author of the adaptation

ALONSO /comedy/
A modern comedy by Stefan Fogel, one of the most sought-after German speaking playwrights. Four excellent actors will introduce you to their characters and entertain you. An interesting fact is that none of the characters is actually called Alonso. Who then is Alonso? Alonso is the person who can tell the liars without even saying a word. Interesting, isn’t it? It is.

HANGMEN (black comedy)
The inability to find the perpetrator of the crime starts to put in question the easy answers to all life questions. The audience may be trapped in dark conjectures and its curiosity will be piqued, but the real experience relates to the question “whodun-it” acquiring a broader meaning and transcending the plot. Only the absurd laughter which is the only certainty with McDonagh can help.
MARRIAGE /comedy/

The team working on this show discovered extremely up-to-date and contemporary characters and situations in the words of Gogol words, written over a century and a half ago. The subject of the play triggered heated arguments among us, different points of for and / or against marriage emerged, the meaning of marriage and the meaning of choice emerged. Lost in our own fears, we have lost our senses to notice other people, and that makes falling in love impossible.

FRANKENSTEIN

“This Frankenstein is not that Frankenstein we remember and are acquainted with, but we do not really know ... This Frankenstein is a modern philosophical tale, a contemporary living myth, creating and telling itself through the hyperrealism of its own, and its unique images and constructions that turn into modern archetypes. This Frankenstein is a story about the malformations that occur in the human soul and body when love is banished. When you deny it and condemn it. In the name of the ego. In the name of reason. In the name of yourself.” – Stayko Murdjev, Director

JUMP (musical)

The protagonist of our story is in front of a door, behind which is another world. An 18-year-old boy will get to know a life that is far different from his own. What would he take from this time and transfer it in the present and what would he change in that time? Some of the other characters are too realistic, others - comical, yet others - romantic, naive, calculating, tired, or tireless, etc.

OLD SEYBROOK AND THE LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS

Two plays of the most successful playwrights in the world today – Woody Allen and Neil Simon – are shown on the stage of "Sofia" Theatre. Two comedies inspired by the eternal questions about love and marriage. Funny, insightful plays about how couples go through crises, where we escape from our own complexes and whether it is
**PETER PAN**

Join us in the wonderful world of Peter Pan – the boy from the magical Neverland who refuses to grow up. He crosses swords with Captain Hook’s evil pirates, experiencing the crazy thrill of flying high and the magic of the first kiss. "Sofia" Theatre’s musical enchants with its beautiful costumes, romantic duels on the pirate ship, melodious songs and great acting performances.

*You can find the program of the Sofia Theatre at www.sofiatheatre.eu*

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**Azaryan Theatre – National Palace of Culture**

**I, Sisyphus**

“All destiny can be mastered with contempt.”

“The Myth of Sisyphus” by Albert Camus

Director and adapted script: Veselka Kuncheva

Scenography and puppets: Marieta Golomehova

Music: Hristo Namliev

Choreography: Maria Dimitrova

Featuring Stoyan Doychev

The text in the production is narrated by Leonid Yovchev

“I, Sisyphus” is the wonderful show directed and adapted by Veselka Kuncheva that features the impressive visual scenery created by the scenographer Marieta Golomehova. The amazing performance by Stoyan Doychev intertwined with the superb visual scenery and the text narrated by Leonid Yovchev make up this refined production.

“In “I, Sisyphus” we explore the constant journey back towards oneself. Way back in antiquity philosophers became aware of the absurdity of human behaviour. No matter which path one takes, what one tries to become, one always ends up back to oneself. Human live is one recurrent action. Spiral, predictable and unchanging. And this endless action is the reason why we do not think of the meaning of human life, but rather focus on its meaninglessness.”

27 March 2019

www.ndk.bg
HOT - room for professional audience

Project – program designed to develop professional audience in the field of contemporary dance, contemporary choreography and performing arts. The program serves as a space for sharing new methods of critical analysis and feedback between artistic practices and the wider audience.

Every second Wednesday meetings focused on dance theory of the Reading Circle Group will be held.
Every second Wednesday meetings with local artists and feedback process in relation to their artistic practices will take place.

Instituto Cervantes – Sofia
1st April – 30th June
Every Thursday – space for sharing artistic practices of local artists

www.steamroom.site
CARNIVAL EXPRESS 2019 —
a series of open-air carnival labs

A series of open-air carnival labs for teenagers and young adults (and interested children and adults) and a parallel outdoor photo exhibition “Aylyak Parade” — Plovdiv ECC 2019).

Getting to know and personally experience the European carnival tradition and practice through hands-on training provided in an attractive way. Intensive training program for the more ambitious and regular participants.

Zaimov Park (Main space — Oborishte)
100 Years Sofia Park (Mladost Quarter, the park by the Druzhba/Iskar lake)

26th May — Zaimov Park, 17:00 — 18:30
09th June — 100 Years Sofia Park – Mladost 2, 17:00 — 18:30
30th June — Zaimov Park, 17:00 — 18:30
14th July — The Park by the Druzhba Lake 17:00 — 18:30
28th July — Zaimov Park, 17:00 — 18:30

www:facebook.com/firetheatrefoundation.bg
Mish Mash Fest – Urban Festival

The festival will showcase the best independent artists in Bulgaria, the visitors will be able to attend workshops and ateliers and be entertained by new artists and musicians. The two large editions – in June and December – will be a celebration of talent and good taste.

The Crystal Park
7th – 9th June, 10:00 – 22:00

Independence Square (The Largo)
13th – 15th December, 10:00 – 22:00

www.momichetata.com

Sofia Science Festival

Sofia Science Festival is the one and only Bulgarian festival showcasing the achievements of world-known scientists and young researchers from Bulgaria and abroad. The festival's major goal is to stir interest to science among the young audience, to inform the grown-ups about the latest scientific endeavours and to establish science as part of Sofia's cultural agenda.

Sofia Tech Park
9-12 May, 9.30am - 9.30pm

www.britishcouncil.bg
www.facebook.com/sofia.science.festival/

URBAN SUMMIT – PART OF WEBIT FESTIVAL

Urban Summit is a series of cultural events involving meetings with entrepreneurs from around the world which focus on marketing resources and mentoring and allow the young and innovative companies to establish contacts with investors, media and corporations to share their innovative creative ideas about the development of the city. More than 40 meetings are planned with hosts that the attendees can talk to about marketing and innovations, digital transformation, big data and cloud services, financial technologies, Internet of everything, confidentiality and security, and software development. For the three days of the festival the beautiful Vitosha boulevard will become a musical, cultural and flashmob scene.

13th -15th May 2019
www.webit.org

SOFIA UNDERGROUND INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND MODERN ART FESTIVAL

22nd edition of the Performance Festival “Sofia Underground” which includes live shows and audio-visual performances. This year the festival theme is “The Eastern Question” with the thematic framework being established back in 2011 by Ruen Ruenov – founder of this legendary international performance and modern art festival. The programme includes a curated selection of internationally renowned artists as well as Bulgarian artists chosen to take part through an open call procedure.

NATIONAL PALACE OF CULTURE – ENERGY CENTRE
17th - 20th April 2019
20th April, 18:00-24:00 am

sofiaunderground.com
National Campaign for Promoting Reading
The March of the Books

The March of the Books is a traditional event involving many institutions and individuals with the cause of promoting reading from an early age. The annual initiative organized by the Bulgarian Book Association is linked with the world days of children’s books and copyright on 2nd and 23rd of April respectively.

Sofia, in schools and educational facilities
2nd April – 23rd April
www.abk.bg
Spring Book Fair and the Sofia International Literary Festival for Children and Teenagers

In 2019 the traditional Spring Book Fair will take place for the thirteenth time at the National Palace of Culture. The biggest publishing houses in Bulgaria are expected to take part in it. As part of the fair meetings between the readers and popular Bulgarian writers will be organized, as well as many readings, discussions and exhibitions.

The second edition of the International Literary Festival for Children and Teenagers will also be held this year. Classical literary works and modern European authors and books for children and teenagers will be presented as part of the festival’s program in informal meetings, educational sessions, children’s workshops, etc.

National Palace of Culture
28th May – 2nd June

Working hours of the fair:
Mon – Sat: 10:00 – 20:00
Sun: 10:00 – 19:00

www.abk.bg

Literature Night 2019 – public literary readings

Literature Night 2019 features public readings of contemporary European literature performed by well-known personalities at attractive and unusual venues. Literature Night is an initiative of the Czech Centre Sofia and is organised by EUNIC Bulgaria and the Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria in partnership with embassies and cultural institutes of many other European countries.

The area between G. S. Rakovski str., Patriarh Evtimii Blvd, Vasil Levski Blvd., Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

15 May, 18:00 – 22:00

www.sofia.czechcentres.cz/
@noshtnaliteraturata
23rd SOFIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL and 16TH SOFIA MEETINGS

The Sofia International Film Festival is the largest film festival in Bulgaria and one of the leading film events in Central and Eastern Europe.
Hall 1 of the National Palace of Culture, Lumiere Movie Theatre, The Cinema House, Odeon Theatre, Eurocinema and G8 Cultural Centre, Vlaikova Theatre, Slaveikov Theatre

7th – 17th March 2019

MASTER OF ART FILM FESTIVAL

International festival of documentary film on art. The Sofia viewers will have the unique chance to explore the intimate creative world and the art of artists of different eras and genres worldwide. The 2019 festival program includes 60 works which will be shown for the first time in Bulgaria.
Lumiere Movie Theatre – Lidl, The Cinema House, Eurocinema and G8 Cultural Centre and Cine Grand (Park Centre), French Cultural Institute

5th – 25th April 2019
OPEN-AIR GALLERY
LOVERS' BRIDGE, NATIONAL PALACE OF CULTURE

18th March – 1st April
Urban Summit – part of the Webit.Fesitval

1st April – 14th April
Photographs of Sofia by Temelko Temelkov
The exhibition marks the 140th anniversary of the city of Sofia becoming the capital of Bulgaria

14th April – 29th April
Master of Art Film

29th April – 13th May
Exhibition about Pope Francis

www.artsofia.bg
OPEN – AIR GALLERY
PARK OF THE NATIONAL PALACE OF CULTURE
Entrance from Fridtjof Nansen Street

20th March – 1st April
Exhibition marking the 15th anniversary of Bulgaria’s membership in NATO

23rd April – 8th May
Urban Summit – part of the Webit.Fesitval

OPEN-AIR GALLERY   CITY PARK

18th March – 1st April
Exhibition about Dimitar Manchev

1st April – 15th April
Exhibition of documents held in the State Archives concerning the 140th anniversary of the City of Sofia becoming the capital of Bulgaria

15th April – 29th April
Urban Summit – part of the Webit.Fesitval

29th April – 13th May
Exhibition “Follow the Footprints”

13th May – 27th May
Exhibition marking the 140th anniversary of the City of Sofia becoming the capital of Bulgaria

www.artsofia.bg

EXHIBITIONS of THE SOFIA CITY FINE ART GALLERY

Exhibition marking the 120th anniversary of the birth of Nikolay Raynov

Paintings from all periods in the painter’s work will be shown – oil on canvas, watercolours, drawings, photographs, documents, monographs and writings, theoretical texts, etc. An interesting accent are his early Secession style works, as well as the war postcards created by Raynov during the First and Second Balkan Wars, and the WWI.

26th February – 7th April
Unknown works from the 80s and 90s of the 20th century

Video documents from performances that took place in the 80s and 90s of the 20th century which have been kept in personal archives will be shown for the very first time.

12th March – 14th April

The Other Eye: A Portrait of a Friend of Mine

The filmmaker Iglika Trifonova is invited to take part in The Other Eye series. Interesting portraits from the SCGFA collection will be presented based on her concept.

until 2nd June

Masters of Photography — Vivian Maier

Together with the Musiz Foundation the gallery continues to present prominent masters of photography. The platform introduces one of the most famous female photographers of the 20th century — Vivian Maier.

23rd April — 2nd June

Exhibition dedicated to the Association of Painters from Southern Bulgaria

More than 140 authors most of whom unknown to the general public will be exhibited. The exhibition includes visual documents that have not been shown for decades as well as previously unpublished archives and works of Bulgarian painting, prints and sculpture.

11th June — 18th August

Exhibition of Rayko Alexiev

Paintings and cartoons

The exhibition includes originals and copies of his major works along with paintings and texts.

18th June — 14th July

Video Installations by Boryana Ventsislavova

Real Games

The Real Games installation was inspired by the desire of the artist to revisit the experience of her generation from playing outdoors with simple or DIY toys. The five-channel video installation shows grown children invited to play with paper arrows or Chinese jump rope. The protagonists are people with different professions, invited to relive their childhood and remember the games and their rules. The participants being themselves play games while at the same time being professional adults in the situations.

1st February — 3rd March

Tue — Sat: 10.00 — 19.00
Sun: 11.00 — 18.00

www.sghg.bg

THE PROGRAM OF THE ART GALLERIES IN SOFIA CAN BE FOUND AT Sofia-art-galleries.com
National PHOTO ACADEMICA Contest – 20th anniversary

2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the oldest national photography contest PHOTO ACADEMICA, organized by the National Association “PHOTOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION – Yanka Kyurkchieva”. This year the exhibition will showcase the winners in the contest for the 18+ age group in two genres – artistic and documentary photography.

Photoacademy.com
National Palace of Culture, fl. 3
6th – 20th June 2019
6th – 20th June 2019 from 11:00 am to 19:00

Annual National Youth Contest for Fine Art, Applied Art and Design

This is the Annual National Youth Contest for Fine Art, Applied Art and Design. About 250 students take part in the contest. The 45 works shortlisted for the exhibition will be presented in 15 categories. The students will receive awards. Discussions concerning the education of gifted children will be organized as part of the exhibition with representatives of secondary and higher art schools.

National Palace of Culture, east mezzanine floor and the gallery
6th – 16th June 2019
6th – 20th June 2019 from 11:00 am to 19:00
“On Vladigerov in person” and “Pancho Vladigerov in the musical spectrum of the 20th century. Directions, connections, reflections.”

Jubilee concert and opening of two exhibitions on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the birth of prof. Pancho Vladigerov

The jubilee concert and the exhibition “On Vladigerov in person” on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the birth of prof. Pancho Vladigerov will take place in the composer’s house at 10 Yakubitsa street, which has now become a museum.
On March 21 at 6 p.m., the artistic-documentary exhibition “Pancho Vladigerov in the musical spectrum of the 20th century. Directions, connections, reflections” will open in the foyer of “Bulgaria” Hall. The exhibition will focus on Vladigerov’s rightful place among the most distinguished musicians of the 20th century, as proven by the documented respect and attention that he received from the musical elite of Europe. The exhibition will be presented in two languages (Bulgarian and English) and will include some of the rarely shown materials from the archives of the House museum.

The “Pancho Vladigerov” Museum House and the foyer of the “Bulgaria” Concert Hall complex.

March 24 until May 1 - The exhibition “On Vladigerov in person”
Opening: March 24, 18:00

The chamber concert
March 24, 18:00

Bulgaria Hall
March 21 to March 31 - “Pancho Vladigerov within the musical spectrum of the 20th century. Directions, connections, reflections”
Opening: 21 March, 18:00


Celebrations of the Day of Thrace. 121 Years of Organized Thracian Movement in Bulgaria

26 March, 10:30  Requiescat at the church of St Nikolay of Sofia and official ceremony at the Heroes of Adrianople Memorial

www.artsofia.bg

3rd April – 140th Anniversary of Sofia being pronounced the new capital of Bulgaria

Special flag consecration ceremony in Sofia schools with the participation of the National Guard and the Brass Orchestra of the National Guard, and the Metropolitan of Sofia

3rd April, 11:00 – Oborishte str. / St. Alexander Nevsky sq.

Concert of the Sofia Wind Orchestra
3rd April, 18:00 – Independence sq. /The Largo/
Festival of Light, Tourist Routes
www.artsofia.bg

9th of May – Day of Europe Gala concert
www.artsofia.bg

Bulgarian Education and Culture, and Slavonic Literature Day – May 24
www.artsofia.bg

City parade in celebration of the Day of Bulgarian Education and Culture
May 24, 10:30 Parade to the National Library; 11:00 Official ceremony at the Monument of Sts Cyril and Methodius
May 24
www.artsofia.bg

Day of Botev and Those Who Died for Bulgarian Freedom and Independence – June 2
www.artsofia.bg

Official ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the death of the Bulgarian revolutionary and other heroes who have fallen for the freedom and independence of Bulgaria.

June 2, 11:30 At the Hristo Botev Monument in the Borisova Gradina Park
www.artsofia.bg
United through Art
A Conference and a Publication

The project presents alternative approaches to increasing tolerance, reducing xenophobia and making the diverse communities more visible. Good European practices will be shown from Manchester, Hull, Brussels and Ostende, which to serve as examples for the inclusion of local communities and marginalized groups in artistic activities.

Serdica Gallery, Vazrazhdane Region
Address: the renovated part of the Women’s Market — new building at the corner of Stefan Stambolov str. and Lozengrad str., fl.2

15th, 16th March — Conference
29th May — Presentation of the publication

www.artoffice.bg
Musical show - The Seven Wonders of Bulgaria

The Seven Wonders of Bulgaria serves as a crossing point of Bulgarian tradition and modern art. The show combines authentic Bulgarian folklore and modern electronic sound, and showcases the seven folklore regions of Bulgaria through typical song, dance, costumes and visual art.

Underpass of the Sofia University (Tsar Osvoboditel blvd. and Vasil Levski blvd.)
7th June, 20:00


ppIANISSIMO
International Festival of Contemporary Piano Music

ppIANISSIMO for years has been the only forum in Bulgaria entirely dedicated to the music of today. Focused on the endless possibilities of the piano as a keyboard and percussion instrument, the festival is a workshop for contemporary art – a creative platform for recognized and debut musicians alike, studying the aesthetics and the most current trends in contemporary music.

Bulgarian National Radio, Concert Studio, National Academy of Music “Prof. Pancho Vladigerov”, Concert Hall
22nd March – 7th April
Programme:

22.03.2019, 19:00, BNR – TRANSITION: Multimedia Concert of Tricia Dawn Williams (Malta) Featuring Ruben Zahra (Malta)

23.03.2019, 19:00, NAM – Piano Recital by Konstantinos Destounis (Greece)
24.03.2019, 19:00, BNR – Piano Recital by Sofya Melikyan (Armenia/France)
29.03.2019, 19:00, BNR – EURientale: Piano Recital by Kotaro Fukuma (Japan) Featuring Vocal Ensemble DAI MONTI VERDI (Bulgaria)
30.03.2019, 19:00, NAM – New Piano Sonatas by Bulgarian Composers: Solo Recital by Margarita Ilieva (Bulgaria)
31.03.2019, 19:00, BNR – Micro/Macro-Cosmos: Piano Recital by Stefka Perifanova (Bulgaria/Switzerland) Featuring Borislava Taneva (Bulgaria)

05.04.2019, 19:00, BNR – Concert of Kersten McCall (Germany/The Netherlands – Flute) and Kamelia Miladinova (Bulgaria/The Netherlands – piano)
06.04.2019, 19:00, NAM – The Music of Stephen Gardner (Ireland): Chamber Concert of Rosen Idealov (Clarinet), Georgita Boyadzhieva-Nikolova (Cello), Martin Pavlov (Flute), Sara Panosyan (Violin) Bogdan Ivanov (Piano) and Alexandar Botusharov (Piano)
07.04.2019, 19:00, BNR – PpIANISSIMO JAZZ: Piano Concert of Konstantin Kostov (Bulgaria/Germany) и Lyubo Tsanev (Bulgaria/USA)

www.ppianissimo.info

Concert Cycle /cantata and oratorio concert/

The events are organized in conjunction with the Bulgaria Concert Facility and the National Philharmonic Choir “Svetoslav Obretenov” featuring Symphonietta Sofia with conductor Svilen Simeonov.

Bulgaria Hall
15th May, 19.00 – 20.30
Soloists:
Emilia Baranovska (cello) – France
Daniela Anodonova (piano)
In the program:
Ludwig van Beethoven - The Fantasy (Fantasia) for piano, vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra, Op. 80
Ludwig van Beethoven – Symphony No. 7 or 10
Edouard Lalo – Cello concerti in D minor

Bulgaria Hall
24th April, 19.00 – 20.30
Soloist: Chantal Stigliani (piano), France
In the program:
Franz Schubert – Deutsche Messe, D 872
Franz Schubert – Symphony No. 8 in B minor, D 759
W.A. Mozart – Piano Concerto No.2 The Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major, K
Bulgaria Hall
15th March, 19.00 – 20.30
Soloist: Jülide Yalçın (violin), Turkey
In the program:
W.A. Mozart – Rondo Alla Turca, orchestration Svilen Simeonov
Ulvi Cemal Erkin – Violin and orchestra concerto
J. Haydn – Mass No 11 in D minor, "Nelson Mass"

Gala Concert featuring Symphonietta Sofia

In the eve of 24th of May – the Day of Bulgarian Script and Culture – the Nadezhda Municipal Cultural Institute and the Sredets Cultural Centre organize a gala concert featuring Symphonietta Sofia. Once again young musicians – students from the National School of Music “L.Pipkov” – will take part as soloists in the concert. The Sofia Chamber Choir “Vasil Arnaudov” with conductor Teodora Pavlovich will also participate in the concert along with conductor Svilen Simeonov and guest conductor Kiril Lambov. The program includes musical pieces for soloists and orchestra and the premiere of Missa Brevis by the Slovenian composer Ambroz Copi.

Independence Square (the Largo)
22nd May, 18.00 – 20.00

A concert cycle featuring laureates of national and international competitions

The event is organized by the Nadezhda Municipal Cultural Institute featuring Symphonietta Sofia with conductor Svilen Simeonov. Soloists will be the finalists in the Albert Roussel piano competition

Concert Hall of the National School of Music
29th March, 18.30 – 20.30

Symphonic concert. The event is organized by the Nadezhda Municipal Cultural Institute featuring Symphonietta Sofia with guest conductor Svetlomir Zlatkov – winner of the first prize in the Nino Rotta competition for conductors, Italy – 2018.

Concert Hall of the Nadezhda MCI
12th April, 18.30 – 20.00

Concert of Sofia Jazz Formation and Daga Vocal Studio
The event is organized by the Nadezhda Municipal Cultural Institute and the Sredets Cultural Centre. The program includes own compositions of the Sofia Jazz Formation and modern interpretations of international evergreens. Daga Vocal Studio with the Sredets MCI conducted by Snezhana Polihronova will take part in the concert.

Independence Square (The Largo)
10th April, 18.00 - 19.30
www.oki-nadejda.com

XXVII International Competition for musicians and composers “Music and the Earth” and Festival “Arts for the Earth” entitled “The Revelations of the Earth”

Marking the 22nd April – Earth Day

The competition is designed to improve the skills of young musicians, strengthen and expand children's rights in the music area. The creative ideas of the young talents will be appreciated and encouraged. The Arts for the Earth Festival consists of 5 cycles of concerts showcasing nature in the work of prominent composers from all over the world. Winners in the competition and members of the jury will perform. The audience will be presented with interesting facts about the concerts by means of introductory lectures.

National Museum “Earth and People”
4 Cherni Vrah blvd.

1st March – 3rd June

18th – 25th April 2019 – Music and the Earth Competition, master class of the members of the jury

18th April – 3rd June 2019 – The Arts of the Earth Festival entitled “The Revelations of Nature” featuring Chantal Stigliani (piano), France; Professor Flavio Tursini, Italy, Professor Anton Martinov, (violin), Russia – France, Fumie Fukui (piano), Japan, Professor Lydia Oshavkova (flute), Xavier Lecomte de la Bretonnerie (piano), France, etc.

25th April 2019 – Award Ceremony and Gala Concert of the Winners

May 2019 – Concerts of the winners organized by the Filomusa Association in France and the Bulgarian Culture Centre in New York.

www.musicanandearth.org/bg/
The Festival presents 11 classical music events in which more than 500 Bulgarian and international performers will take part. The highlights of the programs are the performances of leading musicians such as Plamena Mangova, Nemanja Radulovich, Mila Georgieva, Maxim Eshkenazy and many others.

Bulgaria Hall 1, the Hall of the National Musical Academy, The Largo 21st March – 23rd June

**Program:**

**21st March 2019**  
Bulgaria Hall  
**19:30 – OPENING**  
A concert marking the 120th anniversary of the birth of Pancho Vladigerov  
Soloist: Mario Josen, violin  
Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra  
Conductor: Georgi Dimitrov

**12th April 2019**  
Bulgaria Hall  19:30  
Concert marking the 40th anniversary of the Pim-Pam Children Choir  
Featuring the Pim-Pam Children Choir and the Classic FM Orchestra  
Conductor: Grigor Palikarov

**17th April 2019**  
Bulgaria Hall  19:00  
Opening of a photo exhibition “Music in the Lens”

**19th April 2019**  
Bulgaria Hall  11:00  
Concert for children “Musical Adventure” – music by Dobri Paliev

**23rd April 2019**  
Bulgaria Hall  19:30  
Concert of world-renowned soloists  
Soloists: Plamena Mangova, piano  
Anton Barahovski, violin  
Kiril Zlotnikov, cello  
Classic FM Orchestra  
Conductor: Luciano di Martino

**15th May 2019**  
NMA Concert Hall  19:30  
Chamber concert of Pancho Vladigerov’s works  
Performed by students of the National Musical Academy “Pancho Vladigerov”
22nd May 2019
Independence Square (The Largo) 16:00
The Golden Quill Ceremony

22nd May 2019
Independence Square (The Largo) 18:30
Music and dance performance “Europe Dances”

29th May 2019
Hall of the National School of Music
Violin master class of Mila Georgieva

31st May 2019
Bulgaria Hall 19:30
Tango & Campanella Concert
Soloist: Mila Georgieva
Classic FM Orchestra
Conductor: Maxim Eshkenazy

23rd June 2019
National Palace of Culture, Hall 1 20:00
Strings of Fire Concert
Soloist: Nemanja Radulovich, violin
Double Sense Group
www.cantusfirmusbg.com

Etude and Friends Festival
The festival presents two guest productions: Heroes by John Scott, Dublin in partnership with Matteo Fargion, London; Olof Persson projects; и Gun Lund / E=mc2 Dance & 3rd Floor – Dance & Artspace in Göteborg. A few Bulgarian productions that premiered in 2018 are also included, along with a debut project, an exhibition of Any Collier and a film about the ballet dancer Feo Mustakova.

Etude Gallery and DNA – Modern Dance and Performance Space (National Palace of Culture)

10th June – 30th June
www.etudgallery.com/bg/festival

SLOKAR Quartet Concert
The trombone and the modern European music
The concert of one of the best chamber brass groups in Europe SLOKAR Quartet showcases the trombone as a solo instrument with a program of memorable songs. The event is part of the educational project “The Trombone and the modern European music” of the Bulgarian Musical Association.

Large Hall of the National Musical Academy
29th March, 19:00 – 21:30
www.bgma.bg
OPERA IN THE PARK

The 10th jubilee edition of the summer festival Opera in the Park which has become a favorite of the citizens and visitors of Sofia will take place in 2019. By taking its productions out of the theater The Sofia Opera and Ballet provides the visitors and citizens of Sofia with cultural events in the summer months. The program includes classical opera and ballet productions of the Sofia Opera House, musical productions of the National Theater of Music, and modern dance productions of Arabesque Ballet Company, as well as performances by the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra of the National School of Music.

Park of the Military Academy
28th June – 14th July

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Certified Master Class of Branimir Slokar – The trombone and the modern European music

The certified master class of Professor Branimir Slokar (Switzerland) is designed for trombone players – both students and experienced musicians. The event is part of the educational project “The Trombone and the modern European music” of the Bulgarian Musical Association.

Hall 48 of the National Musical Academy
30th March, 10.00 – 17.30

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Participation fee: BGN60, attendance fee: BGN30

Joshua Bell and Sofia Philharmonic

Grammy winner and one of the biggest stars in classical music Joshua Bell returns to Bulgaria on April 1st for a concert with the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra with conductor Maestro Nayden Todorov.

Program of the concert:

Iván Erőd – Fermeture
Richard Strauss – Symphonic Poem Don Juan
Antonín Dvořák – Violin Concerto

Bulgaria Hall
1 April, 19.00 www.sofiaphilharmonic.com

National Music Theatre Stefan Makedonski, 100 “Vasil Levski” blvd., Sofia Center
www.musictheatre.bg
Suitable for a foreign language audience

Performances for Children with Escort

Free Entrance

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Organisers have the right to change event’s agenda.

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