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[direkcia.kultura](http://direkcia.kultura)



Calendar of cultural events  
of Sofia Municipality



**Sofia Film Fest: Sofia Meetings** 

*Sofia Film Fest (Sofia International Film Festival) is the biggest film festival in Bulgaria and one of the leading events in Central and East European cinema. It presents new trends in world cinema and showcases and the newest achievements of Bulgarian film art to an international audience.*

National Palace of Culture; Hall 1, Lumière Cinema, DNK; The Cinema House; Odeon Cinema; Cultural Center G8; Euro Cinema; Institut Français; Cinema City Mall of Sofia; Arena Deluxe; Bulgaria Mall; Cine Grand City Center Sofia; Vlaykova Cinema; Sofia University Cultural Centre; Iskar House of Culture; Czech Cultural Institute.

March 8 - 18  
[siff.bg](http://siff.bg)

**16th In The Palace International**   
**Short Film Festival**



*IN THE PALACE International Short Film Festival is dedicated to short film and digital works with duration up to 27 minutes. It is one of the three oldest film forums of its kind on the Balkan Peninsula. Affirmed international forum for professional short films in South-Eastern Europe.*

National Palace of Culture, Lumière Cinema, Odeon Cinema, Vlaykova Cinema, experimental free-access venues, the Italian Cultural Institute, Institute Cervantes - Sofia, University of Sofia, various schools, etc.

May 26 - June 2  
[www.inthepalace.com](http://www.inthepalace.com)

## Meetings Of Young European Cinema 2018

*Meetings of Young European Cinema brings together the worlds of cinema and education, introducing the young audience to contemporary European cinematography, showcasing young authors who have been selected by prestigious festivals, and defending its choice through discussions, round tables and professional ateliers.*

Odeon Cinema, Institut Francais Cinema hall, National Academy of Theatre and Film Arts cinema halls.

June 18 - 24

[youngcinemasofia.eu](http://youngcinemasofia.eu)

## Master Of Art International Film Festival

*Balkan's first international film festival for documentary and advertising films in the field of arts. The best of documentary cinema in this sphere in Bulgaria and worldwide is to be presented, as the productions will be assessed by international jury. Over 50 documentary films will be shown in the competition and off-competition programme.*

Lumiere Lidl Cinema, Odeon cinema, Dom na kinoto, Euro Cinema, G8.

April 12 - 30

[masterofartfilmfestival.com](http://masterofartfilmfestival.com)

## Cinema Meetings 2018

*Cinema clubs, or film societies, are amateur groups that traditionally organize informal conversations about the art of cinema. The project aims to turn Sofia Film Society into a traditional venue for two age groups: 5 to 11-year olds, and teenagers and adults. Film screenings and discussions on Bulgarian and European titles, screenings and activity workshops for the younger audience.*

Sfumato Theatre Workshop.

Up to December 15

[filmsociety.bg](http://filmsociety.bg)

# FESTIVALS



## Europe Through The Eyes Of Young Artists



A cultural festival in the space between Tsar Samuil St, Denkoglu St and Solunska St will include an exhibition of works by the students of the National School of Fine Arts, a student percussion concert in memory of Prof. Dobri Paliev (in the Boris Hristov museum), and an exhibition of works by the renowned European artist Edmond Dermidzhian. Nikola Kovachev's film *The Music of Drums* will give the audience a taste of the musical traditions of Strandzha

May 12, 16:00 – 21:00

[vprki.tumblr.com](http://vprki.tumblr.com)

## Balkan Documentary Centre Discoveries 2018 - Module Sofia

A documentary film programme divided into three modules, the most important taking place in Sofia. The BDC Discoveries bring together young professionals from the Balkans and the rest of Europe, turning Sofia into a centre of documentary cinema.

May 7 – 14 Goethe Institute-Sofia, professional seminar, auxiliary events, film screenings, discussions and master classes with international guests and actors

[www.bdcwebsite.com](http://www.bdcwebsite.com)

## Sofia Science Festival



The Sofia Science Festival is the one and only Bulgarian festival showcasing the achievements of contemporary scientists and young explorers from Bulgaria and abroad. It is directed at both children and grown-ups. Aims to stir the scientific interests of the young audience and to inform the general public about the newest endeavours of scientists in Bulgaria and around the world.

May 10 – 13 Sofia Tech Park

[www.britishcouncil.bg/events](http://www.britishcouncil.bg/events)

## From Our Farm To You, With Love weekly festival ☺

Cooking demonstrations will show the audience how to prepare typical Bulgarian dishes with foods from the farmers' market. Farmers will have a chance to present their products and demonstrate their production methods. There will be food tastings and a special area for food-related crafts: knife-making, pottery, etc.

**The area in front of the Ministry of Agriculture**

**May 18, 12:00 and 17:00** Demonstrations of Bulgarian crafts and tastings of typical Bulgarian meals.

**May 23, 12:00 and 17:00** Festival of Roses.

## Languages And Arts Of Asia ☺

Asia/Eastern Cultures Festival in Sofia. Admissions free.

**Summer stage at the Borisova gradina Park**

**May 27, 16:00 – 20:00**

## Ratio Forum For Popular Science EN

Four lecturers explaining different types of science and skeptical thinking. Besides the stream of lectures on the stage, the audience can take part in various interactive demonstrations and discussions.

**Sofia Event Center, Paradise Mall**

**June 9, 10, 19:00**

## Carnival - Contact 2018 EN ☺

Carnival Laboratories for Children and Youth (including children of migrants and underprivileged families), two interactive fire shows, and a final performance will take place in different city parks from May to September 2018. **Carnival workshops will be held in English and Bulgarian.**

**May 27, 17:00** Zaimov park.

**June 10, 17:00** 100 godini Sofia park, Mladost 2.

**June 24, 17:00** Zaimov park.

## Children's Fair 😊

*The festival offers a diverse programme of free-access ateliers and activities, giving children an opportunity to discover the world of creativity, culture, education and sport through art workshops, sports competitions, performances, dance, music and games.*

**Gradska Gradina Park, around National Theatre Ivan Vazov, various museums**  
**June 1**

## Social Circus And Mini Art Fest 8 😊

*Mini Art Fest is a festival for contemporary circus art and a multi-genre platform for contemporary art. This year the focus will fall on the social circus and social-artistic projects. The Mini Art Fest is an urban festival dedicated to transforming of everyday places and situations.*

**June 1, 11:00** Social Circus (part of Mini Art Fest) in the area around the National Palace of Culture. Circus art demonstrations by children and youth from social institutions from Nadezhda District. International guest performers

**June 1, 16:00 – 18:00** Nadezhda, Severen Park.

**June 1, 16:00 – 18:00** National Palace of Culture, with the participation of children from social institutions.

[www.facebook.com/miniartfest](http://www.facebook.com/miniartfest)

## Urban Summit As Part Of Webit Festival

*For years, the worldwide series of events Webit has ranked among the most prestigious and influential forums of digital economics, being an active venue for technological, political and business leaders around the world.*

**Sofia Tech Park, the area around National Palace of Culture and Vitosha Blvd pedestrian zone, the Druzhba lake and other locations in the city centre.**

**June 25 – 27, 19:30 – 21:00** Vitosha Blvd., live concerts and art performances.

**June 26, 27** Sofia Tech Park, Plenary sessions

[www.webit.bg](http://www.webit.bg)

# EXHIBITIONS

## Sofia City Gallery Exhibitions

**February 13 - March 11** Theo Ushev, art installation In The Mirror, Dimly contemporary art.

**March 27 - April 21** Ron Gallela, photography.

**April 26 - May 27** Zahari Kamenov, painting.

**June 5 - July 8** Nina Kovacheva and Valyo Stefanov, contemporary art.

[www.sghg.bg](http://www.sghg.bg)

## Forms Of Communication: Ilindentsi/sofia

*An educational exhibition focusing on new territories in contemporary sculpture, new trends in the plastic arts, and the creative interactions and influences of global artists in the natural setting of Ilindentsi and the unique environment of its singular sculptural park.*

**March 20 - April 15** Sofia City Art Gallery

## Exhibition Of Children's Works By The Students Of Palitra Art Studio 😊

*Performances by Sirius Theatre, Igra Theatre Studio, a concert by the Sofia Jazz Formation and the Zdravets Folk Dance Ensemble, the Duga Vocal Studio, etc.*

**March 25, 11:30** The Largo

Part of Sredets House of Culture Calendar of Events

[dksredets.com](http://dksredets.com)

## Be Green = Be Modern = Be Europe 😊

*A celebration of Europe Day with an exposition of art installations dedicated to the 28 member states of the EU. Each country's installations will be created by Bulgarian schoolchildren and art school or university students, showcasing a young Bulgarian's perception of each of the member states. The installations will be made from clean recycled materials.*

**May 9, 17:30** Opening of the Art installation. Hall Theatro, 12 Varbitsa Str.



## Folklore, Religious And Mythological Themes In Bulgarian Art Of The 1920s And 1930s. Trends In Bulgarian Modernism. Audio And Visual Guides To The Exhibition.

Key works by great Bulgarian artists like Georgi Mishev, Nikola Kozuharov, Sirak Skitnik, Nikolay Raynov, Vassil Zahariev, Ivan Lazarov, Ivan Penkov, Ivan Milev, etc., thematically presented in the light of several key texts in Bulgarian folklore, religion and mythology. The presentation includes audio and video guides in Bulgarian, English, French, German and Spanish, providing the additional information about the historical setting, the artists and their attitude to the Western European trends of the time.

**May 2 – August 5** Sofia City Art Gallery

[www.sghg.bg](http://www.sghg.bg)

## Teachers And Students In The Fine Arts

*Teachers and Students in the Fine Arts* is the topic of a series of exhibitions and discussions organized by the Vapreki Foundation. Some of the best Bulgarian contemporary artists and sculptors have their own schools. It's interesting the interactions between teacher and student - what is being passed on, to what extent the student imitates his teacher or, on the contrary, try to get out of his shadow.

**April 1, 18:00** Art Alley Gallery, Prof. Vihroni Popnedelev and his students.

**May 21, 17:00** Sofia Press Gallery, Stubel Gallery, Prof. Andrey Daniel and his students.

**May 10 - June 24** National Gallery Kvadrat 500, Nikolay Maystorov and his students.

## Sofia Paper Art Fest

*Sofia Paper Art Fest* is an event with an established visual identity and cultural strategy. This year Sofia Paper Art Fest will have the honour of hosting the Congress of the International Association of Hand Papermakers and Paper Artists (IAPMA) and presenting more than 250 authors from all over the world.

Sofia City Art Gallery, Triangle Tower, Sofia History Museum, National Palace of culture, Largo and others.

**April 12 – May 18** [www.amateras.eu](http://www.amateras.eu)

## Art For Garbage

The project is a transformation of a well-known story from Bulgarian folklore (Plums for Garbage), seeking to engage the audience in several Sofia districts by decorating wastebins and transforming them into beautiful coloured objects.

*At the same time, the project endeavours to be an innovative method of creating a positive attitude to proper waste management.*

The districts of Nadezhda, Mladost, Lyulin and Druzhba - outdoor spaces

**May 12, 13, 19, and 20** Wastebin painting. Access on request. English translation provided.

**June 2, 3, 9, 10, 23, 24 and 30** Wastebin painting. Access on request. English translation provided. [www.openspacebg.com](http://www.openspacebg.com)

## **Poster Appeal: Presenting The Best Contemporary Social Posters In Sofia**

*Exhibitions of emblematic social posters, specifically selected from the unique fund of the oldest and most renowned political poster exhibition - the triennial in Mons.*

**April 20** Creative training for young authors – Lecture and demonstration at the National Gallery of art. Admission free.

**Poster Appeal 1:** *Awarded posters from the fund of the international triennial of the social poster - Mons, Belgium. Admission free*

**April 20 – May 20** Theatre Azaryan, National Palace of Culture.

**Poster Appeal 2:** *The Letters of Bulgaria - the Alphabet of Europe, Admission free*

**May 9 – June 9** Embassy of Poland in Sofia

**Poster Appeal 3:** *Social posters by Bulgarian authors with international awards. Admission free*

**May 9 – 30** The Mission Gallery, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Poster Appeal 4:** *Posters for a sustainable world. Admission free*

**June 1 – 30** Exhibition at the Iskar Municipal Cultural Institute.

[www.triennial.orbitel.bg](http://www.triennial.orbitel.bg)

## **The Memory Of The City. Photomathon And Exhibition**

*The goal is to establish a long-term cultural model for building a community on the basis of universal values, and to bring together urban environment and the world of visual arts. The Prague 1968 exhibition is supported by the Czech Centre and the Photomathon collective exhibition.*

**May 15 - June 15**

**May 15, 18:00** Opening event - Prague 1968 - National Reconciliation Exhibition - the old Garrison Range by Hilton Hotel.

**June 2** Photomathon Sofia.

[www.photomathon.bg](http://www.photomathon.bg), [www.fotofabrika.org](http://www.fotofabrika.org)

## **38th International Biennial For Youth Photography Under The Patronage Of FIAP**

*The competition is included into the official programme of the Month of Photography in June.*

FIAP is an international organization comprising more than 95 national associations and nearly one million individual photographers

**May 20 – June 20** National Palace of Culture

## **OzonA At The Rotunda**

24 photographs capture the moments in the life of urban nature and the people in it. The project is a promotion of Sofia parks that the Municipality of Sofia is supporting.

**May 28, 15:00** Sofia Rail Station Sq. - the Rotunda

## **CLICK International Curatorial Residency In Sofia**

The subprogrammes will attract young and renowned curators who will get acquainted with the Bulgarian contemporary art scene and will organize exhibition and public events focusing on the dialogue between Bulgarian and international artists.

**June 15 - July 16** Credo Bonum Gallery, Goethe Institut - Bulgaria

## **Open Air Galleries: Kristal Garden**

**April 2 – 16** Sketches of Sofia - An exhibition Dedicated to 3 April and the Anniversary of Sofia as the Capital of Bulgaria.

**April 23 – May 7** Exh. Sofia Photo sport of Foundation Sofia - European Capital Of Sport

**May 21 – June 4** Exhibition dedicated to the Youth Theatre Nikolay Binev.

**May 7 – May 21** Years of Wisdom: Bulgarian Studies in the World.

**June 4 – June 18** Urban Summit Exhibition as part of Webit.Festival.

## **Gradska Gradina Park, National Theatre Area**

**March 19 – April 2** Exhibition dedicated to Velko Kanev - famous Bulgarian actor

**April 3 – 16** The Sculptor Prof. Mykhailo Parashchuk and his Works (Photo exhibition). Embassy of Ukraine.

**April 16 – 30** Freedom Here and Now Exhibition, L' Europeo Magazine.

**April 30 – May 14** Grad Art Exhibition. Centre for Non-Formal Education.

**May 14 – 28** The Cyrillic Alphabet Exhibition. Values Foundation & City Art Gallery Plovdiv.

**May 28 – June 11** Do It For Bulgaria Exhibition. Movement for National Cause - Andrey Arnaudov

**June 11 – 25** Urban Summit Exhibition as part of Webit.Festival.

**June 25 – July 9** Exhibition of New Bulgarian University.

## **Lover's Bridge, National Palace of Culture**

**March 19 – April 2** Under the Tongue Exhibition Celebrating the Cyrillic Alphabet. Children's Books Foundation. 😊

**April 2 – 16** Sofia Photo Sport. Sofia European Capital of Sport Foundation.

**April 16 – 29** Master of Art Festival Exhibition

**April 29 – May 11** FotoFabrika Exhibition. FotoFabrika Foundation.

**May 11 – 25** Night of the Museums. Municipality of Sofia - Department of Culture.

**May 25 – June 6** The Sakharov Prize - Photography Exhibition. European Parliament.

**June 6 – 12** Exhibition by Exhibition of the Embassy of Germany.

**June 20 – July 3** Urban Summit Exhibition as part of Webit.Festival.



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**St. George Rotunda**  
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# CELEBRATIONS



## Day of Thrace Celebrations. 120 Years of Organised 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

## Europe Day

**9 May, 19:00** A concert by Symphonietta Sofia, the Nish Symphony Orchestra and the Svetoslav Obretenov National Choir. In the programme: Beethoven, Symphony № 9, Bulgaria Hall.

## Bulgarian Education and Culture, and Slavonic Literature Day ☺

*City parade in celebration of the Day of Bulgarian Education and Culture*

**May 24, 10:30** Parade to the National Library.

**May 24, 11:00** Official ceremony at the Monument of Sts Cyril and Methodius.

## Day of Botev and those who died for Bulgarian Freedom and Independence ☺

*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.