A year has passed since the first issue of Affiche, and we can say with certainty that Riga’s creative quarters have become a well-known and appreciated phenomenon in both the daily lives of residents and routes of visitors. The enthusiastic, resourceful people who manage the quarters, are changing, step by step, not just the face of their neighbourhood, but the characteristics of the city as a whole.

With the second publication of Affiche we continue introducing the readers to the already familiar Riga’s creative quarters, as well as help discover new places where one can find an outlet for their creative energy and experience something yet unseen and surprising. This time Affiche has four newcomers – Kanepes Culture centre, Ghetto Games in Grīziņkalns, I-Dejas Māja and Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art. They enhance the pages of Affiche and the streets of Riga with events of culture, art, sports and dance.

The activities of Riga’s creative quarters are just a small part of the broad range of events that the city has prepared for 2014, when it is going to become the European Capital of Culture. Information about the programme is going to be offered in Esplanade park, where a pop-up office of Riga 2014 Foundation is going to be open from mid-June to September. The creative quarters too are going to take part in the programme of the European Capital of Culture. Personalities of Riga’s creative quarters share their top 5 events of 2014 in Affiche, but you can select your own favourites on the new culture portal www.riga2014.org.
All visitors are welcome at our dream house of culture, to fill it with creative ideas and audacious visions of the future!

This year too, Esplanāde 2014 will be:
• the place to discuss what kind of Rīga we would like to see;
• the place to meet like-minded people;
• a place to feel at home and enjoy free wi-fi.

Miera Street is a flourishing creative quarter where little shops, cafes and all kinds of creative initiatives work side by side and warmly greet every guest. Cheerful people gather on the street, the air filled with long-forgotten melodies, and all worries fade away.

WHAT’S GOING ON

20. gadimats
Miera street 4
Furniture, lamps, mirrors, and other style icons of the 20th century.
www.20gadsimts.lv
@20gadsimts

Ar putniem
Miera street 5
Simple and unimaginable ideas expressed in flowers.

Miera
Miera street 9
Cakes, coffee, smiles, art, gifts, surprises and events.
@trAKi_mieRīga

Buteljons
Miera iela 10
Design items and dishware made of upcycled glass.
facebook.com/Buteljons

Taka Bar
Miera street 10
Vegetarian meals, homemade cider, poetry, peace and pleasure.
www.patakau.wordpress.com
@BarsTaka

DAD café
Miera street 17
Cafe as a living room with music, exhibitions and homelike meals.
www.dadcafe.lv
@DADcafe

Ze Store
Miera street 17
Selected vintage items with a story, aura and style.
www.zestore.blogspot.com
@ze_store

Leva Grazis’s clay Studio
Miera street 39
Creative classes and events for children.

Illuseum
Miera street 19
Tea room and shop of cult teas and books.
www.illuseum.blogspot.com

Surf Pro & Spinout Surf Cafe
Miera street 19
Surf shop and cafe together in one place.
Everything about surf culture and water sports.

Melnais knābis
Miera street 39
Hair salon with a reading room.

Marta Ģibiete’s glass workshop
Miera street 39
Colourful glass wonders – design, jewellery, art.
www.gibiete.eu

Yuta
Miera street 50
Dressing gowns, nightwear, decoration for fine mornings and lazy evenings.
@TavaYuta

MSO
Miera street 50
Interior and fashion items, unconventional print.

Lauska
Fold and traditional music records.
www.lauska.lv
@KMC_Lauska

Miera street Whitsun celebration
May 18, 11.00–23.00

DAD cafe
Every Sunday
Performances by improvisation theatre Art i Skob, as well as regular concerts and art exhibitions.

Taka Bar
Thursdays
Reggae night with DJ Krums.
Farmers market
Twice a month Bergs Bazaar’s passageways fill up with farmers and craftsmen from even the most remote regions of Latvia selling their fresh seasonal produce and fine crafts. www.bergabazars.lv/eng/market/

Klase Boutique
@modesKLASE

Otra elpa Charity shop
What is useless to one might be valuable to another. A thrift shop that also hosts creative workshops, charity auctions, concerts and lectures. www.otraelpa.lv @Otra_elpa

Gourmet Studio
A one-stop shop for gourmet delicacies: the finest sweets, wine, caviar... Special seminars on the subtle nuances of taste and character of wines, chocolates and Armagnac. www.gourmet-studio.lv facebook.com/GourmetStudio @GourmetStudio

Arhiidea
A socially active architectural practice and consultation service with a broad area of competence – from urban planning to finding the perfect doorknob. www.arhiidea.lv

Nakts Mēbeles Home-store
Baltic–made quality bedroom furniture collections and mattresses. Natural materials, handcrafting and modern technologies. www.naktsmebeles.lv

Gourmet Bergs Bazaar
Journey of taste for groups of 6 to 12 persons. Reservations www.hotelbergs.lv, +371 67770900

Gastropub Cydonia
A restaurant that hosts live music evenings every Friday at 21.00.

WHAT’S GOING ON

Farmers market
Second and fourth Saturday of every month 10.00–16.00.

Family day on June 1, 10.00–16.00.

Midsummer’s Market on June 21, 10.00–16.00.

XXV Nationwide Latvian Song and XV Dance Festival
July 2, 14.00–17.00

Children’s vocal ensemble concert and Farmers market. July 3, 12.00–21.00

National minority cultures concert and Farmers market. July 6, 18.00–20.00

Folklore Day – storytellers’ club at Birojnica.

Rīga festival
August 17, 17.00–21.00
Street Music Day.

LISTINGS

Farmers market
Quarter between Elizabetes, Marijas and Dzirnavu street www.bergabazars.lv facebook.com/BergaBazars

Hedged between Elizabetes, Marijas and Dzirnavu street, Bergs Bazaar is a miniature self-contained city – here one can find cinema, art, fashion, delicacies, a luxury hotel, and even one of Riga’s few fountains. Bergs Bazaar boasts the charming features of a metropolitan lifestyle: refinement, intelligence, hedonism, contemplating walks and conversations...
Kalnciema Quarter, thoroughly renewed and open to everyone, is part of unique European wooden architecture heritage. The Quarter regularly hosts Seasonal Markets and series of cultural, educational and business events, which bring a lively buzz to its courtyards.

**Seasonal Markets**
Markets are held every Saturday, and many of them are devoted to a particular theme. Constant values are Latvian products – ecological food, Slow Food farmers’ produce, forest and garden fruit, sweets, crafts, as well as wines and delicious meals in open air. While parents meet friends for a chat or shop, the children can participate in creative workshops and games, watch films and take a carousel ride.

**Concerts**
From May to September outdoor concerts take place in the courtyard, and are free of charge. Concerts are for the general public, representing different genres of music, including acts of alternative rock, jazz, and classical music.

**Exhibitions**
Kalnciema Quarter Art gallery hosts exhibitions of paintings, graphics, photographs and sculptures both by Latvian and foreign contemporary artists, as well as thematic and historical exhibitions.

Other events
Film screenings, workshops and courses, theatre studio sessions, film and photo shoots take place in the Quarter. The eye of a passer-by is often caught by the fleet of colourful renovated LADA automobiles in the courtyard.

**Restaurants, Wine shop and café**
In nice weather, delicious coffee and Italian wines can be enjoyed in the apple orchard. The discreet charm of restaurant Maja will rejuvenate those tired of the urban bustle.

**Renovation and Woodworks**
We offer consultations on wooden architecture protection, wooden flooring, architectural design, renovation and interior solutions.

**WHAT’S GOING ON**

**LISTINGS**

Seasonal Markets
Markets take place every Saturday 10.00-16.00.


Lectures, exhibitions, theatre and cinema events
Announced on the website and social networks of Kalnciema Quarter.

Wine shop, Cafe and Art gallery
Open daily 12.00-22.00, except Sundays.

Concerts
Open air concerts take place every Thursday starting from May 16 to mid-September. Concerts begin around 19.00. Free entrance.

Tourist excursions and other information
kalnciema@gmail.com
The aura and spacious premises of a once flourishing factory have attracted many creative residents to VEF. Since 2008 various art events have been organized here: exhibitions, workshops, open days, performances and concerts. Today there are around 20 artists’ studios along with several public event and art spaces.

**Totaldobze Art Center**
An interdisciplinary platform for contemporary culture: presentations, discussions, concerts, exhibitions, poetry slams, performances, workshops, experiments and tango classes in an authentic industrial environment.
[totaldobze.com](http://totaldobze.com)
@Totaldobze

**Ziema Gallery**
Ziema – Latvian for Winter – started out as a small bar in 2010, but later grew into an art gallery that especially supports young artists. Thematic music and film evenings on Thursdays and Fridays from 19.00. Late breakfast on Sundays 12.00–16.00.
[www.galerijaziema.lv](http://www.galerijaziema.lv)
@GalerijaZIEMA

**Lālē Open Screen-print Studio**
The studio is open for everyone interested in learning the technique of screen-printing. It is also possible to order custom-made prints.
telute@gmail.com

**BlankBlank**
Experimental clothing line.
[www.blankblank.lv](http://www.blankblank.lv)

**Graphic.lv**
Photo, graphic design and advertisement studio.
[www.graphic.lv](http://www.graphic.lv)

**Veizāna Dance School**
Hip hop, breakdance and club dance style training for children and youth, as well as adults. There are 3 dance halls in the school, and all classes are open. Dance groups with an active performance and concert schedule are formed.
[www.dejuskola.lv](http://www.dejuskola.lv)

**Paviljons**
Made-in-Latvia fashion concept store in Domina shopping centre.
[www.paviljons.lv](http://www.paviljons.lv)
@Paviljons

**Psaiho.lv**
Self-knowledge and team building horror game in a historical bomb shelter.
[www.psaiho.lv](http://www.psaiho.lv)
facebook.com/psaiholv
@psaiholv

**VEF Indoor skatepark**
The smoothest place in town for skateboarders and their allies for a snowy, rainy or otherwise boring day. The 2000 m² plywood treasure offers maximum pleasure along with a cozy bar and Clockwise skateshop.
facebook.com/vefskeitparks
@VEF_keiptparks
LISTINGS

Totalsobze Art Center
Kompass 2013 Spring cycle
April 24 – May 29,
Wednesdays at 19.00
Spotlight on set design, new media, visual and Estonian performance art – presentations by representatives of the fields.

Tours

Tango Nuevo
19.00 Class
20.30 Milonga
First Thursday of every month at 19.00
Poetry slams
Spoken word contests, where everybody can take part.

May 18
Concert of electro–acoustic music by students of Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music.

Spoken word improvisations
May 23, June 20, July 2, 18, August 2, 16, 29
Invited poets and musicians gather for improvisation.

Interdisciplinary project Black Holes
May 25, June 6, July 11, 13, August 14, 15, October 12, 13
Improvisations.

May 27, June 11, 26, July 4, 6, 24, 25, August 21, 22
Combined performances.

May 11, 18, 20, October 26
Creative labs.

July 6–7
Festival Urban Poetry
Poetry slam, performance by British spoken word poets, Kompass Awards, new jazz project Kirk from Warsaw, Alexandr Markvart’s experimental music from Siberia, British video artist Gemma Riggs, Krists Zankovskis and other local musicians.

June 6, 16.00–21.00
Creative lab Anger, part of the exhibition Seeking the Horizon, in preparation for Riga 2014.

June 14
Blond Black Blond concert – indie folk musicians from Berlin.

June 20
Part of the Poetry map project by Orbita, in preparation for Riga 2014. Eksperimental sound art.

July 20, 12.00–21.00
Creative lab Amazement, part of the exhibition Seeking the Horizon, in preparation for Riga 2014.

September 7
White Night
Urban Poetry / Subatomic Particles Poetry Slam, the latest in digital audiovisual art on one stage and objects in VEF quarter.

Kompass 2013 Autumn cycle
September 11 – October 16,
Wednesdays at 19.00
Presentations.

October 26
Season’s closing event. Poetry slam, Kompass Awards, creative lab Peace, part of the exhibition Seeking the Horizon, creative workshops, concerts, DJ.

Ziema Gallery
May 23 – June 7
Exhibition Level
Young graphic artists, studying at the Art Academy of Latvia: Daina Kusiņa, Katrīna Čemme, Dārta Stafecka, Roberts Rūrāns, Anita Rupeika, Elina Braslina, Sabine Zolmere, Viktorija Celniece, Silva Balode.

September 20 – October 11
Exhibition I’m in by sculptor Gundega Evelone.
An unseen exploration of the negative form or sculpture from the inside, where spectator with his physical presence becomes a component of a great art tract.

Veizāna Dance School
First week of September – admittance to the new academic year. Registration by sending an e-mail with the subject «I’d like to dance» and indicating the chosen group to info@dejuskola.lv.

VEF Indoor skatepark
Open daily 12.00–21.00. Once a month, you can run across a movie night, concert, exhibition, skateboard contest or just a gathering of simply awesome people.
Follow – clockwise.lv

Psaiho.lv
Bookings for class excursions, work collectives, stag or hen parties – info@psaiho.lv.
Kanepes culture centre inhabits a wonderful building with a courtyard and a terrace, built at the end of the 19th century, in the very centre of the city. KKC offers a wide range of exhibitions, plays, live musical performances and social activities.

Over time the building has witnessed conversations of Russian and Baltic–German aristocrats, has been used as a bohemian gathering spot by students and filled with music by many aspiring young musicians. For a few years it was left abandoned, until in 2011 the house re-opened as the centre of the festival Homo Novus. Today, KKC is gently restoring the building and turning it into a place where people come to enjoy music, the atmosphere and to meet others who appreciate culture.

KKC offers calm evenings with friends or pleasant strangers by a glass of wine, fiery dancing along the beat of amazing music, surprise-filled plays and expositions that move the gray matter in your brain.

*Cinema Kino Bize*
A small, cozy cinema that gives you a daily pleasure to enjoy spectacular and widely acclaimed independent films on the big screen.

**WHAT’S GOING ON**

**LISTINGS**

May 17–31
Roberts Rūrāns solo exhibition

May 25
Concert of the bands *Lento* (Italy) and *The Samuel Jackson Five* (Norway).

June 21
Keegan McInroe (USA) concert.

September 2–8
International Festival of Contemporary Theatre *Homo Novus.*

April 25 – November
Series of discussions *We are the Other: new social normalities.*
Ghetto Games currently unites more than 50,000 street dancers and gymnasts, basketball, football and floorball players, skatepark riders and urban culture lovers. Here sports interact with positively charged music, real emotions, painful losses and a hard fight for victory.

From May 13 to August 31 around 50 Ghetto Games events are going to take place in Grizinkalns skatepark.

There are trainings for different kinds of sports and street dance organized in Grizinkalns skatepark. Every Tuesday evening one can compete in floorball, every Wednesday – football, every Thursday – basketball. All events are hosted by the best MC's and DJ's in Latvia. In addition to the regular contests, such urban culture related events as street dance, beat box and freestyle battles, Street Gymnastics World Championship, Slam-Dunk contest and others take place here.

Grizinkalns skatepark is open daily from 10.00 to 22.00.

Tuesdays
Ghetto Floorball

Wednesdays
Ghetto Football

Thursdays
Ghetto Basket

May 24, June 7, July 19
Ghetto Rugby

May 30
20th anniversary of Adidas Streetball tournaments in Latvia.

LISTINGS

Grizinkalns skatepark is open daily from 10.00 to 22.00.

Tuesdays
Ghetto Floorball

Wednesdays
Ghetto Football

Thursdays
Ghetto Basket

May 24, June 7, July 19
Ghetto Rugby

June 6
Beatmakers battle

June 13
Skill Challenge contest

July 11
Slam-Dunk contest

July 18
Beatbox battle

August 15
Freestyle battle

August 31
Ghetto Games season’s closing at 11. novembra krastmala.

WHAT’S GOING ON

Ghetto Games has become one of the most sportive areas in Riga, because already for five years it has been home to the most popular urban sports and culture event in Latvia – Ghetto Games.
Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art is an internationally active non-government cultural organization that offers an independent perspective on current topics and recent historical events through the looking glass of art.

Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art holds exhibitions, organizes the contemporary art festival *Survival Kit*, carries out research, collects and distributes information on contemporary art, arranges lectures, discussions, conferences, cultivates interdisciplinary and innovative culture initiatives, participates in creating culture policies. The Centre’s *Office gallery* and information desk are open from Monday to Friday from 12.00 to 18.00.

*Survival Kit* is an international contemporary art festival, which began in 2009 as a reaction to the changes brought about by the global economic crisis. In 2013 its focus is slow revolution, which emphasizes the importance of margins, overturning positions of power and questions the dominance of the centre. The festival will include exhibitions, seminars, workshops and concerts.

**WHAT’S GOING ON**

May 23 – August 2
Exhibitions and event programme
*Revisiting footnotes.*

May 23–24, 11.00
Symposium *Revisiting Footnotes.*

May 24
Creative workshop of table etiquette.

May 25
Expedition in Vecmīlgrāvis. Series of micro–events in geographically important places and spaces.

June 6, 18.30
Discussion evening. *Superlocality of art in Latvia: peculiarities of space.*

June 13, 18.30
Cinema evening and discussion. The possibilities of animation in contemporary art.

August 8 – September 13
Exhibition by artist Magone Šarkovska in LCCA Office gallery.

September 5–15
International contemporary art festival *Survival Kit 5.*
Andrejsala is a pioneer among Riga’s Creative Quarters, and has managed to preserve its raw ambience despite the contrasting aims and ambitions of its residents. Here artists, designers, creative entrepreneurs and liquor sellers try to fulfil their dreams next to busy railwaymen and dockers, droning trains and mighty ships gliding by.

**Creative Andrejsala**

In the North end of Andrejsala there is a business incubator with over forty inspired and keen entrepreneurs who create products that tell the story of Latvia in the world: design furniture and tableware, clothing and footwear collections, software, sustainable houses and many other things.

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www.creativeandrejsala.lv

**Creative Andrejsala companies**

**an&angel**
Glass and crystalware collections that blend minimalist aesthetics, functionality and character.
www.angel.lv

**MAMMU**
A fashion company that closely cooperates with young Latvian mothers in need.
www.mammu.lv

**BLANKBLANK**
Unites classical art with quality casual wear manufacturing, thus making art wearable and bringing it out on the streets.
www.blankblank.lv

**Munio Candela**
Soy wax candles offering harmony of natural materials, precise artwork and a multisensory experience.
www.muniocandela.com

**3 wind knots**
Jewellery and gifts, which tell a story of a captain that once had a magic rope with three knots giving him power over winds and seas.
www.3windknots.com

**Green Print**
Printing house for creative solutions.
www.greenprint.lv

**Studio Peahen**
Studio Peahen works as a full time art studio. It offers training in drawing, painting, screen printing, and informal summer schools involving young people in practical work. Peahen holds theoretical and practical lecture courses as well, in painting, screen printing, animation and art.
Andrejostas iela 4
www.peahen.eu
www.facebook.com/PeahenStudio
@PeahenStudio

**Oskars Mikâns' Studio**
Tokyo Tama Art University alumni Oskars Mikans pours, cuts and hammers – creates sculptures – in his studio in Andrejsala.
Stage Art Producer Foundation
Up in the very North of Andrejsala, a collective of stage artists have revived an otherwise disused hangar.
Andrejostas iela 10

Latvenergo Group’s Museum of Energy
The museum stores a collection of glass plate photographic negatives Construction of Ķegums Hydropower Plant, 1936–1940, taken by the renowned Latvian cameraman and photographer Eduards Kraucs. In 2009, this extensive documentary heritage was included in the Latvian National Register of the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme.
In the depositories visitors can also explore all kinds of electricians’ tools, climbing gear, safety belts, helmets, various measuring devices, including electricity meters made by VEF factory and high-voltage insulators produced in Kuznetsov’s china and earthenware factory in Rīga. The fascinating collection of historical electric household appliances contains the retro washing machine Rīga–60, mixers and coffee-grinders made by Straume factory, and some of the earliest computers. Visiting the museum is free.
Andrejostas iela 8
www.latvenergo.lv

Design Studio RIJADA
Rihards Funts and Zane Homka not only create outstanding design and learning toys but also bring liveliness to the surroundings.
www.rijada.lv

Latvenergo Group’s Museum of Energy Educational programme Construction process of Ķegums Hydropower Plant through Eduards Kraucis’ Lens. Participants will learn how to interpret the multifaceted information contained in the historical photographs and the photographer’s message for future generations.
Bookings online: muzejs@latvenergo.lv

Studio Peahen
The studio organizes painting lessons for children (each summer), young people and adults (all year round).

In cooperation with a local music organisation Crystral, Studio Peahen has started preparations of a youth exchange project Animated Alphabet between Georgia and Latvia. For a couple of days in August participants will work in Peahen and then move to the Latvian countryside in Lizums.

Each year Studio Peahen takes a part in the Museum Night, White Night, Art Days and other popular events in Riga, as well as works together with local organizations and the Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art.

LISTINGS
Located next to the Central Market, Spikeri quarter attracts with a rich cultural agenda and gastronomic pleasures. In Spikeri creative industries, cultural organizations and restaurants of different concepts coexist and complement each other.

**WHAT’S GOING ON**

**Spikeri Concert Hall**
Home of the best professional musicians in Latvia, rehearsal space and concert venue of chamber orchestra Sinfonietta Rīga and Latvian Radio Choir. Vocal group Framest and office of the music magazine Figaro also reside here. The historic building hosts concerts unlimited by genre, contemporary sound art projects and musical experiments.
www.spikerukoncertzale.lv
@spikerukoncertz

**Dirty Deal Teatro**
Independent theatre where one can follow emerging stage artists and contemporary productions. Plays are produced by young directors mainly, exploring new ways of staging and perceiving theatre. In 2013, the performances are grouped in three different cycles. Occupy Riga is a reference to the Occupy Wall Street movement, discussing social problems. Personal code cycle reaches into the relation of a personal inner world to the outside world. Perception measurement performances are an attempt to expand communication capabilities with the spectators.
www.dirtydeal.lv/teatro
facebook.com/DDTeatro
@dirtydealteatro

**Contemporary Art Centre kim?**
Kim? offers a diverse programme of exhibitions, lectures, seminars, readings and performances both at its Spikeri location and elsewhere, along with publications devoted to art theory and criticism.
www.kim.lv
facebook.com/kasirmalola
@kim_Riga

**RIXC Centre for New Media Culture**
RIXC initiates the most novel and current topics in digital art by performing innovative experimental projects in art, science and technology in Latvia and internationally. RIXC approaches new media not only as a new field of artistic and cultural practice, but also as an infrastructure to support other forms of art and culture.
www.rixc.lv
facebook.com/rixcRiga

**New Theatre Institute of Latvia**
Non-governmental and non-profit project organization, which works to expand the boundaries of creation, distribution and perception of theatre and promotes development of diverse, innovative, responsible and independent professional performing arts in Latvia.
www.theatre.lv

**Riga Ghetto and Latvian Holocaust Museum**
While the house of Riga Ghetto is being reconstructed, the exposition consists of thematic stands and photographs dedicated to Jewish community of Latvia during the inter-war period, anti-Semitism propaganda, Holocaust in Latvia, resistance movement and the Righteous among the Nations.
www.rgm.lv

**Beer restaurant Merlin**
Juicy meals prepared on open fire and over fifty different beer brands to choose from. Live music nights on weekends with melodies representing different genres and parts of the world.
www.merlin.lv
@MerlinSpikeri

**Restaurants Kitchen**
Open kitchen allows to observe as the superb team of cooks creates delicious flavor combinations from local produce.
www.restaurantkitchen.lv
facebook.com/restaurantkitchen.lv
@restaurantkchn
LISTINGS

Spikeri Concert Hall
June 8, 19.00
Wine and music. Italy.

June 11, 20.00

June 19, 20.00
Riga festival. The magic of cello and accordion.

Contemporary Art Centre kim?
May 9–30
Solo show by Evita Vasiļjeva, solo show by Kaspars Groševs, solo show by Edgars Liezeltiņš.

May 18–30
Exhibition of illustration magazine Popper Nr.4 / Witness.

May 18
kim? fourth anniversary celebration and Museum night programme

June 7 – July 14
Exhibition Alternative Fashion before Glossies. 1985-1995 in collaboration with Center for Contemporary Culture Garage (Papaa) in Moscow.

July 8–9
Travelling exhibition by Merlin Carpenter (curated by Alina Astrova).

August 16 – September 29
Solo show cinq a sept by Oļa Vasiļjeva, solo show by Kristaps Ēpners, solo show The Orange Corner by Ojārs Pētersons.

October 9 – November 17
Solo show by Maija Kurševa.

November 29 – January 26
Solo show by Armands Zelčs, group show The Trip is The Thing.

Dirty Deal Teatro
August 1–4
International contemporary performing arts festival Dirty Drama will take place in Dirty Deal Teatro, as well as other locations in the city.

RIXC Centre for New Media Culture
RIXC Mediateque is open for public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 14.00–17.00.

May 18 – August 25
RIXC Media Space Exhibitions programme.
Irina Spicaka Metasphere, eCrowns (Finland), Liepaja NMA Showcase, Synthetic Nature 11. novembra krastmala 35 (entrance from Minsterejas Street)

September 7–8
Social gaming, art – science labs and performances Let’s play the Spikeri game yesterday, today, tomorrow!

October 9 – November 16
The 15th International Festival for New Media Culture. Art+Communication.

New Theatre Institute of Latvia
May 10–11, 20.00
Performances by students of dance school P.A.R.T.S. (Brussels) in collaboration with Latvian Academy of Culture. Zirgu pārds

September 2–8
10th International Festival of Contemporary Theatre Homo Novus Takes place across the city in different neighbourhoods, in venues and outdoor sites. www.homonovus.lv

October 7–11
Masterclass for professionals by Flemish choreographer Koen Augustijnen (Les Ballets C de la B). Culture palace Ziemeļblāzma

November 8–10
Arts and Economics Festival Imagine New Economics.
Theatre Ģertrūdes ielas teātris is contemporary art's stage – a professional production and presentation venue, where audience is offered to experience theatre, dance and interdisciplinary performances created and performed by local and international professional artists. We also host non-commercial music concerts and exhibitions, as well as participate in other arts and education related initiatives.

WHAT’S GOING ON

We value relevance, audacity, sensitiveness, creative searchings, courage, openness, professionalism and thought-out purposefulness.

Our door is always open.

LISTINGS

Don't be stopped by doubts about understanding the language. Our live discussion with fight Legionnaires flows effortlessly in English, Latvian, Finnish, Swedish and German with no need for translation. Humorous and energetic play Good Enough will entertain you even if Latvian is not your mother tongue, and concerts are always gathering a very diverse and multilingual audience.

We will be happy to meet you during our summer 2013 tours:

June 12
Good Enough in Klaipeda, Lithuania.

July 18–20
Legionnaires in Santarcangelo, Italy.

August 6, 7
Legionnaires in Tampere, Finland.

Check our website or Facebook profile to find out about upcoming events or ask your friends in Riga for suggestions.
WHAT’S GOING ON

Creative atmosphere and state of the art study space for professionals and students of architecture and audiovisual media arts. Space and equipment for production of audiovisual art and commercial works, as well as educational and cultural events. Open conferences, workshops and variety of activities organized by Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration.

LISTINGS

May

June
Audiovisual Media Arts undergraduate course 4th year students’ film screening. Faculty of Architecture and Design 1st and 2nd year students’ work exhibition. PR and Advertising management students’ work exhibition Advertising – Past, Present and Future.

June 18
Students’ scientific practical readings Advertising – Past, Present and Future.

August
International Architecture Summer School Scenography and the post–Soviet city.

September
Public lecture Innovations in communication and IT; guest lecturer Ray Deb from Germany.

October
World Architecture Day.
I-DEJAS MAJA
Rūpniecības iela 32b,
entrance through the yard.
www.i-deja.lv
facebook.com/idejsmaja
@IDEJASMAJA

At this independent centre for dance and personality there are at least 30 various dance activities for adults, workshops and classes for the personality and life balance, dance and music classes for children.

WHAT’S GOING ON

Classes by professional teachers for a healthy life balance and personal growth, also for those without any preliminary knowledge.

Weekly dance classes
Classical dance (ballet), jazz dance, contact improvisation, contemporary and modern dance, capoeira, tap dance, Indian classical dance, afrodance, zumba, Argentinean tango, baroque dance, ballroom dances, private lessons in any dance style.

Regular classes for the bodymind
Authentic movement, Somatics, Yoga, Mandala, bodyART, Falun Dafa (Falun Gong), hands-on consultation Labour without the pain. Shall we try?

Weekly classes for children
Capoeira for ages 6 to 12, Yamaha music class for children aged between 4 months and 4 years.

Workshops
Local and guest teachers’ workshops in somatics (body awareness, body oriented therapy) and different dance styles.

LISTINGS
Workshops, festivals and creative celebrations of dance and personality. See more at www.i-deja.lv/jaunumi
WHAT DOES 2014 HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU?

While the Rīga 2014 team continues to organise Riga’s European Capital of Culture activities, you can already start finding out about the planned events on our new portal www.riga2014.org. You can also register here and create your personal calendar of Riga 2014 events. Whether this year will go down in Riga’s and all of Latvia’s history depends very much on your activity and desire to take part. This must become a year whose positive energy continues to flow, expands and stimulates our cultural life long into the future too.

More than 200 specially created Force Majeure programme events are planned for the whole of the year in addition to those already on Riga’s traditional cultural roster: festivals, art and concert events. Please bear in mind, whichever events you choose to attend, be open-minded and ready to experience the unexpected!*

* Force majeure – a French expression meaning irresistible force. We suggest reading it phonetically as foršais mažors in Latvian, which means, less threateningly, the good old major. The programme’s provocative title will prevent us from slipping into complacency and provincialism, but rather induce us to get moving, think and act.

PERSONALITIES FROM THE CREATIVE QUARTERS SHARE THEIR TOP 5 EVENTS FROM THE RĪGA 2014 PROGRAMME

Diāna Popova, coordinator of Miera street Whitsun celebration
• Fire sculpture festival, January 18.
• Root takers project with workshops in neighbourhoods, throughout spring and summer.
• Riga 2014 and Mons 2015 Transmedia Café, June 12 – September 28.
• Re Re Rīga international street art and world music festival, August 8–10.

Kaspars Lielgalvis, manager of Totaldobže art center
• Black market of useful knowledge and ignorance, April 5.
• Seeking the Horizon international exhibition of contemporary art, May 22 – July 20.
• Survival Kit contemporary arts festival, September 4–21.
• Sound Forest festival of experimental music, October 10–12.
• Noisy Neighbours, part of Poetry days, September 5–18.

Inese Upeniece, creator and manager of I-DEJAS MĀJA
• Music, dance, adventure! in the Rīga festival, June 21.
• Late-night concert Night meditation within the Ad lucem intravert arts festival, August 2.
• Piems festival in the regenerated park in Lucavala, August 3.
• The Ancient bonfire night action, August 30.
• Latvian Academy of Culture festival The Autumn of Patriarch 2014, September 29 – October 5.

Linda Malvresa, coordinator of Riga Bicycle Week
• Noisy Neighbours, part of Poetry days, September 5–18.
• Museum of Fateful Objects, exhibitions and cultural events at The House on the Corner, April 30 – September 30.
• The night of music all around town, June 1–20.
• Re Re Rīga international street art and world music festival, August 8–10.
• Project Dance goes out on the town, May 1–30.

Sabine Vekmane, manager of Ziema gallery and bar
• Exhibition of Vija Celmiņa’s work at Art Museum Riga Bourse, April 11 – June 30.
• Museum of Fateful Objects, exhibitions and cultural events at The House on the Corner, April 30 – September 30.
• Sound Forest festival of experimental music, October 10–12.
• European Film Academy Awards ceremony, December 13.

Māja Pavlova, director of Theatre Gertrūdes ielas teātris
• RigaDot – science events, meetings and conversations with scientists, second Thursday of each month.
• forte forte contemporary theatre programme January 10 – October 26.
• Root takers project with workshops in neighbourhoods, throughout spring and summer.
• Dance day in your nosebag, April 29.
• Series of performances – festival Splendours and miseries in the Schengen zone, September 30 – November 30.

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