

# **EVENTS IN DEBRECEN**

Festival Season Special



By Visitdebrecen

For the 6th time, the Debrecziner Gourmet Festival is being held over three days between 1st-3rd July-,

Debrecen will showcase the country's gastronomic curiosities in both food and drink. Restaurants from Palkonya, Lajoskomárom (Lake Balaton), Szentendre, Budaörs, Budapest, Tura, Bér, Mályinka (Bükk), Boldogkővárala, Eger, Encs, Miskolc, Tiszafüred and of course Debrecen and its surroundings will be presenting unique dishes. Bistros from beyond the border will also be present, so visitors will be able to wander around the festival site on a very extensive gastronomic map, geographically speaking.

The aim of the low-cost ticket prices is to make this genre of culture as accessible as possible. Day tickets are available at HUF 1,990 and HUF 2,200 for advance purchase, while a three-day pass costs HUF 5,000. Tickets purchased in advance come with individually embossed tasting glasses, which are also worth choosing because they can only be bought or rented on the spot. Those who attend all three days will be able to taste and experience more dishes. It is also possible to buy a VIP ticket for HUF 20,000, which will give guests access to the VIP zone, where they can participate in exclusive tastings and spectacular cooking demonstrations.

The festival opens at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a programme of cooking demonstrations and events.

## **EXHIBITORS**

- ANYUKÁM MONDTA
- A LEVES + BORSOD BURGER
- CLARISSE ÉTTEREM
- CSAKHAL BISZTRÓ
- DUCK YOU FOODTRUCK
- GLÉDA VENDÉGLŐ
- GRILLAKADÉMIA
- HORGONYZÓ KISVENDÉGLŐ TISZALÖK
- IKON DEBRECEN
- ISZKOR
- KIS PADLIZSÁN VEGÁN BISZTRÓ
- MACOK
- MALOM UDVAR
- MARISKA ÉTTEREM
- MEATING
- NPK BEEF
- PALKONYHA
- PANIFICIO IL BASILICO
- RACLETTE BY LILI
- REDNEKK BBQ & BAR
- SCHWARZ BISTRO
- SZOMSZÉD BISZTRO
- VÉGÁLLOMÁS BISTRO & WINE
- WELLINGTON PIE
- WOK TO BOX
- ZABB+A2:A26ANCS



## **FESTIVAL SEASON SPECIAL**



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The Debrecen Wine and Jazz Days is Hungary's longest-running jazz festival, which has been held every year since 1972, except for 2020. This year, between the 4th and 7th of August, wine lovers and jazz enthusiasts from all over the country are welcome to the greenery of the Nagyerdei Park on the shores of Lake Békás.

This year, all 6 wine regions and all 22 wine regions of Hungary will be presented through 65 wineries – including wineries from Bükk, Sopron, Kunság, Etyek, Csopak, Szekszárd, Badacsony, Tokaj, Villány and Mátra.

All four days will be full of tasting sessions, as the event is full of cultural fun and gastronomic excitement, with each tasting of a different wine from a long list of wineries and lazz bands, which can be found on VisitDebrecen.com.

Three wines from the former vineyards of Debrecen, Érmellék, and Bihardiószeg will be on offer for those who are curious about one of the oldest but rediscovered and once again trendy grape varieties, the bakator.

The festival opens every day from 3 p.m. Thursday until midnight, Friday and Saturday from 2.30 a.m, and Sunday from 10 p.m.

The early bird pass is available for 5.900 Ft – with a free wine glass holder – until 15th July, after that, it is 7.500 Ft. Day tickets are available on Thursday and Sunday for HUF 2,500 and on Friday and Saturday for HUF 3,200. The elegant tasting glass is available for 1.000 Ft and can be returned without damage.

## **PERFORMANCES BY**

#### PIANIST KÁROLY GÁSPÁR

Headlining the event pianist Károly Gáspár is one of the leading figures in the Hungarian jazz scene. Besides his multifaceted musical activities, he is also an editor, broadcaster, and critical columnist. At the festival, he will perform with the winner of the Aladár Pege Jazz Bass Competition, Géza Jónás, and three exceptionally talented drummers. He will then perform his own compositions and jazz standards with the Károly Gáspár Trio

### **MORDENT QUINTET**

Adventured into the more formal and creative regions of jazz, with a special emphasis on soloistic playing. Balázs Raboczki on saxophone, Ambrus Richter on drums and Márk Miskolczi on bass joined Bence Táborszky on trumpet and Rezső Jónás on piano as second wind soloists.

#### VIBE

Playing on Saturday, Vibe could become a jazz favourite for the young and the forever young.

### **DEBRECEN DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND**

Playing on Sunday, this legendary group will this time be joined by jazz guitarist István Gyárfás "Gyafi"



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# **FESTIVAL SEASON SPECIAL**



This summer, for the second time, the five-year-old Coopera will organise the Debrecen Festival, a series of summer events from 31st July to 15th August 2022, focusing on music, theatre, and opera. The 2022 festival has become a truly colourful all-around arts programme, with opera, theatre, and music, as well as musical literature and documentary film evenings, to add to the cultural offer for all ages. All of these excellent productions bring the best of

the best to audiences in Debrecen and beyond.

The 16-day festival will be held at the city's iconic venues, Kossuth Square and the Nagyerdei Open Air Stage, but new venues will also be added to the palette. The Csokonai Literary Lab, which will host literary evenings and screen documentaries, and the Kodály Music School, where a bel canto masterclass will be held as part of the Debrecen Festival, mainly for opera singers in need of professional support. The master of the course is the world-renowned tenor Ramón Vargas, a lecturer at the Vienna Academy of Music.

Of particular note, and one for the internationally minded is the event "Hungarians in Hollywood" on Tuesday 9th of August in which the festival's resident symphony orchestra, the Kodály Philharmonic Orchestra, will perform the most famous works of Hungarian and Hungarian-born Hollywood composers and filmmakers in a film music concert.

The event takes place at Nagyerdei Outdoor Stage at 8.30 p.m.

### **FESTIVAL EVENTS**

# WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART THE MAGIC FLUTE

Mozart's masterpiece will be presented from a new perspective. **Location**: Nagyerdei Open Air Stage **When**: Sunday 31st July 2022 8:30 p.m. or

if rain, on the 1st August

# SZEKELY EVENING WITHOUT BORDERS

The Székely Evening without Borders celebrates the exceptionally rich Hungarian folklore through the diverse folk music and folk dance culture of Szeklerland itself. The two-part gala evening will feature a performance by the internationally acclaimed Harghita National Szekler Folk Ensemble.

Location: Nagyerdei Open Air Stage When: Tuesday 2nd August 20.30 p.m.

# THE ROCK OPERA THE GOSPEL OF MARY

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Location: Kossuth Square When: Monday 8th August 20.30 p.m.



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From 20th to 24th July, the Campus Festival will once again be the place to be for all the party lovers. In November, it was announced that names such as Tiësto, Norway's Aurora, the UK's The Toy Dolls, and Jungle by Night will also be playing at the festival. Zara Larsson, something like Sigel, will also be performing.

Dutch star **DJ Tiësto** is sure to put together one of the most memorable sets in the festival's history, featuring EDM, progressive house, and trance. We've also known since the autumn that the Norwegian singer Aurora, with her unique voice and personality, will be performing in Debrecen, her career having been boosted in recent years by the well-known theme song to Ice Magic and the unexpected TikTok craze. They will be joined by newcomer Zara Larsson from Sweden as the headliner of Friday's event," said **programme director András Süli**.

The festival will again host more than 200 Hungarian performers this year. Campus remains the only major festival that dedicates its own stage to rock music and, in addition to the aforementioned foreign names, offers more than 30 prominent Hungarian rock/punk/metal artists the chance to perform.

The line-up includes the most popular bands that attract crowds of thousands, as well as emerging talent. In response to the needs of the newest generation, hip hop, rap and trap will have their own stage this year, and a new venue for underground electronic music will be launched in the trees of the Great Forest, in a unique atmosphere, in collaboration with the locally renowned Forest Bump.

The detailed daily programme is published on the festival's Facebook page.

## **FEATURING**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, the British electronic duo Chase & Status will perform, while Halott Pénz, Rúzsa Magdi, Follow the Flow, Bohemian Betyars, Budapest Bár and Vad Fruttik will take to the stage, as well as a number of other acts.

#### **THURSDAY**

On Thursday, Tiësto will be performing, as well as Tankcsapda, Wellhello, Australian punk band Deez Nuts, Road, Margaret Island, Pápai Joci, Hiperkarma, and Leander Kills. On Friday, Zara Larsson will be performing, along with Sigala, Kowalsky, and Vega, 30Y, and Tamás Horváth.

### **SATURDAY**

On Saturday, Aurora, Majka and Curtis, The Toy Dolls, Azahriah, and the Swedish Goodboys will also be there.



# **FESTIVAL SEASON SPECIAL**



## **Book the Dates**

On the opening night of the Debrecen Flower Carnival on 15th August, the Night of the Classics, the Mexican opera singer Ramon Vargas will once again be with us for an unforgettable concert with the Kodály Philharmonic Orchestra. Their music will fill Kossuth Square from the stage in front of the Great Church. On this day, the "Dancing in the City" project will be launched, with 1,200 dancers from dance groups from Debrecen and the surrounding area performing in various locations and squares in the city centre.

This year's 12 flower carts do not have a unified theme, so the sponsoring companies and the artists who created the flower carts were given free rein to showcase their creativity. They try to show their mission and motto by using as many live flowers as possible in their inspired creations. In many cases, the designs go back to children's cartoon characters, because a lot of children come to the Debrecen Flower Carnival – and they want to amaze them with their huge flower figures.

Hundreds of thousands of dahlias and other live flowers for the flower floats and statues will come from the Netherlands, the home of tulips.

# 15th-21st August 2022

Almost 2,000 dancers and a brass band will accompany the carnival procession.

The flower floats will be on display in full for one day only, on 20th August, at the flower float exhibition following the carnival parade, for which admission is charged, in the North Event Area of the Nagyerdei Boulevard and Nagyerdei Stadium – after which some of them will be transferred to Oradea.

The full programme of events will be listed on the events website <a href="https://debreceniviragkarneval.hu">https://debreceniviragkarneval.hu</a>

## News

Debrecen's new hotel, Mercure Debrecen, opens in August, just in time for the Debrecen Flower Festival.

135 stylish rooms with modern furnishings are waiting for you to relax after a long day at the office, or even for a stroll through the historic streets of the city.

The main theme of the hotel is the famous Debrecen Flower Carnival, so you will be offered the best carnival experience from check-in to check-out.