



## PRESS RELEASE

### InterUrban Presenting the Arts and Culture of Liverpool, UK 27 March- April 9

20 March 2023 (Veszprém, Hungary) – Through [InterUrban](#), the amazing melodies, flavours and creative talents of **29 cities from 25 countries** are being brought to Veszprém and the Bakony-Balaton region - the **2023 European Capital of Culture**. Being the 2023 European Capital of Culture offers a unique opportunity to promote the Bakony-Balaton region as a European creative and cultural centre; with Veszprém as its centre. It also provides, through InterUrban, a European, if not a world stage for the cultural riches of Veszprém's fellow UNESCO City of Music cities and its sister cities around the globe. The 29 featured InterUrban cities will rotate every two weeks (see calendar below). The sixth city presented in the programme will be fellow [UNESCO City of Music and former European Capital of Culture \(2008\) Liverpool, UK](#). Liverpool's tenure will last **27 March – April 9**. Featured performers and artists include **Stealing Sheep, Chris Routledge** and **Dogshow**.

*'We have been organising InterUrban programmes for nearly a year and a half. The final programmes were jointly selected with the VEB2023 team; though life sometimes had the final word. Hangvető's extensive international network of contacts helped a lot to choose the most high-quality productions, and even to reach the representatives of such distant cities as Praia on the Cape Verde Islands or Hamamatsu in Japan. I hope that the audience in Veszprém will appreciate the colourful palette of the project at least as much as we did when we tasted its diversity in the setup phase. Although I would love to attend every event, if I had to pick one that I am looking forward to the most, my vote would go to the session with the Finnish writer Riika Pulkkinen in the Csingervölgyi forest; not only because of her personality, but also because of the peculiarity of the location'. - Kata Jávör, Project Manager, Hangvető*

#### InterUrban – Liverpool Performances:

Date	Time	Event	Place
27 March – 9 April	Opening: 27 March 17:00	Chris Routledge Photo Exhibition: 'Looking Backward'	Kunstszt!, Veszprém, Óváros tér 1.
27 March	16:00	Liverpool's History – a lecture by Chris Routledge	Wine and Vinyl Bar and Store, Veszprém, Szabadság tér 2.
30 March	21:00	Stealing Sheep Concert	Veszprém, Expresszó, Veszprém, Brusznay Árpád u. 2.
31 March	19:00	Dogshow Concert	Wine and Vinyl Bar and Store, Veszprém, Szabadság tér 2.
1 April	18:30	Dogshow Concert and Bicycle Parade	Veszprém, starting from Kossuth utca and finishing at Óváros tér

[Chris Routledge](#) - has been photographing Liverpool for well over a decade. He says that Liverpool is 'a very dynamic place to photograph, a city that wears its history on its face'. The majority of the photographs displayed at the exhibition are from a body of work he calls 'Looking Backward', which is the title of utopian novel by Edward Bellamy set in the year 2000 and looking back to the year it was written, 1887. He has been photographing Liverpool's historic buildings with his back to them, using reflective surfaces such as bus stop advertising hoardings, reflective windows, and other surfaces to explore the city's relationship with its past. He began to



consider how we think about the past and realised that we mostly see the past through what we have in front of us - the present.

### **Liverpool's History – a lecture by Chris Routledge**

Liverpool is famous for The Beatles, for its football, and as one of the great sea ports of the world, but it is also known for its humour, its rough and tumble politics, and of course for its friendly people. This history lesson will cover 1000 years of Liverpool history in 45 minutes and introduce you to some of the characters and world firsts that made Liverpool what it is today.



**Stealing Sheep** - Their music has been called pop-rock, electro-pop, folk-pop, psycho-rock, but they themselves mostly characterise it as art-pop. In their music, the synthesizer is occasionally used as well as the accordion or the drum machine. Liverpool has once again given such a band to a world that is harder to categorise than to love. The creative world of Liverpool sheepfolds is unique. A thought-provoking, sometimes confusingly diverse, but long-lasting, adventurous and enjoyable trip is calling. Members include Rebecca Hawley (keys & vocals), Luciana Mercer (Drum kit & vocals) and multi-instrumentalist Emily Lansley (Lap-steel, Guitar, Bass, synth & vocals).

**Dogshow** - Have you ever danced on a bike? Well, now you will because Dogshow, the Liverpoolian techno circus is taking over the streets of Veszprém. A bike parade that won't be forgotten. So come with us for an April Fool's Day ride! Hop in the saddle, and follow the most free-spirited, hilarious, loud and bright electric caravan! It'll be the most fun and memorable ride of your life. Brothers Laurie and Sam Crombie use drums and synths to create a space disco where you can't help but get up and dance.



**Kaunas**, Lithuania - 16-29 January  
**Ghent**, Belgium - 30 January - 12 February  
**London**, Canada - 13-26 February  
**Timisoara**, Romania - 27 February-12 March  
**Katowice**, Poland - 13-26 March  
**Liverpool**, UK - 27 March - 9 April  
**Bologna**, Italy - 10-23 April  
**Novi Sad**, Serbia - 24 April - 7 May  
**Chemnitz** and **Bototrop**, Germany - 8-21 May  
**Sevilla**, Spain - 22 May - 4 June  
**Nova Gorica-Gorizia**, Slovenia-Italy - 5-18 June  
**Tampere** and **Rovaniemi**, Finland - 19 June - 2 July  
**Elefsina**, Greece - 3-16 July

**Kingston**, Jamaica - 17-30 July  
**Bodø**, Norway - 31 July-13 August  
**Praia**, Cape Verde Islands - 14-27 August  
**Skopje**, North Macedonia - 28 August-10 September  
**Brno**, Czech Republic - 11-24 September  
**Hamamatsu**, Japan - 25 September - 8 October  
**Gyumri**, Armenia - 9-22 October  
**Tartu**, Estonia - 23 October - 5 November  
**Ibagué**, Columbia - 6-19 November  
**Trencin** and **Nitra**, Slovakia - 20 November - 3 December  
**Tel-Aviv** and **Tirat Carmel**, Israel - 4-17 December  
**Bad Ischl**, Austria - 18-31 December

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