

**14th Arsana Festival**  
**WORLD MUSIC EXPERIENCES**  
**21st – 30th July 2022, Ptuj, Slovenia**

In July, the oldest Slovenian city, Ptuj, has been transforming into a world gathering place of music artists from various parts of the world for many years, with concerts of top classical, jazz, ethno, world, rock, instrumental and vocal music upgraded by Music in the City, Youth Stage, Children's Music Festival, street events, open kitchen and a rich accompanying program. In its previous 13 versions, the Arsana Festival so far presented more than **1000 events** hosted in many venues of the city center **with 9,000 internationally renowned artists**, and attracted more than **400,000 visitors from all over the world**. This time, **14th Arsana Festival** will take place in Ptuj between **July 21st and July 30th, 2022**.

**Opera Evening on Panorama Hill**

After last year's record visit of more than 5,700 visitors from all over Slovenia and abroad, we will look forward to summer in the embrace of a treasure trove of millennia and timeless opera classics. Under the baton of **Simon Krečič**, SNG Maribor will perform with their symphony orchestra, choir and soloists.

**14th Arsana Festival Highlights**

**VLADO KRESLIN, Mali bogovi and Beltinška banda**

The fruit of the Ptuj-Prekmurje alliance are various collaborations and a wide range of guests, with whom Vlado Kreslin presents songs from his extensive musical treasury every year. This year we will listen to him in the company of the Mali bogovi (Little Gods) and the musicians from his birthplace, Beltinci, Beltinška banda (Beltinci Gang) with whom he managed for a breakthrough of Slovenian folk/ethno music and the Prekmurje dialect which he brought closer to all generations with his personal touch.

**Big Band RTV Slovenija with Soloists**

Under the guidance of Lojze Krajncan, the excellent performers of all generations will lead us into a summer night imbued with Slovenian song and world's greatest soul and jazz hits: **Eva Hren, Maja Keuc, Klemen Slakonja and the legend of Slovenian pop songs - Lado Leskovar**.

The **BALKAN FEVER** project is the collaboration of a Macedonian guitarist **Vlatko Stefanovski**, Serbian guitarist **Miroslav Tadić**, and a Bulgarian kavalist **Theodosius Spassov**, presenting the Balkans musical wealth. With an attractive musical mix intertwining elements of jazz, rock, classical and folk music, they have already performed on some prestigious world stages, including the Royal Albert Hall in London and the Musikverein in Vienna.

**Jan Kus & The Slavo Rican Assembly** is an international ensemble exploring the details and differences between the music of the Puerto Rican and South Slavic traditions. **Vesna Pizarović**, the famous Croatian vocalist will join them on the European tour for the first time.

**PRIFARSKI MUZIKANTI, Nuška Drašček, Anja Bukovec**

PRIFARSKI MUZIKANTI come from Fara and have been performing on stage for 34 years. They began their musical journey as interpreters of folk songs from Kostel and the surrounding area, but today they do not hide from any musical genre. They perform everything from folk music, evergreen melodies, pop songs to many songs of other nations. This time they will be joined by outstanding artists - Nuška Drašček, the mezzo-soprano, and Anja Bukovec, violin.

**OBLIVION** is an exclusive music project of the Macedonian singing diva **Kaliopi** and a world-renowned guitarist and lute player **Edina Karamazova**.

#### **New York Voices** feat. **Vox Arsana**

New York Voices, a two-time Grammy-winning vocal quartet, is renowned for its excellence in jazz and the art of polyphonic singing. The album "Reminiscing In Tempo" celebrated their 30th anniversary. "The flawless vocal interpretations justify the reputation of the most exciting vocal ensemble on the planet. Gathering of such unique voices in one group is extremely rare, and their masterful intertwining of colours is unique..." are the words of BOSTON HERALD. The guest of the evening will be the VOX ARSANA vocalist group.

The end of the festival at the new venue of the City Market will be a double rock concert of the legendary **Siddharta** and young shaggadelic rock and roll stars **Joker out** that appeared on the Slovenian music scene with a speed of a torrent.

**Tadej Toš**, a local and the festival ambassador will once again take his place under the festival stars, performing in the courtyard of the Ptuj Castle.

#### **Music in the City**

**Music in the City** remains a constant pulse of festival events. In the embrace of the beautiful ambience of the Hotel Mitra, the Muzikafe House of Culture and Kavarna Bodi, as many as 6 genre-diverse concerts will take place. The current winner of the Slovenian song will perform **Raiven** with a fresh project **electro - opera**, **Astrid Beak**, , versatile artist and master of opera singing, and **Tomaž Zupančič**, MRFY guitarist, both jazz students of European music academies with the project **Soundsketch**, **Nocturnal four**, **P'jays** and **Freekind**, a young duo writing a new chapter of the regional neo-soul.

#### **Youth Stage**

Free outdoor events will be taking place on the Slovenski trg market, already established as **Youth Stage** and represented by: **Bands and the trial school of the Summer Music School**, **vocalists of the Summer Music School**, **Fried pies quintet**, **HGS** and **Birdland**.

#### **Children's Festival**

As part of the events of the Children's Festival, being at the core of music events for the youngest, there will be creative workshops, musical fairy tales, interactive theatre performances, artistic performances, the cinema garden and the musical yoga for children.

#### **Music in the Park**

In the autumn months, **Jazz department of Karol Pahor Music School**, **Wckd nation** and **MRFY** will perform under the slogan of Music in the Park.

#### **Summer Music School**

Arsana Vocal School and Instrumental.ko Music School are preparing a SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL, intended for young musicians with primary or more advanced musical knowledge. This year's novelty is the "little music school (trial school)", intended for the youngest children without prior musical knowledge.

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