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ADAPTACIJA

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LT.art Vienna – is a series of events that presents Lithuanian artists and their works. LT.art Vienna events are curated by Justina Špeirokaitė, Julija Karimžanova and Danielė Brekytė. ADAPTACIJA is a first mini festival which invited Lithuanian artists, musicians and cultural managers living in Austria and Lithuania to talk about transition and cultural adaptation.

ARTISTS: Iustas, Jurgis Gečys, Ūla Šveikauskaitė, Zigmantas Kalibatas

MUSICIANS: Danielė Brekytė (violin), Choir “Gaida”, ASAG Quartet, Elena Sverdiolaitė (soprano), Indrė Pelakauskaitė (soprano), Anastasija Bykova (violin), Gustė Barbora Butvydaitė (viola), Mariah Doesn't Carey (DJ)

LECTORS: Urtė Špeirokaitė (*Improper Walls*), Elzė Hoogduijn (*Nyčės Ūsai*), Silvija Čiuladytė (*Crossroads*)

About

Lithuania is a small country on the coast of the Baltic Sea, known for its ancient language and basketball. However, is it all that we hear about Lithuania? Just few days ago theater director Rugilė Barzdžiukaitė, playwright Vaiva Grainytė, and composer Lina Lapelytė was awarded the top prize for an international pavilion and the Golden Lion for the best participant in the central international exhibition at the Venice Biennale. It has been recent since conductor Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla was recognized as one of the best women conductors in the world, soprano Asmik Grigorian was named the female singer of the year 2019 by International Opera Awards. Have you heard of the “Euthanasia rollercoaster” by Julijonas Urbonas? Or seen the colorful photographs of Aleksandra Kingo? These are just to name a few Lithuanians who live and work abroad, that spread the word about Lithuania.

There is no surprise, that a lot of creative Lithuanians choose large cultural capitals, such as London, Paris or Vienna for inspiration. Vienna is a multicultural capital, an important European center of culture and art, which always attracted and attracts artists to study and work. Lithuanian culture is a part of this city.

[LT.art Vienna](#) – is a series of events that presents the works of artists living and working in Austria. The main theme of the year 2019 is adaptation (lit. ADAPTACIJA). The events are designed to show, how communicating with other cultures helps us understand the diversity of the world around us, change our knowledge and improve the techniques – adapt to the surroundings.

The program includes a group exhibition, talks, workshops, and concerts. Festival's lecturers will share their experience, the possibilities and the practices of presenting projects on an international scale.

The first festival is dedicated in memory of Jonas Mekas, “the godfather of American avant-garde cinema”, whose works inspire some to discover the world and dare to be open.

“One has to live without formulas, be open – that is no formula. Keep the windows and doors open, observe what is happening, to perceive what is unknown. One needs to wonder, observe, no need to deny.” - J.Mekas .

Festival duration: May 30 until June 7, 2019

Festival timetable:

May 30, 18:00 - 22:00

An opening evening with music performances by Gustė Barbora Butvydaitė (viola), Danielė Brekytė (violin), ASAG quartet, Mariah Doesn't Carey

May 31, 18:00

Silvija Čiuladytė about *Crossroads* - International Contemporary Music Festival (talk)

19:00

Urtė Špeirokaitė about *Improper Walls* and cross-cultural communication (talk and discussion)

June 1, 14:00

Ūla Šveikauskaitė: illustration basics (workshop)

June 2, 14:00

Elzė Hoogduijn about the idea and development behind *Nyčės Ūsai* and strategic changes to becoming mobile (talk and discussion)

June 5, 18:00

Artist talk

June 6, 17:00

Zigmantas Kalibatas: street photography (workshop)

June 7, 18:00

A closing evening with performances by choir "Gaida", Elena Sverdiolaitė (soprano), Anastasija Bykova (violin), Indrė Pelakauskaitė (soprano)

Location: Improper Walls. Reindorfasse 42, 1150 Vienna

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