



“A taste of Italian life” in the Stameriena Palace!

We invite everyone to feel, enjoy and experience beautiful emotions in the Stameriena Palace on August 26, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. during the celebration of the taste of Italian life!

The historical, romantic and family stories of Stameriena Palace are closely intertwined with Italy and Sicily. This is also the motive for the collective of Stameriena Palace to create the "Taste of Italian Life" days as a tradition, as an opportunity for local residents, Latvians to explore and discover the special art, music and tastes of Italy, and foreign guests - of Vidzeme and Latvia.

This year, Italian music of different eras and genres will merge together with art created by artists in Italy and inspired by the stories of the Stameriena Palace, supplemented by readings of love letters and experimental documentary cinema shot right in Sicily.

There will be an opportunity to see Aleksei Naumov's exhibition "Thinking about Lampedusa. Latvia, Italy", and to participate in the opening of two new exhibitions: Peter Otlan's exhibition "Action In. Action" and the exhibition of works of artists of the international cultural symposium "Letters".

In three concerts, with the participation of musicians from both - Italy and Latvia, it will be possible to hear Italian opera and operetta music and to sink into romantic and melancholic contemplations, listening to songs in old Italian language dialects accompanied by a guitar.

On the territory of the palace, you will have the opportunity to enjoy Italian and Latvian food and drinks, listen to the sommelier's recommendations and enjoy Italian wines.

Tickets are available at “Bilešu Paradise” from August 1. On the day of the event, also at the Stameriena Palace.

May we all have a wonderful day! SPLENDIDA GIORNATA!

The event is organised by the Stameriena Palace in cooperation with the Gulbene District Culture Department, the Latvian Academy of Culture and the Stameriena Parish Board. The event is financed by the municipality of Gulbene district, co-financed by the State Cultural Capital Fund, the Italian Embassy in Latvia.

PROGRAM

14:00 Peter Otlan (LV and IT) opening of the exhibition "ACTION IN.ACTION", Stameriena Palace lobby and second floor

16:00 Opening of the exhibition “LETTERS”. Made by artists of the International Cultural Symposium.

17:00 Concert “OPERA FLAUTASTIC”, the White Hall of the Stameriena Palace.

Raphael Trevisani (IT) flute, Ilze Urbane (LV) flute, Piano by Paola Girardi (IT).

Reading a letters in Italian of Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa and Alexandra von Wolff by Latvian Academy of Culture students

18:30 Concert "Poetry in music", Barn

Romantic music in the guitar playing of Francescisco Cassissa (IT) and old-dialect Italian language chants

20:00 Operetta theatre concert "O, SOLE MIO! THE TASTE OF ITALIAN MUSIC"

21:30 Experimental documentary "Time here no longer", Barn

A meeting with the director Jazeps Podnieks (LV). Documentary made in Sicily, english.

Parallel:

16:00 – 23:00

Italian popular music of different times will be heard near the palace

& will be able to enjoy Italian and Latvian food, drinks offered by Valle Cafe, Café Gardums, "Lācītes"

& learn the secrets and flavours of Italian wines under the guidance of sommelier Arvis Desmitnieks

& enjoy Madona Brewery beer - and the stories of its brewing process

& smoke fire-roasted lamb from ZS Dzelzavieši

Tickets at "Bilešu Paradīze" – www.bilesuparadize.lv

Tickets included visiting the Palace. The Palace will be closed for visitors between 19:30-21:30 (during an operetta theatre concert "O, SOLE MIO! THE TASTE OF ITALIAN MUSIC")