



THE GRAND OPENING OF RĪGAS CIRKS ARENA

SCHEDULE 20-23 MARCH 2024

**In parallel to this program there is a Baltic Nordic Circus Network (BNCN) meeting; some activities overlap.*

Wednesday, 20 March 2024

16:30-18:30

Meeting with local cultural operators

Different operators/artists/directors/project managers from Latvian theater, music and dance fields will present their institutions, moderated by Rīgas cirks and followed by Q&A and an informal gathering.

location: [LKA Zirgu pasts](#)

18:45-20:00

Dinner

location: [Andalūzijas suns](#)

For those who pre-ordered. Paid directly at the restaurant.

20:30-21:10

Show "[Pachamamo](#)" (LV/AR), co-produced by Rīgas cirks

location: [LKA Zirgu pasts](#)

This show is free of charge. Reservation is needed.

Thursday, 21 March 2024

9:00-9:30

Registration

location: [Rīgas cirks](#) / Entrance through the Main red gate

9:30-11:00

Meeting Baltic artists

International guests will have a chance to meet all the Baltic artists who will be present in an informal morning session around coffee and tea.

11:00-11:30

circusnext presentation for Baltic artists

Representatives from circusnext will be present to give an info session about the open call and application process.

For Baltic artists.

Free lunch time



16:00-18:00

Seminar "Circus Art in Baltics" and Baltic pitches

location: [Rīgas cirks](#)

Preliminary programme:

Speaker: Māra Pāvula (Latvia),

Pitch: Timurs Tomsons, Concert hall "Great Amber" - "[I HATE THAT THEY EAT TOO LOUD](#)"

Pitch: Alise Bokaldere, Art For Rainy Days - "[How a spiral works](#)" / work in progress

Pitch: Lelde Feldmane - "[Fragile power](#)" / work in progress

16:30

Speaker: Terje Bernadt (Estonia),

Pitch: Grete Gross - "[Kehakõne](#)" / work in progress

Pitch: Ireen Peegel, Carousel Company - "[Achillea](#)" / work in progress

Pitch: Aleksey Smolov representing Big Wolf Company - "[Not to be mentioned](#)" / work in progress

17:00

Speaker: Elena Kosovec (Lithuania)

Pitch: Elena Kosovec, Taigi cirkas - "[InTense](#)" and "[Saucisson](#)" / works in progress

Pitch: Monika Neverauskaite, Accompany ME - "[À mesure - Handle with care](#)" / work in progress

Pitch: Aino Makipaa, Kanta Company - "[Gandras](#)" / work in progress

*Please be patient with adjustments or changes in the order of speakers and artists

18:00-19:00

Reception offered by Rīgas cirks

At the same time, there is a possibility to have a take-away dinner, only for those who pre-ordered.

Must be paid at the registration.

19:00-21:00

Show "[La Bande à Tyrex](#)" (FR) / **SOLD OUT**

21:00-21:30

Break

21:30-00:00

Concert of the opening by "La Bande à Tyrex" and other festivities

Friday, 22 March 2024

9:00-11:30

Guided walking tour of Riga

Meeting point: [In front of the Latvian National Opera](#)

Free of charge. Reservation is needed.

11:30-12:00

Tour of Rīgas cirks building

Free lunch time



13:00-13:30

Show "[Dandelion](#)" (LV/NO), produced by RĪgas cirks

location: [Latvian Music Academy](#)

This show is free of charge. Reservation is needed.

14:00-15:30

International conference about circus architecture "Newborn Circuses" I part

Speakers: Māra Pāvula and Mārtiņš Ķibers (RĪgas cirks)

Architect Edgars Jane (LV/NL)

Architectural office NRJA (architects of RĪgas cirks renovation project)

location: [RĪgas cirks](#)

16:00-18:00

International conference about circus architecture "Newborn Circuses" II part

Speakers: architect Christophe Theilmann (Le Plongeur, FR)

architect Vincent Geens (Latitude 50, BE)

location: [LKA Zirgu pasts](#)

19:00-20:30

Show "[La Bande à Tyrex](#)" (FR) with conversation after show / **SOLD OUT**

Saturday, 23 March 2024

11:00-13:00

Project "Boarding Pass Plus" presentations of 3 work in progress creations for the public space

Artists: Giulia Cammarota, Marzia Zambianchi, Matteo Galbusera and Fabio Vescarelli

location: [Aģenskalna market](#)

Organized by Teatro Necessario (IT) together with RĪgas cirks.

These presentations are free of charge.

13:00 -14:30

Show "[La Bande à Tyrex](#)" (FR) (Reduced price tickets available)

19:00-20:30

Show "[La Bande à Tyrex](#)" (FR) with conversation after show / **SOLD OUT**

USEFUL INFORMATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TICKETS: to use public transport, tickets called "**e-talons**" - can be bought in "**NARVESEN**" - this little shop you can find almost on every corner, as well as at the **exit of the airport - outside**, next to the parking, on your way to the bus stop;

Options are for [day tickets](#) (24 h, 3-5 days for 8-10 eur) or time cards 90 min to 24h - one ride costs 1,5 Eur. [Prices](#)

AIRPORT -> CENTER : use bus **No 22** - the only bus from airport to center.



For the city center, get out in bus stop called “**Autoosta**”:

<https://goo.gl/maps/Tka56eza89gDcnup8> it is the 2nd stop after crossing the river, near the big shopping mall Stockmann -> 7 min walk to Rīgas cirks. Transport timetables and routes can also be seen in google and on <https://www.rigassatiksm.lv/en/>

TAXI/RENTALS: The most convenient way for calling a taxi is to use the “**BOLT**” App (bolt.eu) or by calling 8999.

If you want to drive a car yourself, you can use the same app “**BOLT**” or “**CityBee**”,

<https://citybee.lv/en/pricing/> Citybee is also available in the Airport (the ride might cost less than taxi).

! We suggest being careful with “**no brand**” taxis at the airport. BalticTAXI or RedCab are also reliable, others can be shady.

Local contacts:

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SEE YOU IN RIGA!

