

# What goes on in Tartu? 2014

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**January  
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**March  
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November**

**December**



Tartu is a university town with vibrant and colourful cultural scene. This booklet gives you an overview of the major cultural and sports events of Tartu in 2014. Also, many other events take place in Tartu. For more information see the Tartu Window of Culture [www.kultuuriaken.tartu.ee](http://www.kultuuriaken.tartu.ee).



**15-22  
March**

**Festival of visual culture**

# **World Film**

Anthropological and ethnographic documentaries are screened in the Tartu festival of visual culture "World film" ("Maailmafilm"). During the week the audience is taken to every continent, taking under scrutiny the so-called strangers, and becoming acquainted with these with the help of films. The festival is accompanied by relevant exhibitions, workshops and meetings with filmmakers.

[www.worldfilm.ee](http://www.worldfilm.ee)

**14 March –  
6 April**

**Tartu International**  
**Graphics**  
**Festival**



Graphics is an excellent possibility for free self-expression and declaration. The festival introduces the art of printing, displays graphics and offers performances by Asian, European and American artists.

[www.nongrata.ee](http://www.nongrata.ee)



**24-27  
April**

**Nordic**  
**Student Singers'  
Summit**

The festival of Nordic academic choirs is a long tradition and this year it will take place in Tartu. The festival programme will cover mainly the Nordic crisp choir music and the carrying theme will be the nations' identities, playfully expressed with a word pair ME/WE (Estonian "me" means "we" in English). The festival will culminate with a gala concert on 26 April.

[www.nsss2014.ut.ee](http://www.nsss2014.ut.ee)



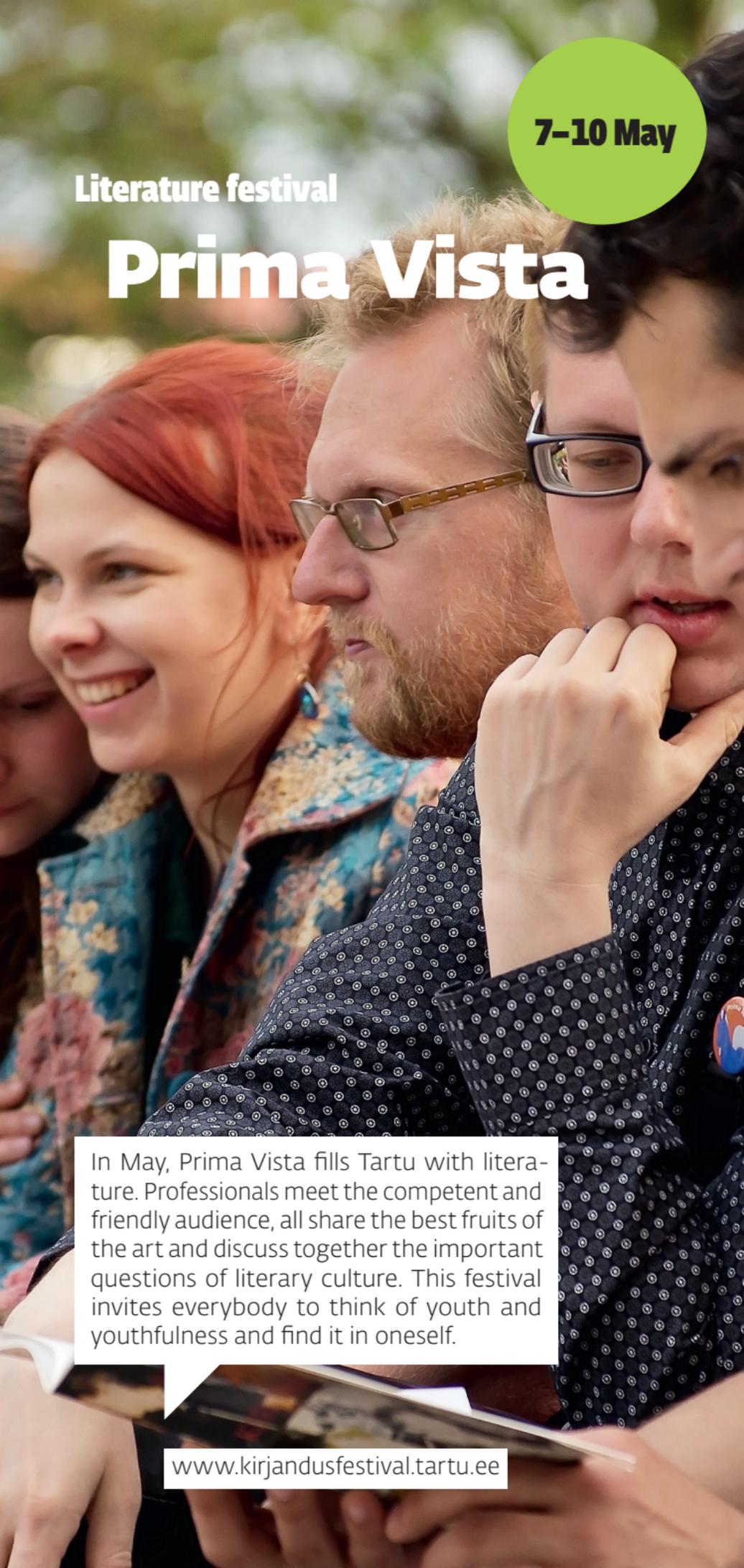
**28 April –  
4 May**

**Student festival**

# **Tartu Spring Days**

The spring days that bear the student spirit are an opportunity for the participants and the audience to rest their spirit with the help of an intense entertainment and cultural programme. In Tartu, the positivity that is triggered by joint activities has been a valuable mental nourishment for visitors for decades.

[www.studentdays.ee](http://www.studentdays.ee)



7-10 May

Literature festival

# Prima Vista

In May, Prima Vista fills Tartu with literature. Professionals meet the competent and friendly audience, all share the best fruits of the art and discuss together the important questions of literary culture. This festival invites everybody to think of youth and youthfulness and find it in oneself.

[www.kirjandusfestival.tartu.ee](http://www.kirjandusfestival.tartu.ee)

**8-10  
May**

**Author's song festival**

# **Mailaul**



Tens of singers and songwriters from Estonia gather in Tartu for three days every spring in order to bring the thoughts and feelings turned into music before the audience. "*Mailaul*" ("The Song of May") is a festival for a listener who wants to feel together with the performing author.

[www.mailaul.ee](http://www.mailaul.ee)

**16-18  
May**

**Festival of archaic arts**

# Regiöö

The 13<sup>th</sup> Regiöö is focused on the folklore of the Baltic Sea and the ancient Nordic peoples. The festival features an exceptional selection of traditional and later interpretations of the folklore from skilled instrumentalists, singers, dancers and handicraftsmen of Scandinavia, Baltic States, Poland and Russia.

[www.tartu.ee/regiöö](http://www.tartu.ee/regiöö)



17 May

# Night of Museums



During this Saturday evening in May the museums and other memory institutions in Tartu open their doors at a later time and free of charge to celebrate the all-European Night of Museums ("Muuseumiöö"). This evening's programme is diverse and exciting. There is a lot to discover in the city which has the highest number of museums in Estonia.

Music Festival

19-24  
May

# Indiefest



Tartu Indiefest brings the local and foreign alternative music to the audience and introduces the independent culture in general. During the daytime, the audience is invited to debates with interesting guests. In the evenings, there are concerts and screenings of relevant films.

[www.indiefest.eu](http://www.indiefest.eu)



**23 May**

**International**

# **Night of Churches**

**in Tartu**

Together with numerous churches in Europe the churches of Tartu open their doors to all the visitors in the evening of 23 May. During the Night of Churches one can observe the everyday life of various confessions, receive answers to questions, discover the art treasures hidden in churches and enjoy the music in a relaxed atmosphere. There are activities for big and small, from quiet meditations to the conquering of towers.



[www.kirikuteoo.ee](http://www.kirikuteoo.ee)

A large zebra mascot with black and white stripes is holding a wooden mallet. It is standing next to a young girl with blonde hair, wearing a yellow dress with a floral pattern and a pink crocheted hat. The girl is looking up at the zebra. The background shows an outdoor festival setting with a sign that says "LUBOX".

1 June

Family festival  
**“Over the  
doorstep  
– tell me a story”**

In Tartu, the Children's Day is celebrated with a cheerful family festival "Over the doorstep – tell me a story" (*"Üle läve – jutusta mulle üks lugu"*). This open-air festival is equally suitable for toddlers and their grandparents. It is a good opportunity to spend a day in good spirits, discovering one's talents, gaining new knowledge and sharing the joy of being together through games and good entertainment.

[www.kultuuriaken.tartu.ee](http://www.kultuuriaken.tartu.ee)

**3-8  
June**

# Estonian Composers Festival

Estonian Composers Festival is one of the biggest contemporary music festivals of Estonia. Professional interpreters perform contemporary classics, new versions and premieres of new works. The main programme in the St. John's Church of Tartu offers concerts, musical quarter-hours, workshops and a Night University.

[www.composer.ee](http://www.composer.ee)



4-8  
June

Wind Band Festival

# Mürtsub pill

[www.potartu.ee](http://www.potartu.ee)

"Mürtsub pill" fills Tartu with the music of wind instruments. Dance and children's orchestras, big bands and the festival's joint orchestra perform in this festival of orchestral music, which is biggest in Estonia and unique in the Baltic States. There is a parade of orchestras and a gala concert. Foreign performers come from Hungary, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Russia, Finland and Sweden.



7 June

# Tartu Song Festival

“Then and now”

Tartu Song Festival “Then and now” (“*Enne ja nüüd*”) is dedicated to the 150th anniversary of Miina Härma, a celebrated Estonian composer, conductor and organist. Choirs, wind instrument orchestras, folk dancers and vocal ensembles participate in the event, totalling some 7,000 people. The events of the music week preceding the song festival take place in various concert venues in Tartu.

[www.laulupidu.tartu.ee](http://www.laulupidu.tartu.ee)



**11-13  
July**

**Music Festival**

# **Punk N Roll**

"Punk N Roll" is Estonia's biggest and oldest punk-rock festival in the open air. It takes place in the Raadi manor park and gives an overview of the cream of Estonian punk bands as well as a selection of performers from abroad.

[www.punknroll.ee](http://www.punknroll.ee)



**11-13  
July**

# Hanseatic Days

A chapter from the ancient history of Tartu is brought to life during the Hanseatic Days, showing Tartu as a trading town and a meeting place of cultures on the border between the East and West. The festival centres around the vast handicraft and farm produce market covering the squares and park stages of the town centre. Visitors can also see the age-old craft skills and customs, listen to concerts, dance along in dance parties and watch the exhibitions.

[www.hansapaevad.ee](http://www.hansapaevad.ee)



10-15  
July

Festival

# Glasperlen- spiel

[www.erpmusic.com](http://www.erpmusic.com)

Glasperlenspiel (*Klaaspärlimäng*) – the name of the festival is inspired by the novel by Hermann Hesse. It provides a hint that the festival expects musicians that interpret the music from an unorthodox angle. This prestigious festival focuses on special instruments, unusual associations and relations with other fields of art and philosophy.



12 July

# Pop Choirs Party

"The Pop Choirs Party" ("Popkooripidu") is a form of expression of joint singing. Excellent choirs, soloists and dancers bring to you the best songs of Estonian pop and rock music heritage. At the Pop Choir Party everybody sings!

[www.festival.tartu.ee](http://www.festival.tartu.ee)



**27 July**

# The summer concert

of Vanemuine Symphony Orchestra

[www.vanemuine.ee](http://www.vanemuine.ee)

To the great satisfaction of Tartu citizens a popular tradition of the first quarter of 20<sup>th</sup> century has been revived – a free summer concert of mainly classical music. This year's open-air concert is conducted by Paul Mägi, the music director and chief conductor of theatre Vanemuine. The concert will take place in a natural amphitheatre in the heart of the city – the Kassitoome Valley of Toomemägi.

**4-9  
August**

**Tartu  
Love Film Festival**

**tARTuFF**

[www.tartuff.ee](http://www.tartuff.ee)

During "tARTuFF", the Tartu Town Hall square is conquered for almost a week by a free open-air cinema with the biggest screen in the Baltic States, which in the evening hours is filled with diverse love films and substantial audience. Besides the cinema magic under the starry sky, the film lovers are treated with a similarly rich programme of documentary films. The festival programme offers meetings with filmmakers, exciting literature sessions and inspiring concerts. Love can be painful, beautiful, tormenting and forgiving.

A photograph of a musician with long, wavy hair playing a golden saxophone on stage. He is wearing a black t-shirt with the word 'LIFE' in white letters and bright red pants. He is leaning back, blowing into the saxophone. The background is a stone wall. A yellow circle in the top right corner contains the dates '8-10 August'. A white box at the bottom contains the website 'www.tartumuusika.ee' and a paragraph of text.

**8-10  
August**

**Tartu**

# **Music Week**

[www.tartumuusika.ee](http://www.tartumuusika.ee)

Tartu Music Week is an annual festival of new popular music which fills the public spaces of the university town with free concerts. The culmination of the festival is a club night where local and foreign artists perform on several stages.

**14-16  
August**

# Urban Festival UIT

[www.uit.ee](http://www.uit.ee)

“UIT” (“Wandering”) is a festival, which explores the urban space of Tartu through performances, installations and concerts. Urban Festival “UIT” observes the symbolic places and outskirts of Tartu with a fresh eye and brings the unusual events and peculiar encounters into everyday life. It may even happen so that the contemporary art does not bite, but only snaps the nerve of social alertness. Happy wandering!



**15-16  
August**

# Emajõgi River Festival

[www.tartu.ee/emajoefestival](http://www.tartu.ee/emajoefestival)

The focal point of the festival is the most essential natural symbol of Tartu – River Emajõgi. Several competitions are arranged around it. Events take place on the river and its banks with lots of good music. This high-spirited event is an excellent meeting place for all folks!



**1-7  
September**

**Estonian Theatre Festival**

# **Draama**

[www.draama.ee](http://www.draama.ee)

The ever popular "*Draama*" has become a meeting place for those interested in the Estonian dramatic art and in the way contemporary Estonian theatre addresses its time and society. The Estonian Theatre Festival "*Draama*" is a curated festival with the main programme formed in 2014 by the internationally-acclaimed Estonian writer Tõnu Õnnepalu in cooperation with the creative council. As in the previous years, the audience can expect various side-programmes and exhibitions while the festival buzz is boosted by club events and concerts.

4 Sept –  
26 Oct

Contemporary Art Festival

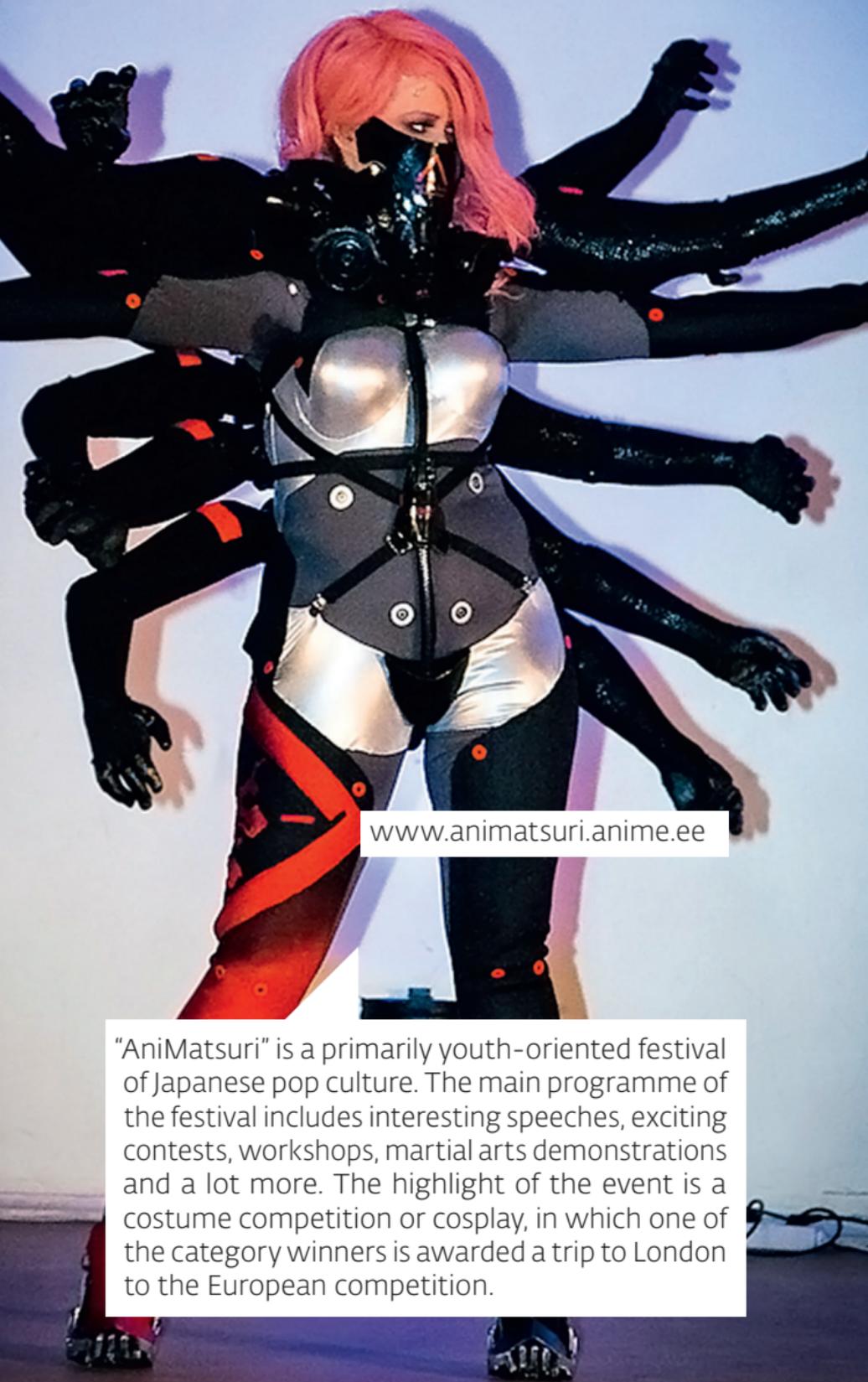
# ART IST KUKU NU UT

[www.artistkukunuut.org](http://www.artistkukunuut.org)

"ART IST KUKU NU UT" is a location- and context-specific contemporary art festival. Every year the exhibitions of the festival feature significant and outstanding contemporary art stars and works from Estonia as well as abroad, while always considering the historical character and contemporary trends of the local cultural space of Tartu.

**19-21  
September**

**Japanese Pop Culture Festival**  
**AniMatsuri**



[www.animatsuri.anime.ee](http://www.animatsuri.anime.ee)

“AniMatsuri” is a primarily youth-oriented festival of Japanese pop culture. The main programme of the festival includes interesting speeches, exciting contests, workshops, martial arts demonstrations and a lot more. The highlight of the event is a costume competition or cosplay, in which one of the category winners is awarded a trip to London to the European competition.

A close-up photograph of a male scientist in a yellow lab coat. He is looking intently at a glass beaker he is holding, with a focused and slightly surprised expression. He is pouring a clear liquid from another beaker into it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

**21-26  
September**

# Researchers' Night Festival

In September, the Science Centre AHHAА invites all the children and grown-ups to the Researchers' Night ("Teadlaste Öö") Festival. The week-long events intend to show what the scientists exactly do and to introduce the latest achievements of different disciplines. The festival culminates on 26 September with the all-European Researchers' Night along with over 300 exciting science events all over Estonia.

[www.ahhaa.ee](http://www.ahhaa.ee)



**3-5  
October**

**International  
Author's Song Festival**

# Fall of the Leaf Music

International author's song festival is a real treat for the listeners and performers of the author's song genre. The festival holds a solid place among similar festivals of the world. Well-known and talented bards with a long and successful career in the genre, perform at the "Fall of the Leaf Music" ("Lehesaju Muusika") festival. Performers from faraway countries and different places of the world come to the festival.

[www.mellnovfest.com](http://www.mellnovfest.com)

**9-12  
October**

**International  
Early Music Festival**

# **Orient et Occident**

The festival is focused on Oriental culture and its relations with early European, primarily Medieval culture. The goal is to create an artistic whole in which the topics are handled in depth from different viewpoints. Typical to this festival is a double concert format, with an ensemble from Europe playing in the first part and an ensemble from Asia playing in the second part and a final joint improvisation of both ensembles.

[www.festivitas.ee](http://www.festivitas.ee)





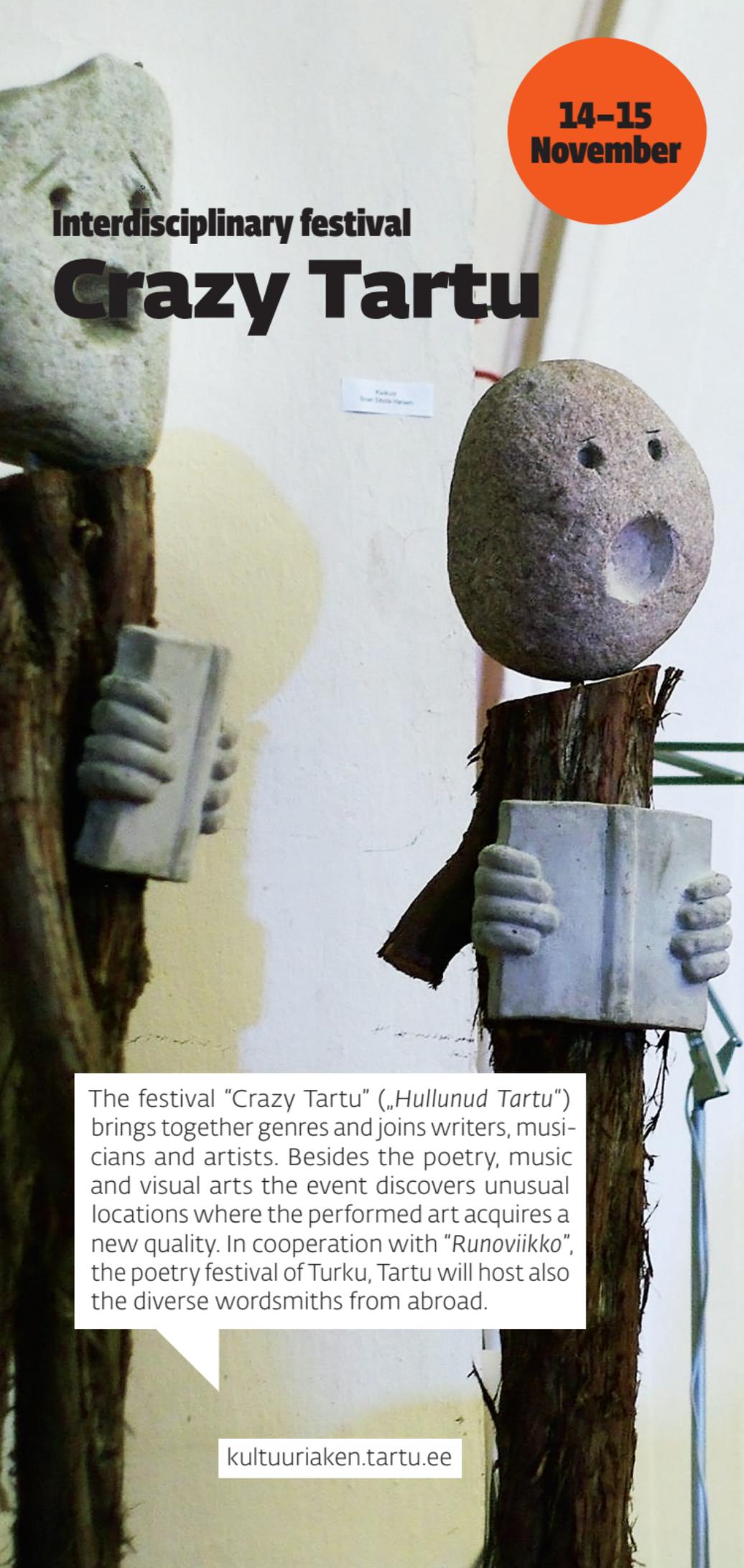
**31 Oct –  
2 Nov**

# **IDeeJazz**

**Tartu jazz and rhythm music festival**

[www.ideejazz.ee](http://www.ideejazz.ee)

The Tartu jazz and rhythm music festival "IDee-Jazz" brings into Tartu the Estonian music that is packed with creative power. Keywords like good sound, improvisation and idea connect the best thoughts of the Estonian jazz elite and the bold projects of the young musicians' generation, filled with positive energy. The festival draws no clear genre borders – providing very diverse music from mainstream and chamber jazz, ethno and world music to groove rhythms and fusion.

The image features two wooden puppets with stone faces. The puppet on the right is the primary focus, with a round, grey stone head that has two small holes for eyes and a large, irregular hole for a mouth. It is mounted on a vertical wooden stick and holds a white, rectangular book with both hands. The puppet on the left is partially visible, also holding a book. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a small white label that reads "Käsi ja Silmä".

**14-15  
November**

**Interdisciplinary festival**

# **Crazy Tartu**

The festival "Crazy Tartu" („Hullunud Tartu") brings together genres and joins writers, musicians and artists. Besides the poetry, music and visual arts the event discovers unusual locations where the performed art acquires a new quality. In cooperation with "Runoviikko", the poetry festival of Turku, Tartu will host also the diverse wordsmiths from abroad.

[kultuuriaken.tartu.ee](http://kultuuriaken.tartu.ee)



**15-30  
November**

Film festival

# Tartu PÖFF

[www.poff.ee](http://www.poff.ee)

18<sup>th</sup> PÖFF brings the best selection of international films to the audience of Tartu. This film party takes place in many places over Estonia and focuses on the last year's films of Eurasia, but introduces also other regions. There are meetings with foreign directors, educational events, quiz evenings and concerts. PÖFF illuminates!

**13  
December**

**Street dance festival**

# **Battle of EST**



[www.boe.ee](http://www.boe.ee)

"Battle of EST" (BOE) is the oldest street dance competition with the most impressive list of performers in Northern-Europe. The main events include break-dance team competitions. One can also witness hip-hop, popping and solo b-boying contests. This year's 14<sup>th</sup> international BOE festival is an honest rejection of everything with a fake glitter, turning the dance battle competitors into real artists of life! It is a riot of people dancing themselves breathless, while living and breathing the dance culture.

**7-9  
February**

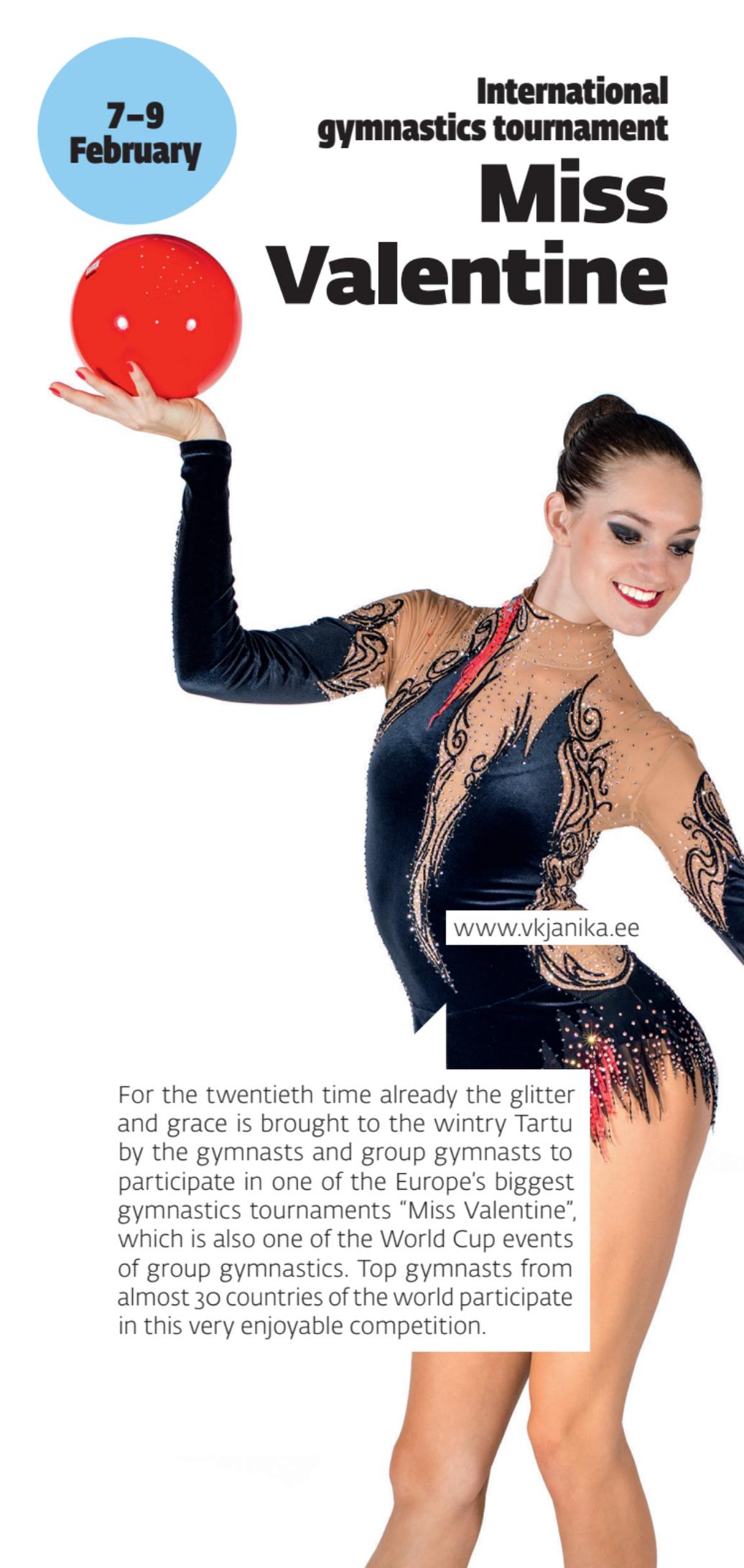
**International  
gymnastics tournament**

# **Miss Valentine**



[www.vkjanika.ee](http://www.vkjanika.ee)

For the twentieth time already the glitter and grace is brought to the wintry Tartu by the gymnasts and group gymnasts to participate in one of the Europe's biggest gymnastics tournaments "Miss Valentine", which is also one of the World Cup events of group gymnastics. Top gymnasts from almost 30 countries of the world participate in this very enjoyable competition.





**43<sup>rd</sup>**

# Tartu Ski Marathon

**16  
February**

[www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

Tartu Ski Marathon is one of the biggest of its kind in Eastern-Europe and professionals regard its track as one of the most picturesque and interesting in the whole world. This lively sports party brings together some 10,000 ski enthusiasts from Estonia and the entire world every year. This marathon of classic technique has an option of 63 and 31 km long tracks. For the younger folks there are very popular Tillu and Mini children's races in Tähtvere Sports Park. Tartu Ski Marathon is part of the international long distance ski race series Worldloppet.

**11 May**

**SEB 32<sup>nd</sup>**

# **Tartu Marathon**

[www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

SEB Tartu Marathon is the biggest cross-country running marathon in the Baltic States with thousands of participants attending every year. The marathon track lies in the varied South-Estonian landscape. The enthusiasts can choose between the 23 and 10 km tracks, both of which can be covered by running or by Nordic Walking. The event includes also children's races.

# Tour Of Estonia

29–31  
May



The stages of international competition of top cyclists pass through the beautiful Estonian towns and villages. The cycle tour ends on 31 May with the popular Tartu Grand Prix, driven on the Tartu city rounds, bringing thousands of spectators on the streets. Tour of Estonia belongs to the programme of Estonian Cycling Weekend.

[www.tourofestonia.ee](http://www.tourofestonia.ee)



**1 June**

**SEB 33<sup>rd</sup>**

# Tartu Road Race

The biggest cycling road race in the nearby countries is both for top athletes and enthusiasts. Some 7,500 people participate in the events of Tartu Road Race (*Tartu Rattaralli*) programme events which offer 135 and 66 km tracks. The race track follows mostly the winding South-Estonian roads and it begins and ends in the Tartu city centre. Popular children's races also take place in the city centre. Tartu Road Race belongs to the Estonian Cycling Weekend programme.

[www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

Tartu Mill

# Triathlon

/ Tartu ITU European Triathlon Cup

12-13  
July



Tartu Mill Triathlon is a city triathlon held at the same time with the Hanseatic Days. The programme includes a European Cup stage for athletes, amateurs' triathlon for everyone and children's triathlon. The competition track is challenging for the participants and well observable for the audience.

[www.tartutriathlon.ee](http://www.tartutriathlon.ee)  
[cup.tartutriathlon.ee](http://cup.tartutriathlon.ee)

**17-19  
July**

**Auto 24**

# **Rally Estonia 2014**



[www.rallyestonia.ee](http://www.rallyestonia.ee)

Auto24 Rally Estonia 2014 is an official round of FIA European Rally Championship and the best of European rally drivers can be seen in Tartu and on the gravel roads of South-Estonia. Via Eurosport and its partners the TV-coverage and promotion of the rally reaches around 20 million viewers in different continents. Auto24 Rally Estonia event centre and start and finish podium will be in the centre of Tartu and a special city test will be run in Toomemägi.

**24 August**

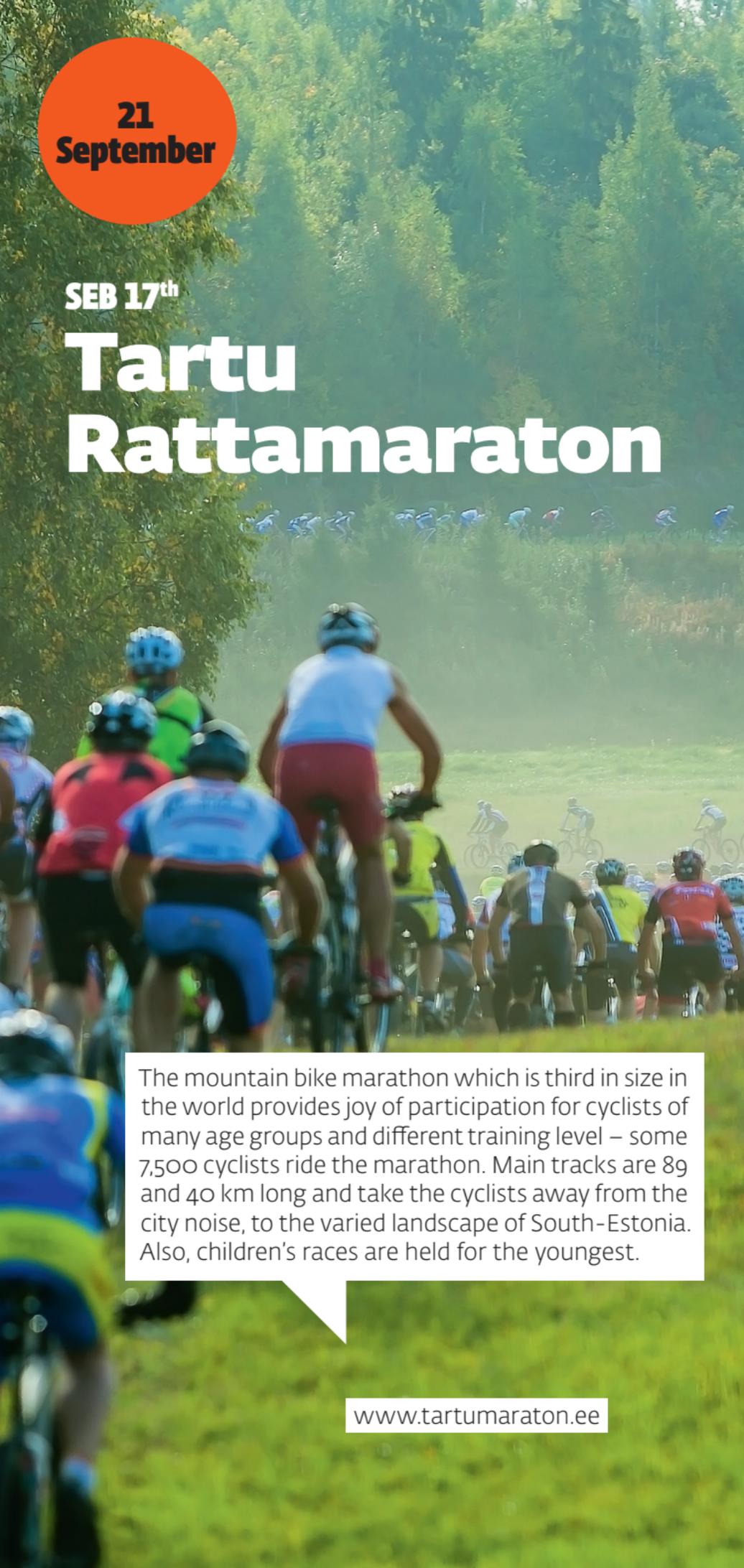
**SEB 8<sup>th</sup>**

# Tartu Inline Skating Marathon



It is the biggest inline skating event in Scandinavia and the Baltic States. The start of the popular marathon is again in Tartu with the event centre in Raadi district. 42 and 21 km tracks make the race fit for all inline skaters and the participants have a unique opportunity to enjoy the race with other contestants on the Tartu-Narva highway, which is normally reserved for the car traffic only. The programme includes also a sprint competition and children's races.

[www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)



**21  
September**

**SEB 17<sup>th</sup>**

# Tartu Rattamaraton

The mountain bike marathon which is third in size in the world provides joy of participation for cyclists of many age groups and different training level – some 7,500 cyclists ride the marathon. Main tracks are 89 and 40 km long and take the cyclists away from the city noise, to the varied landscape of South-Estonia. Also, children's races are held for the youngest.

[www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

3<sup>rd</sup> Tartu

# City Marathon

4  
October

Tartu

# Autumn Race

3<sup>rd</sup> Tartu

# Student Marathon

[www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

Tartu City Marathon is a unique marathon in Estonia – the whole 42 km distance is run on one trail where every kilometre is unique. One can also choose a half-marathon track of 21 km. At the same time, a popular Autumn Race as well as the Tartu Student Marathon takes place, which expects the academic community to participate, starting from students to lecturers and alumna. The Autumn Race and Student Marathon track is 10 km long and it is for those who are keen on jogging as well as to those who prefer Nordic Walking. Children's races are also held for the youngest running enthusiasts.

## **Tartu Winter Music Festival**

3–9 January

<https://www.facebook.com/TartuTalvemuusikaFestival>

## **The School Dance Tartu County preliminary**

18–19 January

<http://2014.koolitants.ee>

## **Ida Dance School international ballet gala “Keeper of the fine art”**

22 February

[www.idatantsukool.ee](http://www.idatantsukool.ee)

## **The School Dance Tartu regional preliminary**

9 March

<http://2014.koolitants.ee>

## **The Tartu Russian Ball**

15 March

[www.kultuuriaken.tartu.ee](http://www.kultuuriaken.tartu.ee)

## **City district festival “The Supilinn Days”**

23–27 April

<http://supilinn.ee/supilinna-paevad>

## **Tartu Ethnic Minorities Festival**

25–26 April

[www.tartu.ee/rahvakultuur](http://www.tartu.ee/rahvakultuur)

## **Japanese Animation Film Festival “JAFF”**

1–11 May

[www.animefest.eu](http://www.animefest.eu)

## **Fashion-Performance-Dance**

3 May

[www.artcol.ee/mpt](http://www.artcol.ee/mpt)

## **10th Women’s Dance Groups Competition/ 3rd Estonian Women’s Dance Festival**

3–4 May

[www.errs.ee](http://www.errs.ee)

## **Nordic Symphony Orchestra concert**

10 May

[www.nordicsymphony.com](http://www.nordicsymphony.com)

## **City district festival “The Karlova Days”**

12–18 May

[www.karlova.ee](http://www.karlova.ee)

## **20th birthday of Tartu Toy Museum**

24 May  
[www.mm.ee](http://www.mm.ee)

## **Tartu Gymnastics Party**

3 June  
[www.tartuvoimlemispidu.weebly.com](http://www.tartuvoimlemispidu.weebly.com)

## **The Antonius' Fashion Show**

13 June  
[www.lmk.ee](http://www.lmk.ee)

## **Victory Day and Midsummer Eve in Raadi**

23 June  
[www.tartu.ee](http://www.tartu.ee)

## **Tartu City Day**

29 June  
[www.tartu.ee](http://www.tartu.ee)

## **Tartu Traditional Dance Festival**

4–10 August  
[www.sabatants.ee](http://www.sabatants.ee)

## **Tartu Autumn Days**

13–19 October  
[www.studentdays.ee](http://www.studentdays.ee)

## **Youth Folklore Days**

27–29 November  
[www.tartu.ee/rahvakultuur](http://www.tartu.ee/rahvakultuur)

## **Christmas Town Tartu**

30 November–24 December  
[www.joululinn.tartu.ee](http://www.joululinn.tartu.ee)

## **Nordic Symphony Orchestra concert**

5 December  
[www.nordicsymphony.com](http://www.nordicsymphony.com)

## **Christmas Music Festival**

5–20 December  
[www.tmk.ee](http://www.tmk.ee)

