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TAMPERE

Tampere is the #1 travel destination for Finns in their home country and the most desirable place to live in. Finland's second largest city area is located in the beautiful lakeland region, and its nature, fascinating cultural experiences, unique festivals, and the genuine atmosphere make the area appealing all year round.





TAMPERE FILM FESTIVAL

4.–8.3.2020, Tampere

Tampere Film Festival is one of the most important short film festivals in the world, bringing annually together over 30 000 film enthusiasts and filmmakers – professionals and amateurs alike. This year the festival celebrates its 50th anniversary during five festival days with hundreds of films, International and National Competition, special screenings and many other events.

www.tamperefilmfestival.fi



TAMPERE KUPLII COMICS FESTIVAL

18.–22.3.2020, Tampere

Tampere Kuplii is a feel-good comics festival for everybody interested in comics and graphic novels. The festival is free of charge for the attendees, and everyone from toddlers to senior citizens is welcome.

2020.tamperekuplii.fi



TOMATOES! TOMATOES! STAND UP FESTIVAL

20.–21.3.2020, Tampere

Ready for a good laugh? Since 2002, Tomatoes! Tomatoes! has been the flagship event for Finnish stand-up comedy. The festival takes place in Tampere and Hämeenlinna, and it presents all the top comedians of the peculiar and humorous country. Fun times guaranteed!

www.tomaattejatomaatteja.com

ART FESTIVO

26.3.–3.4.2020, Parkano & Kibniö

Art Festivo was founded in 1994 to celebrate classical music and especially flute in the scenic surroundings of northern Tampere Region. The festival is focused on artistically ambitious concerts, but it also offers miscellaneous cultural experiences for every age and every taste.

www.artfestivo.fi

TAMPERE BIENNALE

1.-5.4.2020, Tampere

Tampere Biennale introduces the most important phenomena in Finnish contemporary music, today's leading composers and the latest compositions. Organised biennially since 1986, the festival was born out of the need to encourage the audience to get acquainted with new music. Tampere Biennale has developed into one of the most prestigious contemporary music events in Finland. The artistic director of the festival in 2020 is Jennah Vainio.

www.tamperemusiefestivals.fi/biennale



ORIVESI SUMMER FESTIVALS

May-Sept 2020, Orivesi

Entertainment and education! Orivesi Summer Festivals provide events and experiences throughout the summer in several venues like Art Center Purnu, Art Center Leporanta, Rönni Open Air Theatre & Entertainment Center, SuviDesign event, Orivesi Arts and Crafts Centre, and Orivesi Summer College. Get inspired by Orivesi Summer and enjoy arts, crafts, music, design, dance, theatre, and cultural education in the beautiful lakeland area.

www.orivedensuvi.fi

FINLAYSON ART AREA

8.5.-30.8.2020, Tampere

Finlayson Art Area – FAA – is one of the most important arts events in Finland introducing art in its many forms in over ten locations. FAA takes place in Tampere city center, in historical Finlayson cotton factory area that turns 200 years in 2020. Free entry.

www.finlaysonartarea.fi

MUKAMAS INTERNATIONAL PUPPET THEATRE FESTIVAL

12.–16.5.2020, Tampere

Mukamas festival presents the preeminent artists of modern puppetry from all over the world, and the programme is full of visually enthralling performances for both adults and children. The festival is being organized every other year in the picturesque Pispala area by Theatre Mukamas, a professional puppet theatre celebrating their 20th anniversary during the season 2019–2020.

www.mukamasfestival.com



TAMPERE DANCE CURRENT - CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL

26.–31.5.2019, Tampere

Dance Current Festival presents artists from the pinnacle of Finnish contemporary dance in a thorough review of the present state of this art form. Besides impressive stage performances, the programme includes dance film screenings, public discussions, club events, and street performances.

www.tanssivirtaa.net



TAMPERE GUITAR FESTIVAL

3.–7.6.2020, *Tampere*

The 16th International Tampere Guitar Festival presents the gems of acoustic guitar from home and abroad. Guitar music heard in several venues and from many genres will be offering a variety of experiences. Various guitar courses, lectures, workshops and an International Classical Guitar Competition of Finland complement the programme in which half of the events are cost-free.

www.tgf.fi

ANNIKKI POETRY FESTIVAL

5.–6.6.2020, *Tampere*

In 2003, the residents of Annikki Wooden Quarter in Tampere founded a poetry event in their yard. Since then, Annikki Poetry Festival has developed into one of Finland's most significant poetry events and original cultural festivals with high profile international performers. It has also spawned Annikki OFF, a three-day series of events around the city.

www.annikinkatu.net/runofestivaali





SOTTIISI MOVES

10.–14.6.2020, Tampere

The largest dance event in the Nordic countries. Sottiisi Moves 2020 will combine the national Young Culture Moves dance review and the international folk dance and music festival Pispala Schottische into a grand celebration of styles and playmaker encounters open to everyone with an interest in dance and folk music. Both associate events also celebrate their 50th anniversary.

www.sottiisi.net



MÄNTTÄ ART FESTIVAL

14.6.–31.8.2020, Mänttä-Vilppula

Finland's largest summer exhibition of contemporary art appoints a new curator every year, ensuring that the exhibition always provides a fresh perspective on the entire field of Finnish contemporary art. Mänttä Art Festival is held in high regard by art world professionals, and is a popular destination for the art-loving public. Head for Pekilo in the centre of Mänttä to find our permanent exhibition space. A programme of XTRA events also supplements the festival exhibitions.

www.kuvataideviikot.fi

VALTTERI FESTIVAL

19.–20.6.2020, Tampere

The traditional midsummer in Tampere is called Valterri Festival. You can feel the midsummer magic at Tullikamari's Pakkahuone and Klubi, restaurant Telakka and their terrace areas. Why celebrate in the woods when you can have the happiest nightless night in the heart of the city?

www.valtterifestival.fi



TAMPERE FLAMENCO WEEK

21.–27.6.2020, Tampere

Tampere Flamenco Festival is one of the oldest and most fascinating flamenco festivals in the Nordic countries. For 25 years it has attracted the most prominent flamenco stars from Spain. The festival is also a showcase for Finnish and Nordic Flamenco. Join us to celebrate the beauty, expression and passion of flamenco art!

www.tampereflamenco.com

THE DAYS OF OLD LITERATURE

26.–27.6.2020, Sastamala

The Days of Old Literature is a national, free-of-charge literature festival drawing roughly 15 000 visitors every year. It is a bustling marketplace for antiquarian books, and a popular meeting point for readers, publishers and literature organizations. The festival invites everyone to enjoy literary discussions, seminars, book auctions, exhibitions, and concerts in a unique and warm atmosphere.

www.vanhankirjallisuudenpaivat.com

FEST AFRIKA

29.6.–5.7.2020, Tampere

Fest Afrika promotes African performing arts, creates awareness of African cultures, and gathers people together in a spirit of education and entertainment. The programme presents many international and Finnish musicians, and includes activities for all age groups: dance and music workshops, visual arts, seminars, and children's program. At the festival's African Market you can find a variety of African handicrafts and enjoy food and performances.

www.festafrika.net



SATA-HÄME SOI INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION FESTIVAL

1.–5.7.2020, Ikaalinen

The city of Ikaalinen is renowned for its folk musician tradition, and Sata-Häme Soi Accordion Festival is one of its greatest treasures. It brings together music enthusiasts, beginner musicians, and internationally acclaimed professionals, and celebrates accordion music with a versatile programme. Every year, since 1983, the most entertaining players are also awarded in the competition of Golden and Silver Accordion.

www.satahamesoi.fi

TAMMERFEST

16.–18.7.2020, Tampere

Tampere + summer = Tammerfest. Tampere is hardly ever as lively as during the Tammerfest weekend in July. The festival fills the city centre with music, celebration, and happy summer vibes. The programme presents a wide selection of live music from energetic clubs to the big concerts in Ratinanniemi and bands from the bubbling underground to the hottest names in Finland. Music plays everywhere and the city is full of life!

www.tammerfest.fi

SASTAMALA GREGORIANA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

17.–25.7.2020, Sastamala

Sastamala Gregoriana focuses on early music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods, and the concerts take place in beautiful lakeside churches of Sastamala with unique acoustic space and warm local atmosphere. The combination is something that deserves to be known and appreciated by local, national and international visitors, and it is no wonder why Sastamala Gregoriana has been elected as a Festival of the Year in 2016 by Finland Festivals.

www.sastamalagregoriana.fi



WORKERS' MUSIC FESTIVAL

23.–26.7.2020, Valkeakoski

The Workers' Music Festival takes place in the centre of Valkeakoski, in the industrial milieu of the Tervasaari mill area. The event includes concerts and clubs and together with the historic museum area it creates a unique setting of light and music that attracts every year about 40 000 music lovers of all ages.

www.valmu.com



PENTINKULMA LITERATURE FESTIVAL

26.7.–2.8.2020, *Urjala*

Pentinkulma Literature Festival is a famous Finnish literature event held once a year at the end of July in Urjala. The festival has been running since 1978 in the author Väinö Linna's village of birth – the idyllic rural setting of Under the North Star -trilogy. The lively programme consists of author interviews, discussions & seminars, live poetry, workshops, and concerts.

www.pentinkulmanpaivat.fi

TAPSAN TAHDIT

6.–9.8.2020, *Nokia*

Pop and schlager music festival Tapsan Tahdit is held in Nokia, 15 kilometres from Tampere. The festival focuses on Finnish music, and since 2001 a special Iskelmä Finlandia ("Schlager Finlandia") prize has been awarded every year at the event to acknowledge and credit artists leading the way in the Finnish schlager, pop, and entertainment industry.

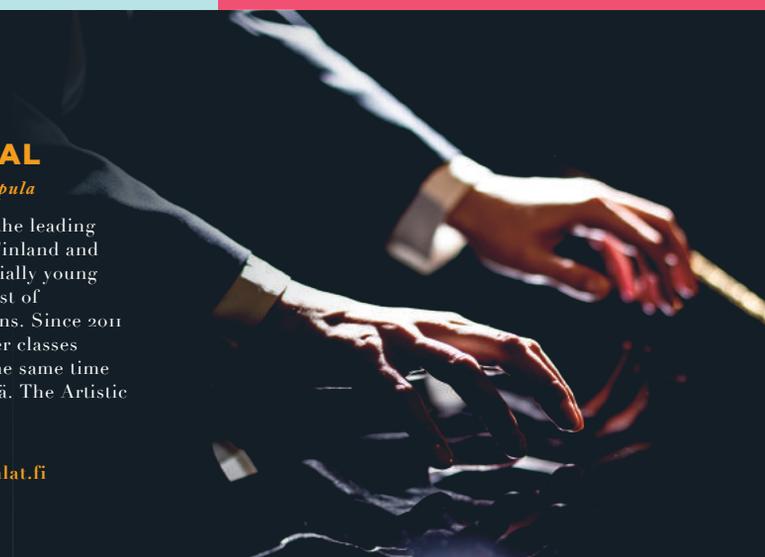
www.tapsantahdit.fi

MÄNTTÄ MUSIC FESTIVAL

4.–8.8.2020, *Mänttä-Vilppula*

Mänttä Music Festival is the leading annual piano festival in Finland and it seeks to promote especially young pianist generation in midst of international top musicians. Since 2011 international piano master classes have been organized at the same time with the festival in Mänttä. The Artistic Director of the festival is pianist Niklas Pokki.

www.mantanmusiikkijuhlat.fi



TAMPERE THEATRE FESTIVAL

3.–9.8.2020, Tampere

Tampere Theatre Festival is the oldest and the largest theatre festival in the Nordic countries, serving as a display window for the most interesting productions in Finnish theatre, and attracting leading international guests from all corners of the globe. Annually in the beginning of August Tampere becomes Finland's theatre capital as local and international performing arts troupes take over the city's stages and squares.

www.teatterikesa.fi



BLOCKFEST

21.-22.8.2020, Tampere

Blockfest is the biggest hip hop festival in the Nordic countries, and since the beginning in 2008, it has grown from a small club event to a festival with over 70000 visitors. Blockfest is also known for selling out each year in advance, already 12 years in a row. The programme features top names of national and international rap, r'n-b, and hip hop, and the festival has brought on stage dozens of world-famous artists such as Wu-Tang Clan, Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, Nas, ASAP Rocky, Wiz Khalifa, and Post Malone.

www.blockfest.fi



TAMPERRADA PINTXO FIESTA

17.-21.8.2020, Tampere

Tamperrada is a food festival presenting the culinary arts of the restaurants in Tampere. The event focuses on spanish 'pintxos', which are small, individually served finger snacks. Pintxos are an essential part of Basque culture, and after seven years of Tamperrada Pintxofiesta, Tampere has slowly gained reputation as the San Sebastian of Finland. More than 60 local restaurants take part in the competition for the best pintxo, and judges choose the winner evaluating three criteria: taste, aesthetics, and innovation.

www.tamperrada.fi

BACKLIGHT PHOTO FESTIVAL

June–October 2020, Tampere

The 16th Backlight Photo Festival examines the multiplicity of our world's realities and boosts discussion between art photography, science, and technology in photographic works and installations as well as augmented reality, virtual reality and multimedia projects. The themes of three main exhibitions are photography & space, related realities, and visual catalysts.

www.backlight.fi

WORLD OF TANGO

18.–20.9.2020, Tampere

World of Tango Festival is an international culture festival that takes place in the heart of Tampere. World of Tango is not only about tango but also a hub of many other styles of urban folk music such as jazz, folk and different styles of world music. The audience is invited to enjoy concerts and dance events, take part in tango lessons, visit art exhibitions, poetry events and seminars.

www.worldoftango.net

LOST IN MUSIC

October 2020, Tampere

"Every band wants to be found." Lost In Music takes over all central live venues and clubs of Tampere and showcases new and rising pop, hip hop, rock, indie and metal bands, not forgetting world music and experimental music. Lost In Music is a unique live music festival with its broad selection of cutting edge music unparalleled in Finland.

www.lostinmusic.fi

URJALA SOIKOON! CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

November 2020, Urjala

Urjala Soikoon! brightens up the darkening winter season with charming live music dinners, where classical chamber music is served alongside with delicious Finnish food. The festival's artistic director is violinist Teemu Kupiainen.

www.urjalasoikoon.fi



TAMPERE JAZZ HAPPENING

29.10.–1.11.2020, Tampere

Tampere Jazz Happening gathers together top names of international jazz and pioneers of the future. Since 1982, the festival has presented Finnish high-profile musicians as well as world-famous performers both on concert stages and in intimate club settings. The festival is renowned for its warm atmosphere and open-minded approach on modern jazz.

www.tamperejazz.fi



TAMPERE CHRISTMAS MARKET

December 2020, Tampere

Have a unique Christmas experience in Finland! Tampere Christmas Market is a cosy winter village in the middle of the city, where you can enjoy the merry atmosphere and live performances that raise your holiday spirits to the fullest. It is the place to introduce yourself with Finnish artists and artisans, find unique artworks, crafts and design products, and of course the best Christmas presents for the whole family! Enjoy a lovely cup of the Finns' favourite Christmas drink 'glögi', and the jingly charm of Christmas is most likely to find you here!

www.tampereenjoulutori.fi

CHRISTMAS TAMPERE

December 2020, Tampere

Every year, Christmas time in Tampere begins with a traditional opening ceremony that invites everyone to celebrate the happiest holiday season. The parade and other Christmas festivities are organized by Tampere Tunnetuksi – The Promoting Tampere Association, whose aim is to increase the visibility of Tampere and to revitalize the city center. In addition to Christmas Tampere, the association also organizes the Tampere Summer Season Opening in June.

www.tampereetunnetuksi.fi



TAMPERE REGION FESTIVALS

We are Tampere Region Festivals – a local network for professional cultural events. Since 2009, we have been developing the vitality, collaboration, and consciousness of culture festivals in the fields of music, theatre, dance, circus, literature, cinema, and the visual arts.

See you at the festivals!

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www.pirfest.fi

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