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Welcome To Culture And Arts Project NOASS

“Culture and Arts Project NOASS” is a creative intelligence association that is in the fifteenth year of its operating existence and is one of the oldest non-governmental arts and culture organizations in Latvia. NOASS’ goal is to participate in the formation of the Latvian and European cultural environment.

Mainly, we support the realization of contemporary arts projects in an urban environment, making art part of the daily lives of residents of Riga and visitors to the city. Furthermore, for several years now we have participated in the planning and programming of the contemporary arts forum, “White Night”, the annual “Riga City Festival” and the “International Museums Night”, as well as realizing a range of individual projects.

Besides project activities, NOASS runs the Naïve Art Museum of Latvia, Video Art Archive of Latvia, Artists in Residency Program and International Contemporary and Video Art Festival “Waterpieces”, thus interacting with various art genres and activities.

Venue: “NOASS” centre of activity is based at two river boat platforms, “BETANOVUSS” and “NOASS”. “NOASS” is a former pier and “BETANOVUSS” is a 197 m2 large floating stage with a 57 m2 amphitheatre where residents of Riga can see “small form” theatre exhibitions, contemporary dance performances and open air screenings. Situated next to the beautiful park of AB Dambis and with a panoramic view of the Old town and filling its venue with high-quality artistic content, NOASS holds the ambition to become one of the most popular places in Riga.



Welcome To Riga

Riga is already a venue for cultural events on an international scale, but in 2014 it's become the cultural epicentre of Europe. During its year as European Capital of Culture, hundreds of special events will take place - culture in the very broadest sense. 365 days a year, with a new understanding of culture as a positive force of change in people's lives. This year, cultural personalities are already warming up for Riga as European Capital of Culture 2014 with a variety of interesting events.

During 2014 everyone will be able to become acquainted with works and contributions of these personalities, as well as evaluate the marks on the modern Latvian music, fine arts, cinema and pop culture, as museums and other depositories will prepare special exhibitions and shows for this event trying to outclass one another in diversity to attract attention of the interested persons.

Guests of the city will be able to enjoy pearls of music performed by the world-renowned Latvian choirs, magnificent opera staging, modern art performances, popular music concerts, art exhibitions, grand national celebrations and many more events, which the guests can take part in.

More info: <http://www.liveriga.com/en/>

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Residencies

A residency in Riga offers a unique experience when it comes to discovering the cultural processes which are so characteristic of all 'Post-Soviet' era Eastern European countries. Experience has shown that the acclimatisation process which accompanies a residency in a new city full of contrasts invariably generates creative impulses which sooner or later manifest themselves in some form of artistic expression. Residents present their depiction of their sensations to the local public by giving it chance to view their city through the eyes of a stranger.

Hosting its previous residents has also proved to be a valuable experience for NOASS. Each artist possesses a unique character and interests and during their residencies, we've acquired a fresh view of the organisation's operations as a whole.

An important interactive aspect of the residency project is introducing the public to the latest developments in contemporary art – introducing the artist-in-residence to Latvia and the country's cultural and art scene.

In circumstances defined by social changes, direct personal contacts are the driving forces behind artistic process globally. We believe that the residencies we offer are a wonderful way of establishing these contacts, thus promoting cooperation between cultural practitioners and artists in the Baltic Sea region, as well as society as a whole.

These residencies will serve as a bridge for cooperation between cultural practitioners based in Latvia and their counterparts throughout the region.

For the artists' residence, we offer beautiful studio-type apartments in the city center of Riga. All studios are fully furnished and have wi-fi access.



More information about NOASS: www.noass.lv



What previous artists says about NOASS and Riga:

Emmi Valve (Finland) "After I came home, I was still very inspired and focused on my work for a long time. For me the best thing was to be able to spend a month by my self. I'm so happy for all the friends I made in Riga, people like that are priceless, and I hope that one day I can return all the favors. And the boathouse was what made my month so special. It was propably the best place for me to be in the whole town, and it gave me the perfect enviroment to just really concentrate on my ideas and art."

Jamie Rodrigues „The staff and communication was great. I was always taken care of and felt very safe. The staff made me feel at home and Riga felt like a home away from USA. NOASS is amazing, I suggest everyone who wants to travel and experience Baltic culture to visit Riga and artist to experience NOASS as a organization”

Miro Soares (Brasil) „I had a good impression that motivated me to do the residence. The city offers a good combination of landscape and nature, cultural activities, and friendly people to work and collaborate.”



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HOW TO GET TO NOASS

By public transport:

From the airport: buss 22 (buss stop Latvijas Nacionālā bibliotēka) or Taxi to AB Dambis. Taxi from the airport cost approximately 15 Euro.

From the coach/ train station: tram 2, 4, 5, 10 (buss stop Latvijas Nacionālā bibliotēka) Night Buses N3, N8 (direction Latvijas Nacionālā bibliotēka); buss 3., 4., 4z, 7., 8., 22., 25., 30., 32., 35., 38., 39., 43., 54., 55. (buss stop Latvijas Nacionālā bibliotēka);

From the buss or tram stop follow the Kuģu street until “Radison BLU hotel Daugava”, from where you will see AB Dambis – the park and NOASS and Betanovuss.

Information about public transports in Riga: www.rigassatiksme.lv

Walking: Direction from Riga center – crossing Stone bridge (Akmens tilts) on the right side, first stairs down lead to the AB dam/ park where on the left side you can see galleria BETANOVUSS and NOASS.

Good to know!

You must buy your own bus/tram tickets (e-talon) before taking a ride; they can be brought at Narvesen kiosks located all over the city. Price for one ride e-talon is 0.70 euro or buy ticket 1.20 euro in transport. Can be brought with different number of rides.



CONTACTS

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Great Places To Visit In Riga (art and culture)

1.kim?-Contemporary Art Centre resides in a red 19th-century brick warehouse located near the Riga Central Market. The name of kim? is no less than an abbreviation of an insistent question "what is art?" ("kas ir māksla?" in Latvian). Organization is offering a certain range of activities such as exhibitions, lectures, discussions, a library, publications and other events related to recent art, theory and social issues. Address: Maskavas iela1

2.Riga Art Space-Latvian and European 20th and 21st century art exhibitions. Address: Kungu iela 3

3.Rigas Galerija-Riga Gallery represents the most outstanding Latvian contemporary artists Address:Aspazijas bulv. 20

4.Galerija Istaba-an art gallery, a shop and restaurant in one place, that place is given a special, free, creative and even a bohemian atmosphere. Address: K. Barona iela 31a

5.Contemporary Art Centre- is an internationally active non-governmental culture organization that offers an independent perspective on current topics and recent historical events through the looking glass of art. Address: Alberta iela13

6.Riga Museum of Decorative Arts and Design- is established as a museum of Latvian professional decorative applied art,

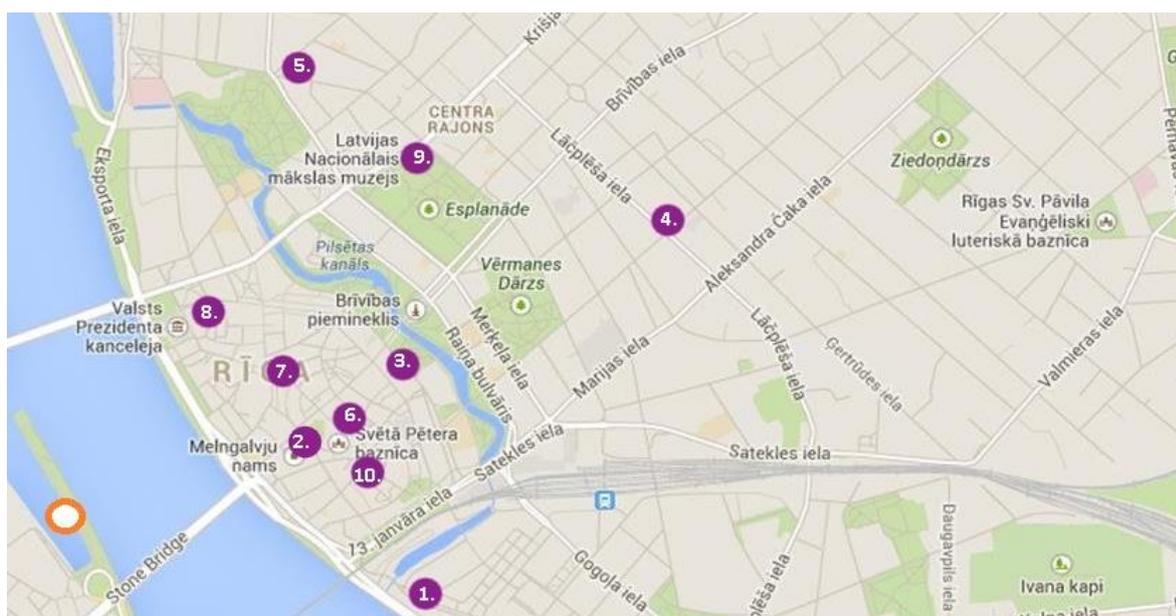
which preserves predominantly art works and „one off” design objects created by Latvian artists. Address: Skārņu iela 10/20

7.Art Museum Riga Bourse-The museum wants to be a point of contact between East and West as well as for dialogue between the classical and the contemporary in the sense of both exhibits and form of perception. Another aspect of the new museum is harmony between the acquisition of knowledge and recreation as well as the breaking down of barriers between various forms of culture. Address: Doma laukums 6

8.Arsenals Museum of Arts-The Arsenāls Exhibition Hall is the largest art exhibition hall in Riga; it is housed in a significant architectural monument, an early 19th-century customs warehouse building or arsenal built in the late Russian Classicism style. Address:Torņu iela1

9.National Museum of Art-The Latvian National Museum of Art is the largest depository of professional art in Latvia. Address: Kr. Valdemara iela10a

10.Latvian Photography Museum-The Latvian Museum of Photography is the only museum in Riga devoted to photography. The museum is a division of the Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation. Address: Marstalu iela 8



Great Places To Visit In Riga (leisure and entertainment)

1. "Teātra bārs" – You might sume that theatre bars are extinct. In Latvia they are most certainly not. The leading Riga theatre bar also doubles up as a restaurant and is full of very clever, thoughtful people who often dress rather differently from the mainstream crowd. The terrace is great to sit on in warm summer days. Address: Lacplesa iela 26

2. Kaņepes Kultūras centrs – Just step of the busy street of "Brivibas" into the quiet street of "Skolas" to find a new performing arts venue, café and music/social place "Kaņepes Kultūras Centrs" (or "Cannabis Culture Center" in English). In terms of drinks, you can get a variety of local and French ciders and good local beers. In general, this is a great place to hang out in the middle of Riga town center with an interesting crowd. Address: Skolas iela 15

3. I love you - I Love You bar is located in the heart of the Old Town. It is a two story music store, cafe, bar and club. During the weekend loud indie music parties take place, if you are wondering where to enjoy not-radio type of music – this is the spot. Address: Aldaru 9

4. Chomsky – Named in honor of the well-known American activist, philosopher and linguist Noam Chomsky, "Chomsky" bar is a new addition to other hipster places in Riga.

Great and interesting interior with everything inside being very bohemian and hip. Address: Lacplesa iela 68

5. "Coffee Inn" – good coffee, amazing cookies, great atmosphere, special weekly offers and great open Wi-Fi. Address: All over the City

6. Vieta - comics, fashion accessories and good people. This is the PLACE where you need to be. Address: Valdemara 61

7. Miit – this place is all about bicycles, a combination of a shop, cafe, workroom and a parking space. It's a cozy place with wooden ceiling, fixed gear bicycles here and there (on the walls, in the corners) and a public who prefer bikes to other kinds of transport. It's a place to have lunch (12:00 – 16:00) or just to hang around. To experience those fantastic pancake Saturday mornings from 12:00 till 16:00. Adress: Lapcpleša iela 10

8. Get Smart – this cafe claimed to be the smartest cafe in town. With its turquoise walls, old flagging, large windows and some antique decors, candlelight and super comfy chairs, it makes a cozy and romantic atmosphere. Address: Lacplesa iela 43/45

9. Mojo bārs- cozy and creative atmosphere, Mojo walls is full of artist exhibitions and in the basement there is music with heart. Address: Pils 7

10. Nabaklab- nabaklab provides different zones in one united club thus anyone can satisfy their needs. Two stages, a vintage shop, sandwich club for hungry ones and a smokers lounge in the courtyard. Nabaklab hosts loud music parties, DJ performances, music and movie nights and other events worth visiting. Address: Zigfrida Annas Meierovica Bulvaris 12

11. Krogs Aptieka - "Pharmacy bar", Medieval brick walls, medicinal tinctures and scales, tables embedded with capsules and pills and painted silhouettes of old-fashioned bottles on two floors are a clever combination of old and new and the perfect backdrop for a night of cocktails and beers. The bar also provides a smoking courtyard, summer terrace and a free CD jukebox that offers anything from Johnny Cash and the Rolling Stones to the Sex Pistols and Metallica. Address: Maza Miesnieku 1

12. Gauja - cafe/bar Gauja offers you a chance to experience a real feeling of the 80s Soviet flat. Everything inside, starting from wall paintings or furniture, vinyl players, books or pictures on the walls are very retro. Every now and then Gauja provides space for art, music or even poetry events. Address: Terbatas 56



13.Greenwood - wants to make all their visitors dancing and give them rest from everyday life. A special corner with table games, a huge bar table, pile of magazines – all that you can find in Greenwood.

Address: Kramu iela 3 (entrance on Jaunielas)

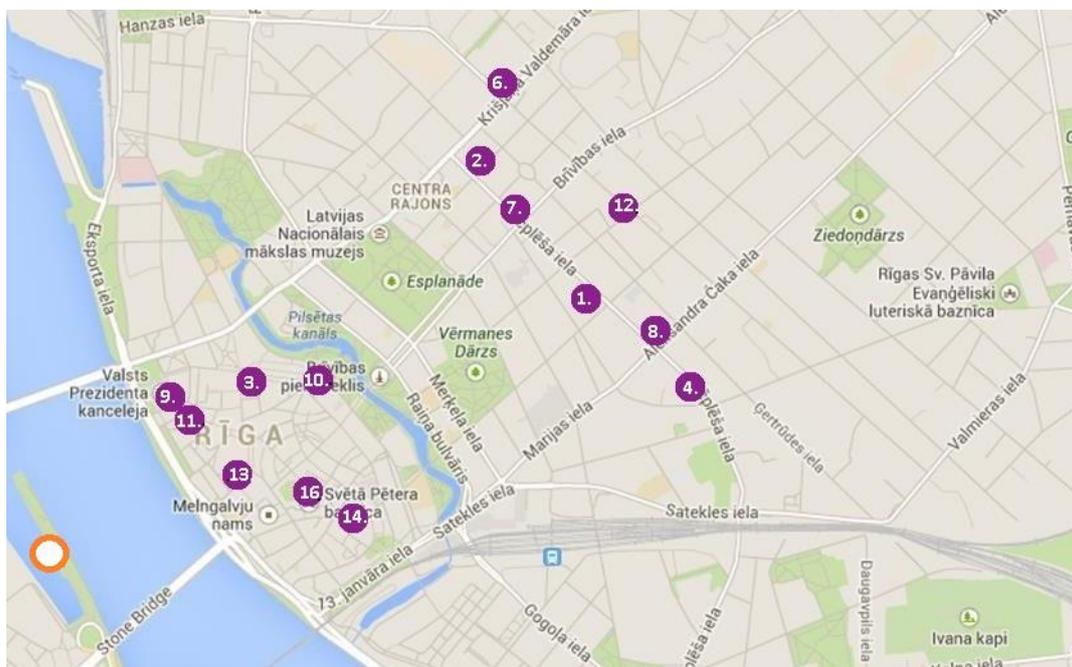
14.Omes briljants - Granny's Diamond is a place where you have real feeling from times when there was only black and white TV's in bar corners and all the walls was full with paintings. The interior is chic and retro with lots of private niches, old couches, multi-coloured lamps and

even a ceramic chandelier above the bar that looks like it was stolen from your granny's living room. Wide variety of cocktails as well as Czech and Latvian brews on draught. Address: Audeju 7

15.Cuba – Jump into atmosphere of real Cuban party with Latino music, Cuban drinks “caipirinhas”, “caipirovskas” and “caipirissimos”. This “place with character” is located right in the center of the Old Town on the Riga Dome Square next to the famous Riga Dome Cathedral.

“Cuba Cafe” is a right place to listen to Caribbean and Latin music, dance some salsa and have some real Cuban cocktails. Address: Janiela 15

16.Coco Loco - offers its visitors to enjoy a great lunch and evening cocktails, feel the sea of drinks and music in formats ranging from typical Jamaican reggae and club sounds, rhythms of Balkan style and even alternative rock, not forgetting funk, big beat, positively charged drum'n'bass and other fun. Address: Peterbazicos iela 17



Good to know!

The weather can be very changing, so bring your rain jacket and something warm with you.

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Emergency: 112