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SMOQUA FESTIVAL OF QUEER AND FEMINIST CULTURE [KITCHEN]
23 - 25 MAY
RIJEKA, VARIOUS LOCATIONS
Learn more about queer and feminist culture through performances, an exhibition, video screenings and other interactive events: panel discussions, workshops and public interventions. The theme of the festival is norm, normativity, normalcy.
Organiser: LORI Association

EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURS’ DAY [27 NEIGHBOURHOODS]
24 MAY
The 27 Neighbourhoods flagship celebrates this day by honouring the somewhat forgotten tradition of sending postcards, at an event called “Greetings from...”. The selected photos on the postcards address issues that are important for the community in various ways and are sent to various addresses across Croatia and Europe.

FUTURE ARCHITECTURE PLATFORM [SWEET & SALT]
28 MAY – SEPTEMBER
DELTALAB
The Future Architecture Platform is an international network that organises the “Publishing Acts” conference (28-30 May), the “Lisbon Acts” exhibition (28 May – 8 June) and the release of the “Publishing Acts” publication (September).
Organiser: DeltaLab / University of Rijeka

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL RELATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION – EUROPE, THE WORLD, CROATIA CONFERENCE [CULTURAL DIPLOMACY]
30 – 31 MAY
CAMPUS / RIHUB
The promotion of culture as a vital element of international relations of the European Union is one of the three main pillars/ objectives of the first European Agenda for Culture. Numerous Croatian and international experts, cultural professionals, diplomats and other guests will discuss various aspects of cultural cooperation, international relations and cultural diplomacy with the conference participants placing a special emphasis on the role of Croatia and the potential of projects such as the European Capital of Culture Organisers: Miko Tripalo Centre for Democracy and Law, Rijeka 2020 and the University of Rijeka in cooperation with the Culturelink/IRMO network and the Cultural Policy Observatory, France.

THE FURIOZA CYCLE: ANNA CALVI IN CONCERT [KITCHEN]
23 MAY
PARK OF THE GOVERNOR’S PALACE
Anna Calvi’s concert performance will be the first of many to present women musicians as part of the Furioza Cycle. This emotional songwriter and virtuoso guitarist is coming to Rijeka to promote her third album “Hunter”.
The Furioza Cycle, which takes place in unusual locations in Rijeka, showcases music by women musicians who push boundaries, challenge genres and construct new and exciting musical worlds.

POP-UP WORKSHOPS ELECTRO FURDA – SECOND-HAND MINIMALISM [DOPOLAVORO]
18 – 19 MAY
ZAMET AND ŠKURINJE
The Electro furda programme will hit the streets and squares with the aim of engaging citizens of all ages, interests and skills in pop-up workshops, where they can learn how to do their own repairs, various hacking methods and how to make basic electronic circuits.
Organiser: Drugo more

THE FURIOZA CYCLE: ANNA CALVI IN CONCERT [KITCHEN]
PERFORMANCE STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL
PRECONFERENCE (PSI)
[SEASONS OF POWER]
2 - 7 JUNE
RIHUB / CAMPUS
PSI is an international association of scientists, university professors and artists working in the field of performing arts and related studies. Over the course of this preconference they will discuss the topic and programme of the PSI annual world conference, which will take place in Rijeka in 2020 as part of the ECoC programme. During the preconference, the participants will deliver lectures and presentations to the public at RiHub and students of the University of Rijeka in particular. Organiser: Croatian Writers Society ●

BOOKMOBILE FESTIVAL
[CHILDREN’S HOUSE]
7 - 8 JUNE
KORZO / CITY HALL
Rijeka will host the 14th round-table discussion on mobile libraries and the 8th Bookmobile Festival, which will showcase Croatian and international bookmobiles. Organiser: Rijeka City Library ●

TOBOGAN FESTIVAL
[CHILDREN’S HOUSE]
26 JUNE – 10 JULY
RIJEKA, VARIOUS LOCATIONS
The idea behind the Tobogan Festival is expressed in its subtitle “active holidays for children”, offering something completely different from the blistering asphalt and the boring empty city during the summer holidays. We are working on the Slide Festival with children and not just for them. The festival includes a number of children’s workshops and enticing programmes in various areas of the city. Organisers: RIIJEKA 2020, Art-kino, Rijeka City Library, City Puppet Theatre, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art and the Benčić Youth Council in cooperation with the Rijeka Academy of Applied Arts, ArtMašina, Youth Centre, Malik Theatre Workshop, Rijeka Natural History Museum and the Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral in Rijeka. ●

RoUm INCLUSIVE DESIGN WORKSHOPS [KUHINJA]
JUNE & SEPTEMBER
REUSE CENTRE
RoUm is a social enterprise run by the Romani people and artists that employs inclusive design to repurpose waste into sculptures and art for public spaces in order to protect the environment and change the perception of waste and our attitude towards physical objects. Organiser: Propuh ●

2nd RIIJEKA MEDIA LITERACY DAYS
[CHILDREN’S HOUSE]
1 - 5 JULY
ART-KINO
Lectures and practical exercises on the topic of media culture, with a special emphasis on film. The programme is primarily aimed at primary and secondary school teachers as well all film aficionados. Organiser: Art-kino ●
VLADO MARTEK: EXHIBITION WITH MULTIPLE TITLES [SEASONS OF POWER]
12 JULY - 8 SEPTEMBER
MUSEUM OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART
The first retrospective exhibition in Rijeka by Vlado Martek, an artist best known for his visual experiments with poetry, will elucidate his viewpoints from the 70s and his connection with the legendary Group of Six Authors. Organiser: Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

SAILOR – SOUND CARBURETTOR 2019 [SWEET&SALT]
26 JULY
TORPEDO – LAUNCHING RAMP
Damir Martinović Mrle will premiere his prototype scientific research and art piece “Sound Carburettor”. Experience the activation of a unique pump and witness the creation of a new musical form. Organiser: Sound Lovers’ Club

CIKLUS FURIOZA: TORPEDO ONE PARTY – ELENA COLOMBI [KITCHEN]
6-8 SEPTEMBER
TORPEDO – LAUNCHING RAMP
The second Torpedo One Party will get down on three floors and, in addition to inviting a slew of music selectors to Rijeka, it will also bring the renowned Italian DJ Elena Combi, who will put her “anarchic” musical taste on display. Organiser: Rijeke 2020 & Club Crkva

PORTO ETNO – WORLD MUSIC AND GASTRONOMY FESTIVAL [KITCHEN]
6 - 8 SEPTEMBER
Riječka Rezolucija Square / 128. Brigade HV Square / Croatian National Theatre Ivan Pl. Zajc / City Market
Rhythms, chants, flavours and scents from various cultures across the globe will make Rijeka the centre of global culture in the first weekend of September. What better example of Rijeka’s multicultural collage than these approximately one-hundred musicians and 15 cuisines from all over the world. Organiser: Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

ART INCUBATOR BY UNREAL CITIES: MAKE A MOVE [KITCHEN]
10 - 19 SEPTEMBER
RIHUB
A ten-day art lab in Rijeka, at which artists from the Unreal Cities collective (partners) and artists selected through calls for tenders for the Make a Move project will, in cooperation with 10 local/regional artists, work at specific locations in Rijeka. Organiser: Creative Contemporary Dance Laboratory KRILA

D’ANNUNZIO’S MARTYR EXHIBITION / L’OLOCAUSTA DI D’ANNUNZIO [SEASONS OF POWER]
12 SEPTEMBER 2019 – FEBRUARY 2021
MARITIME AND HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CROATIAN LITTORAL RIJEKA
Forming part of the pre-programme of the “Borders – Between Order and Chaos”, this exhibition commemorates the 100th anniversary of d’Annunzio’s occupation of Rijeka by personifying the city as a woman and alluding to his many mistresses, who were left physically and emotionally drained after he ended their relationship, just like the city of Rijeka. Organiser: Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral Rijeka

SAILOR SWEET&SALT MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019 [SWEET&SALT]
26 JULY
BREAKWATER
The second edition of the music festival with its unique stage experience brings renowned musicians to Rijeka, such as Josipa Lisac, Mr. Lee & Ivanesky, Chiu, The Siids and Mrave Brojim. Organiser: Sound Lovers’ Club

EXHIBITION BY TADEJ POGAČAR: CODE: RED Rijeka [KITCHEN]
6 SEPTEMBER – 6 OCTOBER
MALI SALON
The artist and curator Tadej Pogačar considered the status of sex workers; their rights, self-organisation and survival tactics in the age of neoliberalism. Organiser: Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE RISK CHANGE
[KITCHEN]
26 SEPTEMBER – 10 NOVEMBER
MUSEUM OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART
In the fourth exhibition “episode” of the Risk Change project, we will once again deal with one of the most controversial phenomena of today: migration processes. Organiser: Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art.

DIVERSITY MIXER CONFERENCE
[KITCHEN]
SEPTEMBER
RIHDU
This conference will provide answers to questions such as: Who works in the wider sector of today’s cultural and creative industries and what kind of content do they produce? Are there policies and practices that could improve the working process and content production in order to accommodate the diverse societies in which we live?

IVANA FRANKE, TOMMY GRÖNLUND & PETTERI NISUNEN: ART INTERVENTIONS IN THE PUBLIC SPACE
[SWEET&SALT]
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
An art installation by Ivana Franke (HR), Tommi Grönlund (FIN) and Petteri Nisunen (FIN) that creates visual sensations surpassing our sensory capacity by entwining graphics, sculptures, architecture, motions and sounds with mathematics, optics, physics and neuroscience. Organiser: Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art.

IETM NETWORK PLENARY SESSION [CLASSROOM]
24 – 27 OCTOBER
RIJEKA, VARIOUS LOCATIONS
In October, Rijeka will host the central plenary session of the International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts (IETM), which focuses on the relationship between the audience and artist. We expect almost 500 artists, performers, cultural professionals, producers and cultural managers from across the globe to come to Rijeka.

AUTHORIAL BORAS – PRESENTATION OF THE SHORT STORY COLLECTION
[LUNGOMARE]
OCTOBER
Presentation of the collection of 16 original short stories written at the literary residences in Kvarner as part of preparations for the Lungomare flagship.
ECoC AT THE PUPPET THEATRE
REVUE [CHILDREN’S HOUSE]
4 - 10 NOVEMBER
RIJEKA CITY PUPPET THEATRE / CROATIAN HOUSE OF CULTURE IN SUŠAK
This traditional international puppetry festival plans to present a special ECoC programme in 2019 comprising international shows, interactive programmes and workshops and presentations.
Organiser: City Puppet Theatre

GORAN PETERCOL:
RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION
[SEASONS OF POWER]
22 NOVEMBER 2019 – 10 JANUARY 2020
MUSEUM OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART
Goran Petercol continues to create the illusion that his art stems from a position of rejecting conventions. However, the exhibition will show that it is primarily a question of “never meeting expectations”.
Organiser: Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

MINORITY LITERATURES REVUE:
EGYPT [KITCHEN]
1 - 10 DECEMBER
ART-KINO / MUSEUM OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART
A literary festival that presents contemporary authors from Egypt through publishing anthologies with translations in Croatian as well as public discussions and readings. The programme is dedicated to intercultural exchange with an emphasis on the Mediterranean Basin.
Organiser: Kulturtreger

VIOLINS ABOVE ORDERS –
AN HOMMAGE TO KRESNIK,
GUARNERI AND STRADIVARI
[SEASONS OF POWER]
6 DECEMBER 2019 – FEBRUARY 2021
MARITIME AND HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CROATIAN LITTORAL RijeKA
The 150th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Franjo Kresnik, a citizen of Europe, a man without borders and one of the greatest experts on violin craftsmanship in Cremona, whose violins rank amongst the best with Guarneri and Stradivari, will be celebrated as part of the pre-programme of the “Borders – Between Order and Chaos” exhibition.
Organiser: Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral Rijeka

BALTHAZAR’S HURRICANE
[CHILDREN’S HOUSE / SWEET & SALT]
BREAKWATER
At the end of the year, the ship Hurricane will embark from the Rijeka breakwater on the first part of its journey to Balthazar Town, while the ship’s interactive installations will shift the attention of passers-by from the ship to the panorama of the city and vice versa. Alongside the interventions on the Hurricane, the goal is to render the view of the city as closely as possible to the psychedelic aesthetics of the animated series Professor Balthazar, with the ship doubling as a venue for the Slide festival programmes.

AND THAT’S NOT ALL – RIHUB
ALL YEAR ROUND
Twice a month RiHub presents RETOX examples of good citizenship; GREEN WORKSHOPS – developing practical personal skills in the area of recycling, environment and life in an urban ecosystem, CIVIL INITIATIVES AND GREEN WAVE – citizens’ projects awarded through calls for tenders that will fill the squares, parks and cultural spaces with content by the citizens for other citizens. The aim is to develop a sense of togetherness through creative projects, collaborative workshops and the discussion of social and environmental changes. In December we will commemorate the end of the programme by presenting all the projects, activities and results achieved.
COWORKING – RiHub opens its doors to all cultural and creative professionals without sufficient workspace.
This is only a small portion of the 2020 programme. The full programme will be announced in autumn 2019. Dates may be changed. For updated information, please visit our website www.rijeka2020.eu

OPENING OF THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE
1 FEBRUARY 2020
A specifically devised and distinctively Rijeka programme opens the year of the European Capital of Culture celebration. Water, labour and migrations in the Port of Diversity are the central themes of this programme, whose content remains top secret. ●

2020 CARNIVAL PARADE
23. FEBRUARY 2020
The main carnival parade in 2020 will feature special guest groups from various European cities. ●
27 NEIGHBOURHOODS
FROM FEBRUARY 2020
A unique project that includes 27 neighbourhoods in Primorje-Gorski Kotar County. Each neighbourhood creates an independent programme and connects with a neighbourhood in one of the other 27 EU countries. A series of events in neighbourhoods will kick off during carnival time and last throughout the year. ●

BALTHAZAR TOWN
[CHILDREN’S HOUSE]
APRIL – DECEMBER 2020
A series of programmes that connect Rijeka and Balthazar Town through the vistas and atmosphere of Rijeka, which inspired the scenography of the popular cartoon and values fostered by Professor Balthazar, such as non-violent problem-solving, altruism, helping others, science and creativity. Watch Rijeka become Balthazar Town with us. ●

LUNGOMARE –
ART INSTALLATIONS
FROM JUNE 2020
A series of 10 permanent contemporary art installations inspired by Kvarner and set up across 10 locations on the coast and islands of Kvarner. Contemporary art leaves the museums and meets local communities. The installations, whose creators are renowned artists, designers and architects from Croatia, Europe, Japan and Chile and which have been selected by the Czech curator Michal Koleček, evoke traditions and stories that are important to local communities. Their value is functional as well as aesthetic, since some will be transformed into areas to relax, playgrounds and spaces for conversing and learning. Lungomare tells stories that you won’t find in your run-of-the-mill tourist brochures and you can start exploring them from any location you wish. On the coast: at the entrance to Brseč, on the hiking trail overlooking Lovranska Draga, at the square in Volosko, at the Rijeka Fish Market, at Grčevo Beach in the Rijeka neighbourhood Pećine, at Svežanj Beach in Žurkovo in Kostrena or in the park in the centre of Crikvenica. Or on the islands: at the pier in Lopar on Rab, above Baška on Krk or at Vela Riva in Mali Lošinj. ●

ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN PLANNING INTERVENTIONS
[SWEET & SALT]
The Sweet & Salt flagship centres on the conceptualisation and revival of the underused yet fascinating and alluring part of the city in the very heart of Rijeka. This is an area that follows the Rječina River (fresh/sweet) before it flows into the sea (salt), hence the name of the flagship. The area will be the site of an array of architectural and urban planning interventions prompted by explorations of the area. These will include the Multiconfessional Pavilion Ekumena at the Delta and the urban zip line, while other locations such as the Exportdvno hall and the IVEX building, the ship Hurricane at Molo Longo, the terrace of the skyscraper in Kozala and the Školjić zone will be temporarily repurposed. ●

DAVID MALJKOVIĆ: WITH THE COLLECTION
31 JANUARY – 20 APRIL 2020
The exhibition by David Maljković, one of the most relevant artists on the global contemporary art scene, will begin the first in a host of large-scale exhibitions at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in 2020. ●

TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
[SEASONS OF POWER]
PREMIERES ON 22 FEBRUARY 2020
This romantic three-act opera is directed by the renowned American director Anna Bogart and is the most important work of Richard Wagner’s extensive reformative opus. ●
ALL THE GOOD BY THE THEATRE TROUPE NEEDCOMPANY
[SEASONS OF POWER]
PREMIERES ON 3 MARCH 2020
A love story with a two-fold autobiographical background that takes place at a time where Europe has sacrificed its values and hate has become the prevalent emotion.

BURNING WATER
PREMIERES ON 23 MARCH 2020
This ballet choreographed by Andonis Fondinakis deals with the contradictory nature of water and the adaptation of the human body to the presence of water as well as its effect on the human soul.

THE SEA IS GLOWING
[DOPOLAVORO]
MARCH – JULY 2020
An exhibition of works by contemporary artists using a variety of media to study the phenomena of work and free time, which are rapidly changing under the influence of technology. In addition to the central exhibition dedicated to the sea, there are also a number of independent exhibitions and entertainment programmes in the public space.

POWER & ARCHITECTURE
[SWEET&SALT]
APRIL – OCTOBER 2020
The exhibition explores and examines the history of the Rijeka region, the exciting expansion of the city and its volatile development at the crossroads of politics and economics, infrastructure and nature, the environment and technology. It analyses the roles of unique individuals who played a pivotal role in the development of the city, while identifying and exploring the various manifestations of common ground arising from the multiethnic and multicultural urban permeation.

BORDERS – BETWEEN ORDER AND CHAOS [SEASONS OF POWER]
MAY 2020 – FEBRUARY 2021
This exhibition by the Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral will be displayed at the Governor’s Palace in Rijeka and as part of the displaced museum collections of the Kastav Region in Kastav and the Lipa Remembers Memorial Centre in Lipa. The exhibition deals with the definition of borders, the reasons for erecting them, the nature of borders in the past and the issue of their necessity.

RIJEKA FESTIVAL OF THE EUROPEAN SHORT STORY AND HAY FESTIVAL [KITCHEN]
31 MAY – 5 JUNE 2020
Under the motto “Port of Diversity” Rijeka will welcome short story writers from all over the world. This festival edition will see filmmakers and writers collaborating, with the latter also taking on the role of chefs and football players. The Hay Festival will host authors from 28 countries, who will envision the future of the world together.

TOBOGAN FESTIVAL: ACTIVE HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN [CHILDREN’S HOUSE]
26 JUNE – 10 JULY 2020
An unforgettable opening ceremony spectacle and a variety of creative and fun activities, a true summer adventure in which everyone will be happy to participate.
KLIMT UNKNOWN: LOVE, DEATH, ECSTASY
14 JULY – 14 OCTOBER 2020
This exhibition at the Rijeka City Museum showcases two juxtaposed worlds, young vs. mature Klimt and academia vs. revolution.

PORTO ETNO – WORLD MUSIC AND GASTRONOMY FESTIVAL [KITCHEN]
3-6 SEPTEMBER 2020
Orchestras, soloists, chefs and tasters from around the world, as well as traditional cuisines of minorities in outdoor locations in Rijeka with a sea view.

THE MOTION PICTURE IS ALIVE, DEDICATED TO NAN HOOVER
15 OCTOBER – 20 DECEMBER 2020
A group exhibition dedicated to the neo-avant-garde artist Nan Hoover and her pioneering work in media art.

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