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    November, 2018
VILNIUS BOOK FAIR  
(February 22-25, 2018)

The biggest book fair in the Baltic countries with over 60,000 visitors and 350 exhibitors. The theme in 2018: READING LITHUANIA – READING THE WORLD. The Vilnius Book Fair is a great opportunity to assess how the country and the people of Lithuania are changing, how they lived and live, and which Lithuanian and world authors, personalities and texts have influenced them over the last hundred years.

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VILNIUS FILM FESTIVAL  
KINO PAVASARIS  
(March 15-29, 2018)

The Vilnius International Film Festival (Vilnius IFF) Kino pavasaris, now in its 23rd year, is the largest cinematic event in the country. It is known and loved for its high-quality film programme and rich accompanying package of cinema-related events, workshops, industry events and special initiatives.

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BIRŠTONAS JAZZ FESTIVAL  
(March 23-25, 2018)

The biannual Birštonas international jazz festival is traditionally held on the last weekend in March in the cosy resort of Birštonas. Begun more than 35 years ago in 1980, it is the oldest festival in Lithuania and the most outstanding showcase of Lithuanian jazz.

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During the 20 years of its existence, the International Contemporary Dance Festival, New Baltic Dance, has grown into one of the most prestigious dance festivals in the Baltic Sea region, with a rich international and Lithuanian dance programme. More than 170 companies from 25 countries are scheduled to participate in the festival.

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www.newbalticdance.lt

DESIGN WEEK LITHUANIA is an annual event that presents innovative and functional design solutions and highlights the value of good design. Artwork, concepts and products in various forms are exhibited. Taking place in six Lithuanian towns - Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai, Telšiai and Anykščiai - the week provides an opportunity for both established and new designers to showcase their work. The programme includes exhibits, creative workshops and conferences.

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ARTVILNIUS is the only contemporary art fair in Lithuania and the largest art fair in Eastern Europe. ARTVILNIUS, which had its start in 2009, was one of the most important events in the Vilnius – European Capital of Culture project. Over the last eight years, the art fair has expanded and become firmly established on the local and international art scene, as well as on the list of must-visit events for art lovers.

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Its primary emphasis is on classical music performed by established soloists, ensembles and symphony orchestras from around the world, but the Vilnius Festival also continues to promote contemporary Lithuanian music by commissioning new large-scale works and also offers a platform for jazz and musical theatre.

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The goal of the exhibition at the National Gallery of Art (NGA) is to highlight Lithuanian design objects as signs of modernization during three distinct periods: interwar Lithuania, the Soviet period, and contemporary independent Lithuania. The exhibition will be accompanied by a comprehensive catalogue.

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Kaunas Photo is the longest-running annual photographic art festival in the Baltic States. Since 2004, it has taken place every September in the second-largest Lithuanian town of Kaunas. Although it is the prime event of art photography in Lithuania, Kaunas Photo does not solely focus on Lithuanian photography. Its programs and projects, such as the exhibition and book, Generation '74. 11 European Photographers Born in 1974, feature a vast menu of internationally acclaimed photographers.

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http://festival.kaunasphoto.com
Since 2004, the festival has presented works by a new generation of European directors and continues to do so. A no less important aim of the festival is to showcase recent developments in Lithuanian theatre.

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Founded in 1987, Vilnius Jazz is the oldest annual jazz festival held in Vilnius. It is an exceptional event in Lithuania, providing a broad perspective on contemporary trends in jazz from all over the world. Over the years Vilnius Jazz has earned a reputation as a radical avant-garde festival oriented towards novelty and limit-stretching creativity.

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The annual literary festival Druskininkai Poetic Fall was first organized in 1990 by the Druskininkai Poetic Fall organization in partnership with the Lithuanian PEN centre. Druskininkai Poetic Fall is an international event attended not only by Lithuanian poets and critics, including émigrés, but also by guests from other countries.

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<td>GAIDA</td>
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<td>The GAIDA Festival has been taking place in Vilnius since 1991 and is the largest and most prominent festival of contemporary music in the Baltic countries. It features contemporary and experimental music projects and contemporary music theatre of the highest artistic quality. Email: <a href="mailto:vytautas@vilniusfestivals.lt">vytautas@vilniusfestivals.lt</a>; <a href="http://www.vilniusfestivals.lt">www.vilniusfestivals.lt</a></td>
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