

Roma Festival Khamoro a Fountain of Music and Dance

Prague music clubs, galleries, theatres and streets will burst forth with music and dance. Between 28th May and 6th June, Prague holds the 14th year of the gypsy festival Khamoro. The event features many music and theatre performances, a concert by the host band Nightwork, expert speakers, a fashion show and a colourful parade of performing artists through Prague.

One of the biggest attractions of the festival is the fashion show by the famous designer Osman Laffita, who originally comes from Cuba. However, the main part of the festival still lies in its rich offering of music. On Tuesday and Wednesday, visitors can enjoy excellent Gypsy Jazz in Jazz Dock. Other than that they can also look forward to Fapy Lafertin from Belgium and Netherlands, and to the band Sonnekai, whose members are descendants of Django Reinhardt.



With Roma musicians across Europe

On Thursday and Friday the music programme in ROXY will feature traditional Gypsy music from various parts of the world. The Czech Republic will be represented by the Roma band Cindži Renta from Český Krumlov who will perform alongside European bands from as far afield as Spain to Russia, such as Urs Karpatz, Kočani Orkestar, Nikolay Verbitsky, Romathan, Stevan Familić or Carmen Fernandez. More than 250 performing musicians will appear together in the ceremonial parade that will pass through the centre of Prague 6 on Thursday at noon.

Organisers don't forget serious topics

"The Khamoro Festival is not only about music. Every year its programme offers a rich accompanying programme as well," points out Jelena Siladžićová, who is the director of the civic association Slovo 21 that organises the event. Visitors can look forward to two exhibitions from the collection of the Museum of Roma Culture in Brno. The first one will take them to the world of Roma craft, the second one is devoted to oil paintings by Míla Doleželova. The National Theatre will present the play My Neighbour, My Enemy, and the project Open for Everything. The Khamoro festival also includes the two-day specialised seminar called Developing Trends of the Anti-Gypsy Movement in Modern Europe

For more information, visit www.khamoro.cz.