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Pages 10 to 28 of this booklet contain the latest information on the programme of events, until going to print. Use it to see what events are taking place in the various locations around Valletta. In page 11, locations are listed in alphabetical order to make your search easy. Each venue has been assigned a location number, which is also marked on the MAP to be found on page 10 of this booklet. On pages 12 to 28, you can find the programme of events by venue. The venue numbers follow a route through City Gate.

If you are interested in a particular genre of entertainment or activity, you may browse through the various sections of this booklet, which are colour-coded and arranged according to genre:

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- MUSIC**
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 - DANCE**
 - TOURS**
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Valletta is like Mona Lisa's mystic smile, with layers of secrets that attract you even more to it. Valletta is like an enchanting treasure hunt. The more you visit, the more you discover and uncover its hidden gems.

That is why Valletta never ceases to amaze people. It is an open museum, it is an open theatre, with different overtones during the day and night. And that is why it is very opportune to have events like the Notte Bianca - Lejl Imdawwal taking place in our City. These events bring out the true theatricality of the city – they enliven it even more.

Notte Bianca – Lejl Imdawwal is in its seventh edition. Seven years of producing a yearly magical event in our city, running late into the night, where people of all ages amalgamate to become part of the magical atmosphere.

Over 60 venues with a myriad of activities to choose from – some new and exciting ones like the 'Science in the City' events, from theatre performances to music and exhibitions related to Science, and diffused around Valletta.

Enjoy the splendour of our City whilst enjoying the journey into this year's edition of Notte Bianca.

Mario de Marco

Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, the Environment and Culture





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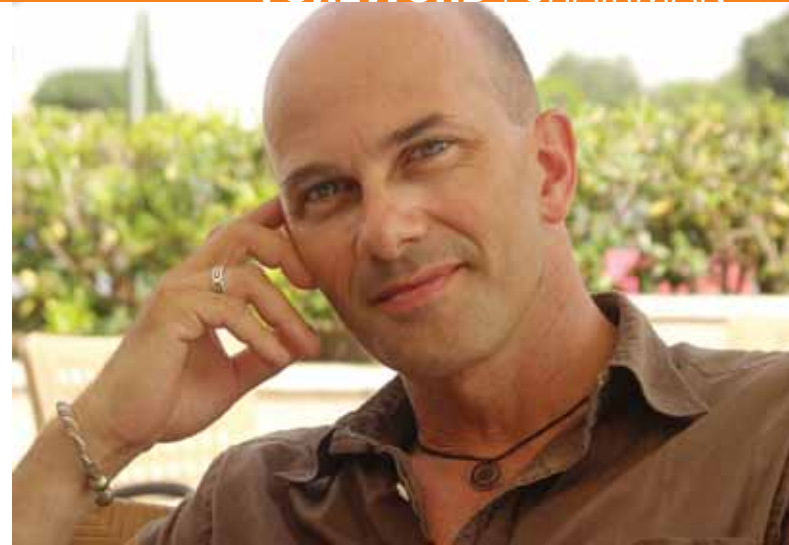
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Notte Bianca is undoubtedly Malta's busiest night as far as art and culture goes – a jam-packed night with over a hundred events, performances and cultural opportunities to choose from. Local artists and craftsmen look forward to this unique annual appointment when they can showcase their talents; cultural venues open their doors to a bewildered new audience.

Every year, locals and foreigners alike, flock to the Capital City for a new experience. Many children have their first taste of the fascinating world of art on this night. Some will have their first taste of a classical music concert, a historical re-enactment or an art exhibition. There is something for everyone at Notte Bianca.

Valletta is an evolving city and Notte Bianca is an opportunity to follow the transformation that has been taking place over the past year. Visitors will be able to view the new city entrance area taking shape, the new venues that have opened in town and experience the thrill of a vibrant city at its best.

We have often been told that this is how Valletta should be each and every night of the year, and this is the dream of all those who are becoming involved in the process leading up to Malta's bid to become the European Capital of Culture in 2018. Notte Bianca is proof that the city, and indeed our other towns and villages, have the potential to make the Maltese Islands a unique cultural destination.



Notte Bianca owes its success to the hundreds of artists who contribute their talents to the various activities, and hundreds of other people involved in the fields of Culture and the Arts. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all those who will bring the night of 29 September to life.

We invite you to come and celebrate all that makes up Maltese culture and witness the living arts in our wonderful capital city.

Adrian Mamo

Chairman – Malta Council for Culture and the Arts

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5 years ago we embarked on an adventure to create and evolve an event which had staked its pace in Malta two years previously. The event Notte Bianca has for the past 7 years changed drastically and I hope that our input was one which created spaces and opportunities.

For me Notte Bianca has always been about space: metaphorically and physically. The thousands of people that have participated over these years not only as performers but also as crew and visitors have in themselves become a community of "notte bianchisti!"

We look forward to this national event, an event which has in more ways than one become uniquely Maltese. No other "white night" involves so much in so little. I for one am grateful to the Valletta community and even though we differ in our football aspirations; we have a common passion for life, culture and colour.

This will be my last Notte Bianca for now... I hope that we have given you some wonderful memories, inspired you to start doing something, and engaged you in all our events.



This year in particular we would like you to take a piece of Notte Bianca with you home... a thought, a desire and wish that will help you live better, think better.

Thank you to all those who were an essential part of this 5 year journey.

Peter Busuttill
Artistic Director

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Are you a creative person seeking to further your talents and showcase your work? Would you like to find out about more cultural and artistic events in Malta? Or would you like to know the latest on the local cultural scene? Then the Malta Council for Culture & the Arts (MCCA) can help you.

Set up by a parliamentary act, the MCCA is an arm's-length agency of government whose mission is to promote Malta's culture through all forms of creative expressions, increase the accessibility of the public to the arts, and enhance Malta's cultural heritage locally and abroad.

The MCCA is passionate about celebrating and promoting arts and culture. We fund and organise some of Malta's biggest and most colourful cultural events, from Carnival to Notte Bianca, the Malta Arts Festival, the Malta Jazz Festival and Ghanafest. The MCCA ensures that these national festivals offer vibrant and entertaining events of excellence and are accessible to all.

The MCCA also offers creative individuals practical help through our various funding schemes and competitions.

As the main funding mechanism of the MCCA, the **Malta Arts Fund** was set up specifically to stimulate investment in local artists supporting their work. *The Premju Francis Ebejer* gives local playwrights the chance to submit their scripts and see their written pages become a fully realised professional theatrical production. And if you are a musician then you may want to take the opportunity to audition for the **European Union Youth Orchestra** and join this prestigious ensemble on its tour around Europe.

Whether you are an artist, musician, writer, performer or any other creative individual we are here to help you. So log on to www.maltaculture.com today, find out more about us, and get to know all about the prestigious auditions, competitions and prizes taking place locally and throughout Europe.



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NOTTE BIANCA VENUES

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS BY VENUE

the venue numbers follow a route entering through City Gate

1 Lascaris War Room

The Lascaris War Rooms formed part of the War Headquarters opened in 1940 under the Upper Barrakka Gardens, Valletta. They offered a secure place from where war operations could be conducted by all three services. The war rooms are located deep in the rock under St. Peter and St. Paul Bastion which forms part of the defences of Valletta built by the Knights of St. John in 1566. Entrance is from two points via the steps in Battery Street or the ramp at Manwel Dimech Avenue through Herbert Ganado Gardens. Given the nature of the building, only group visits of no more than 30 will be allowed starting every half an hour.

2 Upper Barrakka Gardens

Enjoy these exciting Live Bands at the picturesque Upper Barrakka Gardens.
6.00pm - Footprints
7.00pm - Aces Shade

8.00pm - Frenzy Mono

9:00pm - The Crowns

10.00pm - Bletchley Park

11.00pm - nosnow/noalps

12.00am - Stolen Creep

1.00am - Three Stops to China

8.00pm Firing of the Sunset Gun at the Saluting Battery by Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna.

3 Castille Place (in front of Malta Stock Exchange)

Malta Artisan Fair. This Artisan Fair is all set to offer a magical market place experience with beautiful local innovative arts and crafts products, and fresh artisan foods and produce sold directly from the artist and producer.

4 St James Bastion (Central Bank Car Park)

Health & Civil Protection Department
Control Room
Fun Park

The Science FunFair

Interactive science exhibits and Science shows/experiments by MCST (Malta Council for Science and Technology).

5 Central Bank of Malta Castille Place

6.00pm - 11.00pm The Bank will open its Numismatic Collection - Currency Exhibition.

6 St James Cavalier - Centre for Creativity

Near Upper Gallery - Green Porno room showing the interesting sexual behaviour of animals by Isabella Rossellini.

Upper Galleries - 'Why?' A Science and Art exhibition showing collaborations between local scientists and artists (inc. Elisa Von Brockdorff, Raphael Vella, Adrian Abela and others).
Malta Photographic Society annual exhibition.



Cinema - Singing to the unseen – The recording of Maltese Music in the Interwar period (1931-32).

7 Auberge de Castille &

The original Auberge was built by the renowned Maltese architect Girolamo Cassar in 1574. It was extensively re-modelled and virtually rebuilt in 1741, the present plan of the imposing structure attributed to Andrea Belli. State and official rooms will be opened for viewing.

Diversity - Crossbreed Ensemble
Dèjà vu
Soċjetà Filarmonika Nazionale 'La Valette' - Belt Valletta
Soċjetà Filarmonika u Banda Ċittadina
King's Own - Belt Valletta
Opening of part of underground passage way.
'Apprezza Darek' - Exhibition on Maltese Traditional Balconies.

8 Hastings Garden &

The gardens have been magically transformed into an adventurous Wonderland with every corner full of



exciting games and activities. Make sure you don't miss out on all the fun kids!
5.30pm - onwards
Animation & Entertainment by Hip Hip Hurrah!
The Chipmunks by Harlequin Entertainment

Children Singing Standard by meet@ten
Interactive Story Telling accompanied by Folk guitarist and singers by Narraturi / Ghannejja '21
Milk is Good Naturally campaign



*Tango#3 by Moveo Dance Company
Republic Street
Photo by Droorizz photography*



9

Republic Street

Mirabitur Choir
Jubilate Choir
Moveo Dance Company
Tango#3
Contemporary ballet directed by Dorian Mallia
EnKor

10

**Amelia Saint George
35 Ordnance Street c/w Strait Str**

Exhibition – The Sculptor Studio –
Sculpture Demonstration & Exhibit.

11

**Palazzo Ferreria (Ministry of
Education, Employment & the
Family) Republic Street**

Visit Palazzo Ferreria which was built in the late 19th century on the site of the Order of St John’s arsenal or ferreria, as the private residence for a wealthy wheat importer, Giuseppe Buttigieg and his wife Giovanna Camilleri.
8.00pm, 9.00pm, 10.30pm - Flute & Live Electronics by Science in the City in collaboration with the Malta Association of Contemporary Music.

12

**Vee Gee Bee
Republic Street**

Art in Republic Street
Spontaneous art activity with local artists and the general public.

13

**Guided Tours
Ordnance Street**

7.00pm - 1.00am: on the hour
Symbolism in the Streets of Valletta.
7.15pm - 12.15am: on the hour.
Public Monuments in Valletta.
7.30pm - 12.30am: on the hour.
The Cult of St. Paul in Valletta.
7.45pm - 12.45am: on the hour.
Valletta during World War Two.

14

**St John’s Cavalier
Old Mint Street**

FILM EXPERIENCE
A Celebration of Maltese “Talkies”:
Maltese Contemporary filmmakers in collaboration with the Ministry for Fair Competition, Small Business and Consumers.

**15 National Museum of Fine Arts
South Street**

Then, Now and in Between: a collection of abstract works by Anna Miggiani Storja bl-Arti - An exhibition of recent acquisitions: A two-venue exhibition with Auberge d'Italie, Merchant's Street.

7.00pm - Concert by Cabrales Saxofoonorkest, a young saxophone band from Utrecht playing film music traditionals and more.

**16 Valletta Local Council
South Street**

Arti, Kultura u Tradizzjoni tal-Festi Principali Beltin .

Traditional Maltese Band will be playing (marči tal-festi Maltin) - organised by the Valletta Local Council & Kumitat Festi Beltin.

**17 Ministry of Finance, the Economy
and Investment
South Street**

Renzo Spiteri - Solo Works
Percussionist Renzo Spiteri explores new sounds and musical territories in



*Concert of Gospel Music by Joy Gospel Singers
Tal-Pilar Church*

the beautiful courtyard of the Ministry of Finance.

**18 Workers' Memorial Building
South Street**

7pm & 10.30pm - Black Jack Jazz Quartet

9pm - Planet Seed
Gallerija Liberta – Exhibition Work in Progress by SACES; Society of Architecture and Civil Engineering Students.



*A Glimpse into the making of AKASHA
by Mavin Khoo Dance - MITP
Photo by John Grech*



**19 St Andrew's Scots Church
South Street**

6.00pm to 12.00am - Exhibitions outlining the church's mission with audiovisual presentations.

**20 Socjetà Filarmonika Nazionale
'La Valette'
Republic Street**

An exhibition of the Band Club's treasures. Exhibition by Kummissjoni Żgħażaġh on the history of the band including participation in various festivals in Malta and abroad, entrance from Strait Street.

**21 Auberge d'Italie
Merchant Street**

Storja bl-Arti
An exhibition of recent acquisitions: A two-venue exhibition with the National Museum of Fine Arts, South Street.
9.30pm - Concert by Cabrales Saxofoonorkest, a young saxophone band from Utrecht playing film music traditionals and more.

Participation in Society Photo Stories exhibition to raise awareness and motivate, presented by the European Union Programmes Agency.

**22 Palazzo Parisio (Ministry of
Foreign Affairs)
Merchant Street**

Built in the late 18th century, the Palazzo became Napoleon's headquarters during his short visit in Malta. It is named after Chevalier Paolo Parisio Muscati, a Neapolitan Maltese nobleman who played an influential role during the latter years of the Order of St. John's rule in Malta. Colours... from one shade to another by Mosaico. There will be various artistic expressions from the visual to the culinary and the musical.

**23 Chinese Cultural Institute
Melita Street**

China Cultural Street

**24 St James Church & The Missions Office
Merchant Street**

Choir Concerts by Say and Ally Ellul
Children's Choir

**25 Palazzo Castellania
(Ministry for Health, the Elderly
and Community Care)
Merchant Street**

Castellania means the Civil and Criminal Tribunal of the Grandmaster's Order. Palazzo Castellania was erected during Grandmaster Pinto's reign (1741-1773).

Il-Kawza fil- Kastellanja performed at the main hall written by George Peresso.
Sir Temi Zammit performed at Temi's laboratory/museum written by Manuel Cassar.

26 St John's Square

Hip Hop & Break Dance by Urban Echo Troupe.

9.30pm - Concert by the Police Band under the direction of Senior Inspector Anthony Cassar.

*Piano Recital by Mike del Ferro
Manoel Theatre*



**27 St John's Co-Cathedral
St John's Square** 

Built between 1573 and 1578, having been commissioned in 1572 by Grand Master Jean de la Cassière as the conventual church of the Order of the Knights Hospitaller of St John.

7.00pm till midnight Viewing of St John's Co-Cathedral, Oratory and Museum including works by Caravaggio and Mattia Preti.



*Mithras Sword Fight Club
The President's Palace*

28 **Soċjetà Filarmonika u Banda
Ċittadina King's Own
Republic Street**

An exhibition of the Band Club's treasures.

29 **MEUSAC
280, Republic Street** ♿

Children's Cinema: screening of the animated cartoon for children "Tommy & Rosy: Episode 3 - The aims of the European Union and its policies". Visitors will be able to take souvenir photos thanks to the Tommy & Rosy Photo Booth + other giveaways.

30 **National Museum of Archaeology
Republic Street** ♿

Drawing competition
Children visiting the Museum are encouraged to take inspiration from the artifacts on display and either reproduce it or else produce their own take on it. Guess what's inside?
Visitors are encouraged to insert their hand inside the touchy feely box and through touch discover what artifact the replica inside the box represents.

31 **Strait Street
between St John's and
Melita Street**

Alegria Dance Company
Inspiracion Flamenca
Ballroom & Latin Dance
Malta Argentine Tango Association

32 **Din l-Art Helwa premises
133 Melita Street**

Sunnara
Photographic Exhibition by fish4tomorrow

33 **Il-Bottegin ta' San Martin Art Studio**
185A Old Bakery Street

www.bottegin.com

Artists Alive

Exhibition of wood sculptures and statues and hands-on experience.

34 **Great Siege Square**

Infinite Loop

StageCraft

Paul Abela Band

Indians & Co

35 **Valetta Football Club**
St Lucy Street

Viewing of the premises & trophies

36 **National Library**
Republic Square

Built between 1776 and 1796, the National Library was inaugurated by the British Civil Commissioner in 1812. In 1976, the Library was officially designated as the National Library of Malta and became solely a research and reference Library.

6.00pm - 1.00am Exhibition 'Giovanni Pietro Francesco Agius de Soldanis'.

7.00pm - midnight: on the hour.

Guided Tours.

37 **Casino Maltese**
Republic Street

Romantic Fantasy II – Sculpture & Terracotta Exhibition by Ganni Pace.
 Classical music & Operatic areas by Kimberly Marie Grech.
 Classical guitar & voice by Tact (Tartaglia's act).

38 **Manoel Theatre**
Old Theatre Street 

7pm, 10pm, 1am - Piano Recital by Mike del Ferro.

7.45pm, 10.45pm, 1.45am - Il Jien u lil Hinn Minnu.

Maltese Drama directed by Josette Ciappara.

8.30pm, 11.30pm - Prima la Musica e poi le Parole.

A one-act opera by Antonio Salieri Coloratura Ensemble & singers. Musical & artistic direction: Ian Peter Bugeja.



Inspiracion Flamenca
 Strait Street



Tal-Fuklar Folk Group
Roaming

9.15pm, 12.15am - Der Schauspieldirektor (The Impresario). A one-act opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Coloratura Ensemble & singers. Musical & artistic direction: Ian Peter Bugeja.

38 **Manoel Theatre**
Sala Isouard &
7pm, 10pm, 10.45pm - Classical Arias and Songs – by Barocco Foundation - Charles Vincenti (Tenor), Rosabel Bianci (Soprano) and Maria Elena Farrugia (Piano) .

39 **Sanctuary Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
Old Theatre Street &

The Carmelite priests moved to the new city of Valletta in 1570. The first church dedicated to our Lady of Mount Carmel was designed by the famous Maltese architect Gilormu Cassar. This Church served as the first parish of the new capital between 1570 and 1582. Wirja Nazzjonali ta' sett vari proċessjonali tal-Ġimgħa Imqaddsa. Exhibition on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the death of the poet Profs. Patri Anastasio Cuschieri.

40 **Independence Square**
In the centre of Independence Square stands the monument entitled 'Dun Mikiel Xerri u Shabu'. Dun Mikiel Xerri was one of the leaders of the Maltese uprising against the French occupation in 1798 and for which the patriot was executed. Benjamin Brelain
Harriet Cohen
The OverOuts
Cruz
The Areola Treat

41 **Auberge d'Aragon** **Independence Square**

Situated in Independence Square, this is the oldest of the seven Auberges built by Girolamo Cassar in 1571, and one of only two, which have survived in their original condition.

42 **Tal-Pilar Church** **West Street**

Exhibition about Malta Grand Priory of the Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, the Chivalric Orders of the Holy Land.

Display of a detachment of Knights, Officers and Members of the Order of St Lazarus manning the ancient Church and various regalia, flags and paraphernalia.

Concert of Gospel Music by Joy Gospel Singers.

43 **Auberge de Baviere** **St Sebastian Street** &

Auberge de Bavière (1696) was originally built as a private palace, which from 1784 was used for the accommodation of Bavarian and English knights.



*Areola treat
Independence Square*

Ghana Malti
Da Dance Company
Gozo Line Dancers
Magic, Illusion & Allied Arts. presented
by International Brotherhood of
Magicians Ring 202 (Malta).

44 **National War Museum**

The museum mainly represents Malta's important military role in the post-1800 period under British colonial rule, especially during World War II, when the island became one of the most bombed countries in Europe.



Flute & Live Electronics
L'Ultima Regola del Gioco
Palazzo Ferreria

**45 Palazzo De La Salle –
Malta Society of Arts,
Manufactures and Commerce
129 Republic Street**

The seat of the Society from June 1923.
7pm to 11.30pm - 11th National
Art Exhibition and crafts people
demonstrating and working in the
basement of the Palazzo.

**46 Casa Rocca Piccola
Republic Street**

Candlelight Tours
Bomb Shelters
Ċeramika Maltija - Maltese heritage
pottery exhibition

**47 Missionary Movement 'Jesus in
thy Neighbour'
62 St Christopher Street**

Photo exhibition describing the
Missionary Movement work and how
the Movement is giving dignity and
providing aid to many who are suffering
in Ethiopia, Kenya, Brazil. Crafts from
these countries will also be on show.
A Crib Exhibition - Different cribs from
different countries and cultures.

**48 Messina Palace
(German Maltese Circle)
141 St Christopher Street**

Access to the newly renovated
basement.
The Calm before the Storm.
Exhibition of oil on canvas paintings by
Gozitan artist Anthony Caruana.

**40 The Splendid
Strait Street**

Memory Tour of Strada Stretta by
Bakkanti Troupe.

50 St George's Square

Science-inspired Maskri Grotteski inc.
robots, Neolithic temples, characters
from Angry Birds and more.
Joyride
Science-inspired doughnut shaped bus
by Emmanuel Bonnici.
Dance by the Malta Dance Council
inspired by work on the blood disorder
Thalassemia.
Leone Goes Pop
by Leone Band Club, Gozo.
D Belsuonar
Limassol Municipal Band

Big Friends Guggen Musik
Kantilena

51 **The President's Palace St George's Square** ♿

The Palace of the Grandmasters, currently known as the Presidential Palace, was built in the 16th century to the design of the Maltese architect Girolamo Cassar. This Palace continues to serve as a vibrant centre of political and administrative activity since it houses the Office of the President, the House of Representatives and several important Government offices
Il-Palazz Statali u l-Armerija.

Mithras Sword Fight Club.

University of Malta Junior College
Orchestra.



*Bletchley Park
Upper Barrakka Gardens*

52 **House of Representatives, the Parliament of Malta**

The Parliament of Malta is celebrating its 90th anniversary from the 1921 Amery-Milner Constitution. The present Speaker, Hon Michael Frendo, is the 30th Speaker elected by the House since the 1921 Constitution and the

16th Speaker since Malta gained its Independence in 1964.

The Maltese House of Representatives, through its elected representatives is accountable to the people of Malta for the provision and conduct of representative government in the

interest of Maltese citizens.
Open from 5pm onwards.

53 **Old Market Place** ♿

Talkies at the Market.
Motherboards Project by Francesco Baiocchi and Consuelo Bambagioni.



Montmartre
St. Barbara Bastions



54 Market Square
Art Installation

55 Dar I-Ewropa
254 St Paul Street
8.30pm to 11.30pm – The European Parliament Office invites you to an exhibition of contemporary paintings and sculptures by local artists.

56 Domus Pauli Museum
St Paul Street
Sacred Art Exhibits of the Collegiate Church of St Paul Shipwrecked.

57 Jesuits Church
The Jesuits' Church is one of the oldest churches in Valletta, and one of the largest in the diocese. The site, which

comprises a college and a church, is bounded by four streets occupying the whole area. St Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus in 1534.

58 MITP
St Christopher Street
Do you see yourself in this? by Maleth Theatre Company.
A Glimpse into the making of Akasha by Mavin Khoo Dance.

59 Lower Barrakka Gardens ♿
Cabaret Show

60 Bridge Bar Area & Victoria Gate
CUSP

61 St. Barbara Bastions
Montmartre - Artists Street

62 Ta' Liesse
The Hulda Festival
Music & Art through the night.
Come and visit the M/S Hulda, the 106-year old 2-mast sailing boat where Swedish-Turkish artist Ilhan Koman worked and lived.

63 Omertà Trattoria & Wine Bar
Old Bakery Street

The Weegz Live Band

64 Merchant Street

Bancarella in aid of terremotati by the New Humanity Movement.

65 Italian Cultural Institute
St. George's Square

Unwind with Giuseppe Verdi

Find a peaceful time at the Italian Cultural Institute, from 10:00 pm to 3:00 am, listening to the Orchestra Sinfonica of RAI performance of Giuseppe Verdi's Music.

Science in the City @ Notte Bianca

A science and art festival supported by the EU FP7 programme and Malta Arts Fund at the following locations:

Strait Street between South Street and Ordinance Street

- Silence in Strait Street - echo free chamber and acoustic experience in an intimate space by Chris Briffa Architects.



*Old Motors Club
 Photographer: Jonathan Pullicino*

Palazzo Ferreria - 8.00pm, 9.00pm, 10.30pm - Flute & Live Electronics by Science in the City in collaboration with the Malta Association of Contemporary Music.

St James Cavalier (near upper gallery) - Green Porno room showing

the interesting sexual behaviour of animals by Isabella Rossellini.

St James Cavalier (Upper Galleries)

- Why? A Science and Art exhibition showing collaborations between local scientists and artists (inc. Elisa Von Brockdorff, Raphael Vella, Adrian Abela).



PLACES OF INTEREST

MUSIC

FAIR

EXHIBITIONS

THEATRE



The Manoel Theatre

Merchant Street - Fruit Fly Sculptures by Liliana Fleri Soler.

Merchant Street - You are the Staircase - Light sculpture installation by Norbert Francis Attard.

St John Street - Bridging the Gap Innovation Mureal - Street Art by Cesar Zamacola Parama with the Troglodyte consortium, supported by MEUSAC.

Outside National Library - Cortex - a hanging acrylic sculpture of different animal brains by Raphael Vella.

St George's Square - Joyride - science-inspired doughnut shaped bus by Emmanuel Bonnici.

St. George's Square - science-inspired Maskri Grotteski inc. robots, neolithic temples, characters from Angry Birds and more.

St. George's Square - short dance by the Malta Dance Council inspired by work on the blood disorder Thalassemia.

Castille Square - Sci Bar - A Science themed bar where people can eat and drink in Merchant's street surrounded by giant fruit flies.

Castille Square - Fruit Fly Sculpture by Liliana Fleri Soler.

Central Bank car park (near Castille) - Science Fun Fair Organised by MCST

6pm till 11pm interactive science exhibits and every hour on the hour, 45min live science show with experiments

134 Archbishop Street

Adult science comedy
by Steve Hili

Exchange Building Republic Street

The Best of Malta Cafe Scientifique,
short talks on research behind
other worlds, drug effects and beer,
organised by the RIDT (Research
Innovation and Development Trust).

*Science in The City***Roaming**

Maltese Folk Music by Tal-Fuklar Folk Group.
Maltese Folk Dance Paul Curmi Dance Company.
Jackson's Żaqq u Tanbur Folk Group
Fire Dragon Performance
Zumba Dance
Marches in various streets by the Armed Forces of Malta,
Big Friends Guggen Musik and the Limassol Municipal Band

Sunday 30th September 2012

Guided Tours

Ordnance Street
10.30am - Symbolism in the streets of Valletta
11.00am - Public Monuments in Valletta
11.30am - The Cult of St. Paul in Valletta
12.00pm - Valletta during World War Two

Start times:

7pm - 7.30pm	Mike del Ferro
7.45pm - 8.15pm	Il Jien u lil Hinn Minnu
8.30pm - 9pm	Prima la musica e poi le parole (Salieri)
9.15pm - 9.45pm	Der Schauspieldirektor (Mozart)
10pm - 10.30pm	Mike del Ferro
10.45pm - 11.15pm	Il Jien u lil Hinn Minnu
11.30pm - 12am	Prima la musica e poi le parole (Salieri)
12.15am - 12.45am	Der Schauspieldirektor (Mozart)
1am - 1.30am	Mike del Ferro
1.45am - 2.15am	Il Jien u lil Hinn Minnu

As Malta's most hallowed theatre, no artistic night in the capital would be complete without entertainment provided on the stage of the Manoel Theatre. During Notte Bianca the Manoel will open its doors wide to the public with a special one-night only variety of theatre and music

Dutch pianist Mike del Ferro will be giving no less than three musical sets during the night. As a highly sought-after composer, pianist and arranger who writes and performs in an impressive array of musical genres, He will be performing a versatile programme of his own compositions inspired by operatic themes, jazz standards and other favorites.

He has managed to combine elements of the revered canons of Western music interspersed with the audacity of Jazz improvisation, and paying tribute to the ancient structures of Asian, South American and African traditional music.

The Manoel Theatre will also be presenting a tribute drama performance *Il-Jien u lil hinn Minnu*, which is a dramatisation of the poem of the same by the much-loved Maltese poet, writer and ecclesiastical figure Dun Karm Psaila. *Il-Jien u lil hinn Minnu* is considered to be a piece of literary work that sets Dun Karm apart in the local literary scene. The poem was written between 1936 and 1937, and therefore 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of this Maltese poetic milestone. This theatre performance is under the direction of Josette Ciappara, and features the acting talents of Anthony Ellulu, Stefan Farrugia, Rosita Lautier, Rebecca Bezzina, Angele Cristina and Lenia Gatt.

Finally the Manoel will be staging a reproduction of the most memorable musical showdown in history: Mozart vs. Salieri. Following its success in the UK earlier this year under the artistic & musical direction of Ian Peter Bugeja, this opera double-bill makes an appearance at Teatru Manoel for this year's Notte Bianca.



"In my view, art is a human quest into the unknown."
- İlhan Koman

The Hulda Festival is an innovative platform that aims to build bridges between sciences, arts and daily life. The project takes its name from M/S Hulda, a two-mast Baltic schooner built in 1905 at Sjötorp shipyard in Sweden, acquired in 1965 by Turkish-Swedish artist İlhan Koman, who lived there with his family until his death in 1986. The schooner is classified as a Swedish historical monument, and was recently renovated and converted into a sailing cultural centre, starting its journey from Sweden to the Mediterranean. In August of this year, Hulda set sail for its second journey around the Mediterranean Sea, heading to Valletta after

Fethiye, Turkey and Amfilochia, Greece. In her second journey M/S Hulda is hosting artists, musicians and writers from the European countries and Turkey. While an exhibition showing the works of the resident artists are presented on Hulda, artistic workshops related to issues addressing daily life are organized for the public, inviting the participants to create works drawing inspiration and materials from their natural and urban environment and to discuss their expectations from cultural institutions and events. In a rapidly transforming reality, the participants are prompted to renegotiate their notions of artistic activities and art itself, making the most of their personal experiences. Notte Bianca patrons are invited to come aboard and let their imaginations sail the seas of multi-cultural art pieces and ideas.



Walk the lamp lit streets of Valletta and uncover the secrets, tales and history that lie behind its walls and palace doors. Knowledgeable guides will lead you round the capital on a variety of fascinatingly themed tours.

ANIMAL SYMBOLISM IN THE STREETS OF VALLETTA

It is perhaps not very apparent at first glance, but the streets of Valletta are decorated by a diverse number of symbols and adornments.

This tour will bring to the light some of these architectural details camouflaged on the city's buildings, revealing all the

while the surprisingly many animal forms carved in the stone and marble of the capital's walls. Each one has its own story and meaning.

THE CULT OF ST PAUL IN VALLETTA

With the construction of the City of Valletta, also came the building of many diverse churches. One of these Valletta churches built was il-Kollegġjata tan-Nawfragġu ta' San Pawl, which was built thanks to the monetary collections of the Mdina Cathedral. Over the years there were many other architectural expressions that gave evidence to the cult of St Paul in Valletta. This tour will guide you around some of the many buildings and representations dedicated to this much-loved saint.

VALLETTA DURING WWII

Valletta was heavily bombed by enemy attacks during World War II, along with every other populated area around the Grand Harbour. Discover the incidents, personages and memories that fashioned Valletta's unique history during these war times.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS IN VALLETTA

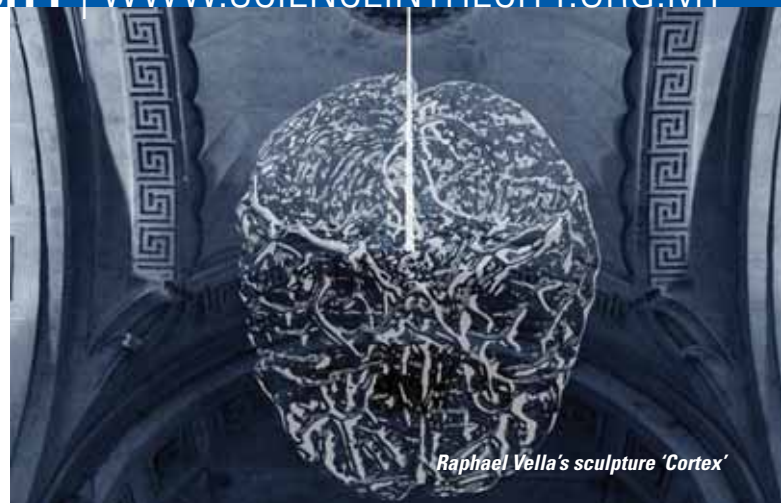
Many monuments commemorating important events and people beautifully decorate the streets and gardens of Valletta. This guided walk will uncover the full details of these memories enclosed in stones as well as discuss the artists that fashioned them.

Imagine passing by the National Library in Valletta and seeing a giant brain hanging in between its arches. Imagine watching five-foot tall fruit flies sitting on benches, sipping coffee, or playing the guitar. Imagine an old Maltese bus built as a circle. If you ever thought science was boring then get ready for Science in the City to change your mind.

Running from the 28th of September till the 28th of October, Science in the City is a festival placing researchers on centre stage by filling Valletta with science-inspired art, music, theatre, dance and installations. During Notte Bianca, Science in the City will be presenting a host of weird and wonderful events.

St. James Cavalier there will be showing a science and art exhibition called *Why?*, which sees local scientists and artist collaborating on an interactive exhibit aimed for families. The cinema room will be screening extracts of Isabella Rossellini's critically acclaimed and provocative online series *Green Porno*. The series features Rossellini as she acts out the reproductive habits of marine animals and insects, scientifically accurate yet extremely entertaining.

The St James theatre will run plays including the acclaimed *QED*, a play about a day in the life of the eccentric Nobel Prize winner Richard Feynman. This scientist wrote several novels, took part in the Manhattan project, and died of cancer in 1988, aged sixty-nine. And if you thought that was all, well there is also a kid's area, a film festival, science cafes, and more.



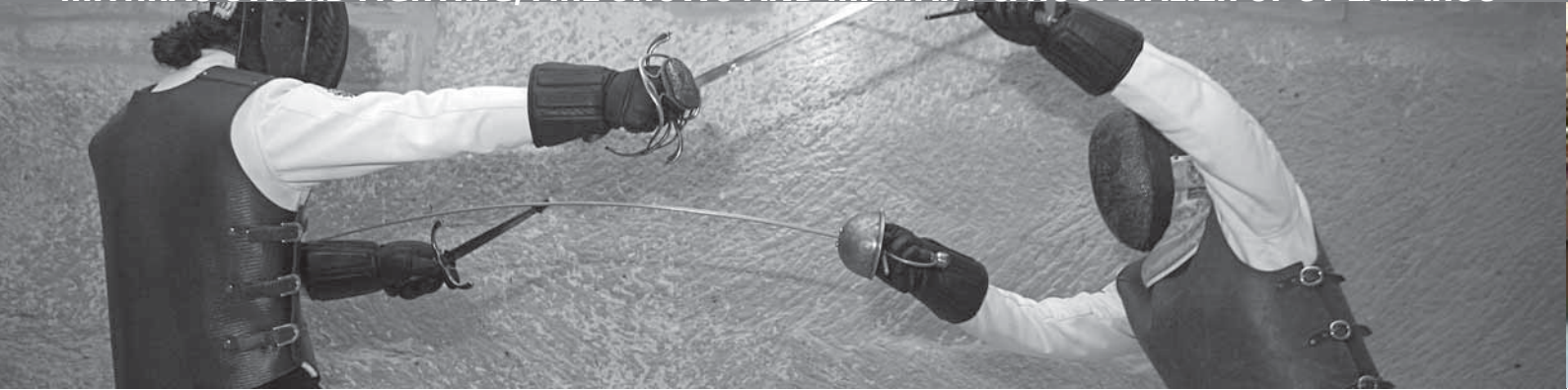
Raphael Vella's sculpture 'Cortex'

The upper part of Merchant's Street will house a SciBar; a science themed bar with music that will give patrons a unique opportunity to eat and drink whilst being surrounded by giant fruit flies.

Furthermore there will be crazy and insightful science related events happening at the Auberge d'Italie, Palazzo Parisio, Strait Street, and St. George's Square.



MITHRAS SWORD FIGHTING, FIRE SHOWS AND MILITARY & HOSPITALIER OF ST LAZARUS



During Notte Bianca the streets of Valletta are flooded by musicians, actors, dancers and a horde of other artistic souls who will be lighting-up pockets of the city with their unique talents, skills and traditions.

The Mithras Sword Club will be giving displays and demonstrations of Historical Fencing. The methods and principles used by Mithras are the traditional techniques of single combat that are used for self-defence or in the context of a duel. This is a unique opportunity to acquaint yourself with a time-honoured sport that is still as exciting and thrilling as it ever was.

Watch out for the daring and skilful Fire Dragon performers who will be setting the city ablaze with their fiery antics. They will be showcasing their fire juggling, spinning and twirling skills, as well as body burning and other light-based performances. Just make sure you don't get too close.

Other groups and societies, such as the Military & Hospitallier of St Lazarus, will also be present during the night and will happy to talk to patrons and introduce them to the principles and functions of their associations.



No feast or celebration on our islands would be complete without those traditions and customs that make Malta and the Maltese such a unique culture around the globe. And while Notte Bianca prides itself on showcasing the very best of the contemporary and innovative, it still holds a special place in its festivities to celebrate Malta's cultural heritage.

The Tal-Fuklar Folk Group will be giving musical recitals of traditional Maltese ghanjiet, lullabies and songs all nightlong. The group, which is made up of some 8 musicians, will be playing piano-accordions, guitars, tambourines as well as traditional local instruments such as the rubbaba or zafzafa. The group has also become well known for its elaborately detailed folk costumes, including the ghoneffa, as well as for their craftsmanship with bizzilla (lace making), ganutell, macramé and wool-weaving.

The Paul Curmi Dance Group will be performing Maltese folklore dancing along to music composed by Paul Curmi himself. The ensemble's pieces are a musical embodiment of the humble fishermen's chores, the lively village festa celebrations, the bygone nobility of Mdina's aristocracy, and the leisurely paces of the spouses and guests at the traditional Maltese weddings.

Nearby there will also be ghanja performances by Salvu Tanti in various folkloristic forms, such as the Ghana Spirtu Pront, Daqq tal-Prejjem, and Makjetti, not to mention a variety of delicious local food kiosks and must-see crafts stalls.

So come and experience all that is truly Maltese at a revived and motley Independence Square. No matter what time you drop by, there is sure to be something that will tickle your fancy.



Fed up of shopping for the same old products on the same old shelves? Or are you after some genuine locally produces preserves? Support you local artisans and crafts people by purchasng their innovative products from the Malta Artisan Fair in front of the Stock Exchange next to Upper Barrakka Gardens during Notte Bianca. This Artisan Fair is all set to offer a magical market place experience with beautiful local innovative arts and crafts products, and fresh artisan foods and produce sold directly from the artist and producer. The Artisan Fair is the perfect place to meet up with family and friends at this family-friendly event with children's creative activities and with live entertainment by roaming musicians all the night long.

Launched in May 2011 in Vittoriosa, Maltese Artisan Fairs has since taken place six times in beautiful historic settings in Malta including Senglea, Kalkara, the Christmas Market at the Phoenicia Hotel and now in Malta's capital city Valletta. Organised by The Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co and the Malta Baby and Kids directory, the Fair's aim is to promote high quality local arts and crafts, and good quality food products. The markets have been warmly welcomed on the local scene and have given locals and visitors to Malta the opportunity to buy locally produced, fresh, high quality, affordable products direct from carefully selected food producers, artists and craftspeople. Find out more about the Malta Artisan Markets, including the latest news and information about upcoming events throughout the year, at www.maltaartisanmarkets.com

2012 marks an important step in the candidacy bid for Valletta to become European Capital of Culture (ECoC) 2018. The official first stage submission of the V.18 bid put forward last October by the Valletta 2018 Foundation – the body driving Malta’s EU cultural capital process - was green lit by the EU pre-selection panel. Started in 1985, the ECoC initiative has become one of the most prestigious and high profile cultural events in Europe. It is a large-scale cultural programme that is specifically designed for a year, and also allows the cities involved to formulate a positive legacy for its city and citizens.

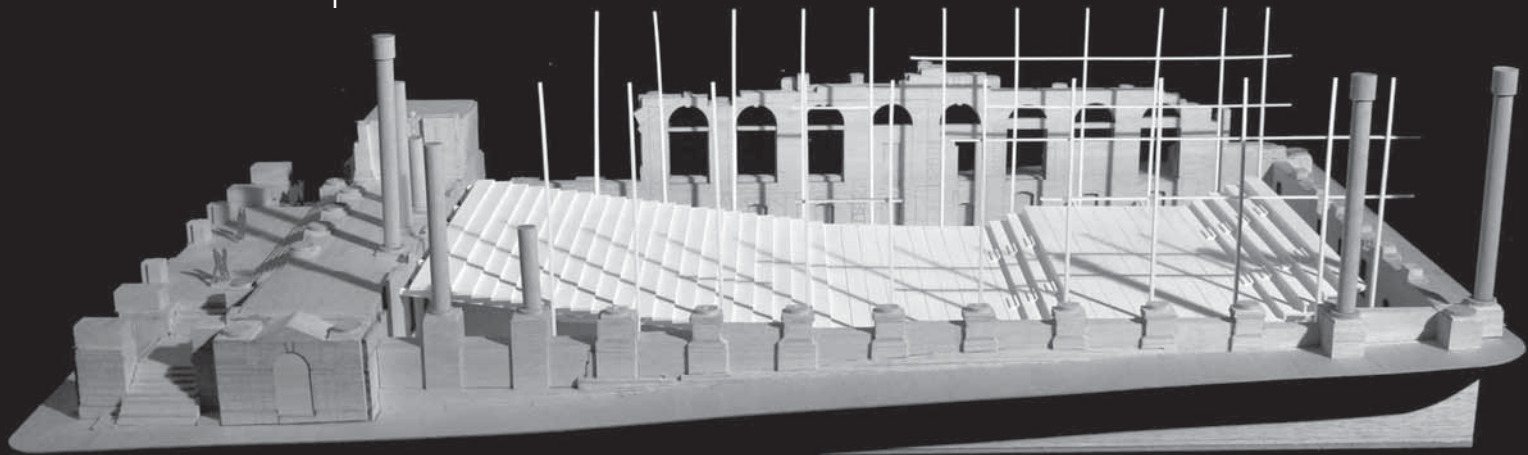
Each year, cities chosen as ECoCs provide living proof of the richness and diversity of European cultures. More than 40 cities have been designated ECoCs so far, from Stockholm to Genoa, Athens to Glasgow, and Kraków to Porto, and 2018 could be Valletta’s chance to shine.

Over the coming months and years the Foundation will put forward its finalised bid and begin to fashion the Valletta 2018 vision into a reality by crystallising its wide-ranging project ideas that will wholly transform the local cultural landscape. The Foundation will also be inviting you to imagine what V.18 can do for you, and realise the full potential and significance the ECoC title could have for our city and future.

You are welcome to put forward your ideas and get involved by contacting the Foundation through www.valletta2018.org



OPEN THEATRE | A NEW PERFORMANCE SPACE IS BEING BORN



Its birthplace is on the remains of what used to be an important theatrical European hub in Malta's capital – the Royal Opera House. The 'piazza' concept of this new space is envisaged to become one of the most important open-air venues in the Mediterranean region for the production of all aspects of the performing arts. It is the poetic vision of Renzo Piano's architectural genius of how to create a versatile platform to accommodate local and international performers and, at the same time, offer up the space for the general public to enjoy.

The Open Theatre is equipped with cutting-edge technology that guarantees the highest audio-visual, acoustic and staging quality, designed to enhance versatility and international artistic standards. When formal staging is not happening, the space becomes an open piazza for the public. This is where a scenario featuring bubbly street theatre and public participation is envisaged to explode into popular celebration and typical vibrant Mediterranean merry-making – daily 'happenings' in one of what is being targeted to become one of Europe's most exciting open-air spaces.



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