



#### SATURDAY, 30TH AUGUST

18:00 / Art Camp, Maribor City Park  
The Trick Brothers, Czechia  
**SKIING ODYSSEY 6+** [45 minutes]

Two cross-country skiers lost on the map, and the season of the year, embark upon the odyssey – a wandering with an uncertain course and end. Get your ski poles ready, wax your moustache, and let's start! The audience will be both mentally and physically drawn into the play whatever it happens. This show is not traditional in any way.



#### SATURDAY, 30TH AUGUST

20:00 / Auditorium LGM, Under the Oak  
Jelení Loje, band, Czechia, Slovenia  
**JELENI LOJE 15+** [60 minutes]

Jazz & swing & entertainment – Deer Cabaret is a charming female singing group with accompaniment. Four female and a male roe deer present themselves in shy and wild songs. The group of actors has been performing with their exciting musical repertoire since 2009, enthralling audiences of all generations.



#### SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST

10:00 / Auditorium LGM  
Eva Sotriffer Puppet Theatre, Italy  
**SWAN 4+** [45 minutes]

Too tall, too long, too thin, too weak, too grey, too slow, too clumsy! Why is he different from all the others? The little duckling is out of luck. He bumps into everything, does not belong anywhere and, yes, he is ugly. Even his egg did not resemble the others. He encounters loneliness and rejection. But then, something beautiful begins to grow inside him.



#### SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST

11:00 / In front the Maribor Art Gallery  
Puppet Theatre Zapik  
**ONE RABBIT ... 3+** [35 minutes]

We all love a home, especially when it's warm. In it, the bunny has a soft bed with a colourful blanket. Nevertheless, he goes out in the cold, wind and snow – to take a present to the donkey. The next morning, there is a present also on his doorstep. But who brought it in this weather?



#### SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST

18:00 / Small Hall LGM  
Puppet Theatre Corn Seed and Slovenska Bistrica High School  
**AY-EYE 15+** [25 minutes]

At a time when artificial intelligence is becoming both a blessing and a threat, scientists are trying to create one that will help humanity climb the cliffs of evolution. Here comes Ay-Eye, and nothing can stop it. The jury of Festival Vizije wrote, "The show successfully combines technical innovation, artistic imagination and topical content."



#### SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER

17:00 / Velika dvorana LGM  
Wanda Kaprálová & ZDUHESTRANY, co-producers Studio ALTA, DRAK Theatre, PIKI Theatre, Czechia and Slovakia  
**MICROWORLDS\* 4+** [40 minutes]

Our Earth is full of worlds within worlds. Each of these microworlds lives its own unique life. Through movement, body landscapes, and play with small objects, the performance explores the fragility of our existence and offers an open, creative space for children and adults to play.

\* In collaboration with the festival Contemporary Dance Platform organised by Institute MOJA KREACIJA.

## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

#### SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST

10:45 / Auditorium LGM  
Art workshop, UGM visiting  
**GREEN OR COLOURFUL MEADOW? [45 minutes]**  
Inspired by the performance *Lili and Bine*, we will explore the diversity of colours in nature! We will create colourful grasses, and among flowers of all sizes we will, with the use of natural materials, paint spiders, ladybugs, and butterflies – and let's not forget Karli! The Angry Ant from the Maribor Art Gallery will accompany us on our creative journey. Led by Inja Ferlež, Ines Sekač and Brigita Strnad

#### 25TH-29TH AUGUST

10:00–12:00 / At Maribor Puppet Theatre  
**THE BALL THAT WANTED TO BE THE MOON 6+**  
This summer puppet adventure is dedicated to exploring the world of puppetry and creating a puppet show. Together, we will discover stories and an imaginary world where puppets bounce like balls and scenes grow from paper. Every day, we will embark on a new adventure. We will create and develop short scenes with puppets and we will present our journey in the form of a short and bouncy performance on Friday, August 29th, at 17:00 at the Maribor Puppet Theatre. The number of participants in the workshop is limited, so please send your registration via email to [ustvarjalnice@lg-mb.si](mailto:ustvarjalnice@lg-mb.si). (€3 per day, €12 for five days)

#### SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST

11:45 / Maribor Art Gallery  
**MORE RABBITS / SPEKTER EXHIBITION [20–30 minutes]**  
After the performance, the children and their companions will be greeted by the Angry Ant, the cute mascot of the Maribor Art Gallery (UGM). She will invite them to come on another adventure – to visit the Spekter exhibition at UGM. Together, we will look for bunnies, horses, cats, and even wind and snow in paintings and sculptures and learn about art through play and imagination.

## SUMMER PUPPET PIER ON MARIBOR ISLAND

#### FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST

17:00  
**PUPPETS ON THE ISLAND 5+**  
The Summer Puppet Pier is again coming to the Maribor Island Swimming Pool, where children can explore the magical world of puppetry in a relaxed workshop. With the help of mentors, they will make their own puppets from natural materials.

#### MONDAY, 25TH AUGUST

17:00  
Darka Erdelji  
**KING'S CLOCKS 5+** [15 minutes]  
In a sunny kingdom, there lived a king who did not want to grow old. To slow down time, he decided to slow down the clocks. Everything has its own precisely determined time, so everything goes south with the new time. Darka Erdelji's project is based on the work *King Min's Clocks* by Bina Štampe Žmavc.

#### FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER

18:00  
Nagib and Maribor Puppet Theatre  
**LOUD SOUNDLESS WORLD – SOUND WALK 6+** [45 minutes]  
A story about friendship, about togetherness. But also about missing, loss and mourning. About the support we can give each other when things are difficult. About the closeness that makes this world beautiful. About the world of the living and the non-living, which can fascinate us when we listen to it with curiosity.

Gašper Bohinec  
**FRAGMENTS OF SPACE**  
The viewer is invited on a journey where every moment of light, every mechanical motion and every architectural fragment opens up new questions about the nature of space, time and our place within it. The central active agent is light, which, in harmony with theatrical elements and spatial compositions, is transformed into visual poetry.

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18:00–19:00 / MINORITE CHURCH

#### KOBANCI – PUPPETEERS FROM KAMNICA NEAR MARIBOR

Puppetry sprouted in Kamnica in the early 1960s and lured not only locals but also Slovenian and foreign puppet artists to its ranks. They collaborated with excellent amateur puppeteers as directors, and authors of visual images and texts. The exhibition reveals the rich history of Kamnica puppeteers through puppets and puppet sketches.

16th–31st AUGUST / EXHIBITION  
GROUNDS LGM  
The exhibition is open during the opening hours of the box office and one hour before the events.

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### SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST

10:00 / Auditorium LGM  
Katalena  
**ENCI BENCI KATALENCI 3+** [50 minutes]

For the musical act *Enci Benci Katalenci*, the band Katalena was inspired by counting rhymes – rhythmical songs full of mysterious words that children use to assign roles. The musical narratives create the space of musical theatre. In the performance, we all (again) become and stay children.



### SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST

20:00 / Vojašniški trg  
Cosmonautas, Shadow Theatre, Mexico  
**RHAPSODY FOR PASSERSBY 6+** [20 minutes]

A travelling puppeteer shares five stories using shadow theatre and music: about a kitten that refuses to be tamed, a bird that turns into ... Shadows travel across the facades and evoke memories.

**ALSO ON**  
SUNDAY, 17TH AUGUST / 10:00 / MINORITE CHURCH



### SUNDAY, 17TH AUGUST

16:00–20:00 / Art Camp, Maribor City Park  
Waxwing Theatre, Czechia  
**CIRCUS BARBAR 3+**

*Circus Barbar* is an interactive puppet installation that includes a troupe of unicycling monkeys, an elephant rental service, a strongman automat, and much more. Under Barbar's mini-chapiteaux, visitors will also find a circus library and lounge. You can take as much time as you want to play.



### SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST

10:00 / Auditorium LGM  
Puppet Theatre Fru-Fru  
**LILI & BINE 4+** [35 minutes]

During the school holidays, a colourful group gathers in the meadow. The bees, Lili and Bine, are joined by their friends – Pino the spider, Polona the ladybug, Maja the butterfly, and Mija the ant. Bine tells everyone that a travelling theatre will stop nearby. And now everyone is rushing not to miss the show. But Karli the grasshopper is nowhere to be found!



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**ALSO ON**  
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### SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST

18.20 / Auditorium LGM, Under the Oak  
Micro puppet theatre Claudine Rivest, Canada  
**PIPO 5+** [10 minutes]

He's big! He's strong! No, neither is true... he's just Pipo, a curious character who finds himself in trouble in a world full of sewing tools. We follow him into this world where just a single slip of a thimble is enough to change his destiny.



### SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST

20:00 / Small Hall LGM  
Catherine Gignac, Canada  
**DANCE OF THE SHADOWS 10+** [45 minutes]

The poetic performance, without words, tells a story with sand drawings created by the artist in front of the audience. Ephemeral paintings on a light table follow the rhythm of the music and represent the constant changes in our lives, composed of moments of the present that flow into the past like quicksand.



### SUNDAY, 24TH AUGUST

10:00 / Auditorium LGM  
The Godot Institute  
**I CROUCH, YOU JUMP 3+** [40 minutes]

The children's theatrical burlesque was inspired by old black and white films, which told wonderful stories without words, only with strong acting and playful music, and entertained the crowds. With movement, music, puppets and almost no words, actors Tadej Pišek and Mojca Špik take us on a journey of finding happiness and friendship.



### SUNDAY, 24TH AUGUST

18:00 / Art Camp, Maribor City Park  
House of Children and Arts and  
Puppet Theatre Fru-Fru  
**VIDEK'S NEW SHIRT 2+** [35 minutes]

A child, a mother, brothers and sisters, a bed, a spoon and a cup of porridge – a safe home where we eat, sleep and play. Outside: a meadow, a stream and animals that the child observes. Look, a spider, a bird, a white sheep! The sun in the sky and a cloud! A toddler recognises the familiar and learns the new.



### FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST

18:00 / Auditorium LGM, Under the Oak  
Narrative Theatre of Ms Bazilika, Association of Puppeteers and House of Children and Arts  
**HOW TO HUG A HEDGEHOG 4+** [35 minutes]

In the story, we meet a merry hedgehog whose world is turned upside down by a sudden and irresistible desire to hug someone or to be hugged by someone. The performance *How to Hug a Hedgehog* invites us to Ms Bazilika's workshop, from which miraculous stories always come, and this time we are allowed to peek inside.



### FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST

20:00 / Auditorium LGM  
Maribor Puppet Theatre  
**SPECKLES THE BALL 3+** [45 minutes]

Speckles the Ball is one of the most popular stories in Slovenia. Ours will solemnly celebrate its 600th repetition during the Summer Puppet Pier. The nostalgic yet ever-young story of a ball that is kidnapped by the dragon has a happy ending with the help of children. Celebrate with us!



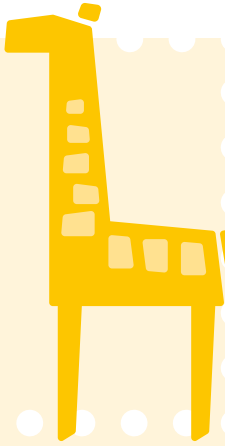
### SATURDAY, 30TH AUGUST

10:00 / Auditorium LGM  
Miza in Scena, DRAK Theatre, Hradec Králové, Czechia, International Centre for Puppetry Arts, Koper, Slovenia  
**CINDERELLA 5+** [45 minutes]

You know the story: wicked stepmothers, envious sisters, mockery of difference, and blind greed – and you wonder where the magic spell or good fairy is that could free you from it all. This is the story of a girl who managed to find miracles amid filth.

# GOLDEN GIRAFFE

A children's jury will award performances for children with golden stars. The performance with the most votes in the form of golden stars will receive the GOLDEN GIRAFFE award.



Tickets for the performances are available at a price of €3 (puppet concert Enci Benci Katalenci – €5) at the box office of the theatre. The box office is open from Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 to 13:00, and one hour before every event.



**Admission free**

In case of bad weather and cancellation of the programme at the Art Camp, performances will take place at the Maribor Puppet Theatre.



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