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The Malta Experience, an audio-visual spectacular, retraces 7000 years of Maltese history. Located within the bastion walls of Fort St. Elmo. The 45 minute, fully digital show, is projected on a 10 meter screen with commentary in one of 12 languages. The establishment also includes a souvenir shop and a cafeteria overlooking the Grand Harbour.

✉ St. Elmo Bastions, Mediterranean Str: Valletta

☎ 21243776

Cultural Tour

Visiting various traditional Maltese trades in various localities. Transport leaves Sliema (opposite Nazzarenu Church) and Floriana (near Independence monument) at 8:45am.

🕒 9 December. Tickets: Children aged 5 - 12 & Senior

Citizens Lm3.40 (€8.15);
Adults Lm4.50 (€10.48).
☎ 21245168, 21232515



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✉ The Great Siege of Malta, Café Premier Complex, Republic Square, Republic Street, Valletta

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H Heritage Malta



Exhibitions

'...materia, colori e rilievi'

An exhibition of paintings by Anthony P. Vella.

✉ Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta.

🕒 1 December - 6 January

🚌 All Buses

Malta's Mediterranean Trilogia Culture-Bread, Oil and Wine

An exhibition forming part of Heritage Malta's participation in an EU funded project entitled TRIMED.

✉ Kola Windmill, Xaghra, Gozo.

🕒 1 - 30 December. Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 64, 65

Roots of an Island

An exhibition of paintings by Christopher Saliba.

✉ The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 5 December - 28 January. Open Monday - Sunday, 9am -

5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

American Prints

An exhibition of prints donated by Mr Martin Karlin from USA.

✉ The Contemporary Room, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 15 December - 4 January. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Miniature Nativity Scenes: A Multicultural Christmas

An exhibition of unique nativity scenes from five continents.

✉ Inquisitor's Palace, Vittoriosa.

🕒 6 December - 13 January. Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm. Tickets: Lm2 (€4.66). Last admission 4.30pm.

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Other Events

Heritage is Malta's main asset. Do we treat it as such?

Public lecture in Italian by Dr Ray Bondin, organised by Heritage Malta.

✉ Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta.

🕒 11 December 6.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Nativity in Art Heritage Trail

Heritage Trail visiting the National Museum of Fine Arts, Exhibition of Cribs and other locations connected to this theme. Organised by Heritage Malta. Pre-booking essential. Limited tickets available. Booking from Heritage Malta Head Office.

🕒 15 December. Tickets Lm5.36 (€12.50).

☎ 22954312

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Re-Enactments

In Guardia - Knights of St. John Military Parade

A 40-min show with 90 officers and men-at-arms dressed in period costume performing a series of military drills in the fort including marching, changing of the guard, musketry and gunnery drill.

✉ Fort St. Elmo, Valletta

🕒 30 December.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 23696073

Saluting the Battery

The Saluting Battery is located right under the Upper Barrakka Gardens in Valletta, and guns may be viewed from the balcony overlooking the Grand Harbour. The noon-day gun is fired daily at mid-day.

✉ Upper Barrakka Gardens, Valletta

🕒 Tours at 11am and 12.15pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21800992, 21809713

Fort Rinella

A British built Fort housing the World's largest cannon – The Armstrong 100-ton gun. Take an animated tour around the fort with dressed as late 19th century Victorian soldiers. Kids will enter into a different era with a long-lasting memory of the visit. Live cannon and musketry firing also take place on this tour; followed by a live demonstration of how the fort would have been defended during an attack. More displays will take place inside the fort. The main historical re-enactment display starts at 2.30pm.

✉ Kalkara

🕒 Mon - Sun 10am - 5pm

🚌 2, 4, 6

☎ 21800992, 21803091

Malta at War Museum

A WWII Air Raid Shelter, where at some 40 feet deep into the live rock, the brave people of Malta endured the long air-raids and the dark days. This Museum combines an attractive exhibition of Second World War Artifacts and visitors can watch a 20-minute original wartime documentary, using original war footage of the Army and Royal Air Force. Later on visitors will be guided to the air raid shelter by dedicated WWII uniformed staff and can experience the hardships of life under siege and how our ancestors had to excavate the long tunnels with scant primitive tools.

✉ Vittoriosa

🕒 On the hour between 10am - 4pm

🚌 1, 4, 6

☎ 21800992, 21803091



Knights Spectacular

An action packed spectacular experience with a 50-strong cast and their noble horses. Witness live battles, as the world famous Knights of St. John, clad in shining armour and riding their proud steeds, battle the colourful oriental warriors of Sulieman the Magnificent in the epic siege of 1565.

✉ Powerhouse Theatre, Valletta Waterfront.

🕒 1, 8, 15, November. 8.30pm. Tickets: Adults Lm15 (€34.95), Children under 12: Lm7 (€16.31).

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Exhibitions

Neapolitan Crib

Artistic demonstration about the Neapolitan Crib by Gozitan artist, Fr. Charles Vella

✉ MUSEUM (Boys Centre), Ghajnsielem, Gozo.

🕒 1 December
 🚌 42, 42
 ☎ 21553710

Home Exhibition

✉ Malta Fairs & Convention Centre, Ta' Qali

🕒 1 & 2 December
 🚌 65, 86

A White Chapel for a White Dance

An exhibition of paintings by Giuseppe Schembri Bonaci.

✉ Contemporary Hall, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 1 & 2 December: Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Contemporary Art

An exhibition of paintings by Isabelle Borg.

✉ The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 4 December: Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Out of Print

An exhibition of contemporary graphic art by 14 artists who have called themselves Wekxoparti.

✉ Auberge d'Italie, Merchants Street, Valletta

🕒 1 - 6 December: 9am - 5pm.

🚌 All Buses

**Inspirations & Reflections**

An exhibition of paintings by Winston Hassall. Winston has been called 'The Valletta Artist' for his countless works highlighting our Capital's street-scenes and architecture. During these last years, he has found that watercolours enable him to produce striking effects of the Maltese urban scenery. Of recently, he has added acrylic as a new medium as well as the palette knife.

✉ Gallery G, 4 Ugo Mifsud Street Lija.

🕒 1 - 7 December: 9am - 5pm weekdays and 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturdays
 🚌 41, 49, 54, 55, 58
 ☎ 21421984/5

Fr Emmanuel Magri SJ: Jesuit, Ethnographer, Archaeologist and his relation with Gozo

An exhibition about one of the pioneers of Maltese muse-

ums organised by Heritage Malta and the Maltese Jesuit Province on the centenary of his death.

✉ Heritage Malta, Gozo Area Exhibition Hall, The Citadel.

🕒 1 - 7 December: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Paesaggi

An exhibition of contemporary landscapes featuring a blend of local and Italian scenes by Victor Agius.

✉ Exhibition Hall, Nadur Local Council, Gozo.

🕒 1 - 9 December 7am - 4pm.

🚌 42, 43

Caravaggio's 'Portrait Of A Knight'

The painting will be brought to Malta to form part of the exhibition 'Caravaggio And Paintings Of Realism in Malta', organised by the Foundation for St John's Co-Cathedral. Two of Caravaggio's best known works - 'Beheading of Saint John the Baptist' and 'St Jerome', are found at St John's Co-Cathedral.

✉ St John's Co-Cathedral, Valletta

🕒 1 - 16 December: 9.30am - 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Giardini in Toscana

Photographic exhibition of the famous historical gardens of Toscana, organised by the Italian Cultural Institute in collaboration with the Toscana Region.

- ☒ Italian Cultural Institute,
St. George's Square, Valletta
🕒 1 - 14 December
🚌 All Buses

Group Exhibition

Artists include Olaug Vethal, Goran Cejkov, Ljupco Samardziski.

- ☒ Artitude Gallery, Tigne Street, Sliema.

🕒 1 - 31 December. Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 1pm, 4 - 7pm.

- 🚌 61, 62, 63, 64
☎ 21316708, 99844653

Art for Heritage's Sake

Malta's leading artists exhibiting under one roof, rallying to the call of the environment. A keen group of landscape artists will be presenting some wonderful scenes of Malta's countryside or buildings. Other artists, will be providing the human side of our heritage, capturing unique scenes typical of Malta's way of life. This combination of different styles, ranging from realistic to semi-abstract, different media including oils, acrylics and watercolours, as well as art photography is guaranteed to offer something for everyone.

- ☒ Manoel Theatre Courtyard, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 1 - 31 December
🚌 All Buses

Exhibition Abstract Paintings

This exhibition by John Borg Manduca will consist of

abstract and semi abstract works in palette knife. His works are marine, landscape and abstract paintings, mediums used are oils and ink drawings and palette knife.

- ☒ B'Art Art Gallery, 39, Amery Street, Sliema

🕒 1 - 31 December. Monday - Thursday 4 - 7pm. Friday 7pm - midnight.

- 🚌 61, 62, 63

Trilogy

The exhibition by young and up-coming artist Clinton Carter consists of 25 works in oil, ink, pencil, pastels, charcoal and collage. They include nude studies, landscapes and still-lives. An exhibition not to be missed.

- ☒ Worker's Memorial Building, South Street, Valletta

🕒 1 December - 2 January
🚌 All Buses

Two Harbours

An exhibiton of paintings by James Vella Clark who is one of Malta's emerging young painters. His artistic expression seeks to capture the essence of traditional Maltese architecture and the rural Mediterranean landscape through an expressionist yet very personal interpretation. Black and white on coloured background signifies the positive behind every circumstance, as bad as it may seem.

- ☒ Main Hall, St James Cavalier, Valletta.

🕒 1 December - 6 January
🚌 All Buses



Moments in Time

An exhibition of paintings by John Martin Borg. This exhibition is made up of a collection of landscapes, which allow the viewer to glimpse the various moods of our countryside under different weather conditions. Also included is a selection of recently painted maritime watercolours together with a number of religious works, executed in various techniques. A section of the exhibition will be dedicated to a small retrospective selection of abstract works dating back to the artist's early days in experimenting with abstract art.

- ☒ Gallery G, 4 Ugo Mifsud Street Lija.

🕒 1 - 28 December. Weekdays 9am - 5pm. Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm.

- 🚌 41, 49, 54, 55, 58
☎ 21421984/5

International Cat Show

10th show. Exhibition by the Malta Feline Fanciers. 2 foreign judges will assess all participating cats.

- ☒ Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard

🕒 2 December 9.30am - 5.30pm.

- 🚌 40, 80, 81, 84



Christmas Crib Exhibition

Every year, during the weeks preceding Christmas, the Friends of the Crib hold an exhibition of works by their members. About one hundred cribs of various shapes and sizes made from different media like papier mache, polystyrene, cork, etc., are put together to offer visitors, locals and tourists alike, the true story of Christmas, The Birth of Baby Jesus.

✉ St Francis Hall, Melita Street, Valletta

🕒 4 - 21 December: Open daily 9am - 12.30pm and 4.30pm - 7pm. Free admission

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21244333, 21436174, 99406645

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

The Students Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition organised by the Malta Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

✉ Palazzo de La Salle, 219, Republic Street, Valletta

🕒 5 - 15 December: Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm and 4 - 7pm. Saturday 10am - noon. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21244339

Photographic Exhibition by Gilbert Calleja

The exhibition brings together a selection of photo-essays exploring subjects as different as 'Boxing' and 'Priests' pastoral work'. By focusing on only a handful of subjects the photographer seeks to bring to the forth the story of the people portrayed. His images have a strong humane character with a focus on individuals often captured within their very intimate settings.

✉ Upper Galleries, St James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 6 December - 13 January

🚌 All Buses

Mosaic Collection Exhibition

Maltese mosaic artist Paulene Attard shall be inaugurating her new mosaic collection at a solo exhibition. This collection includes amongst others, Christmas-themed decorative items such as bowls, candlestick holders, vases and plates. There will also be wall hangings, with an emphasis on the use of natural stones such as lapis lazuli, tigers eye, marble, quartz, lava, agate and her signature gold mirrors, Venetian gold and millefiori.

✉ Sacrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 7 - 23 December: Monday - Friday 4 - 9pm. Weekends and public holidays 11am - 9pm.

🚌 All Buses.

Abstract Art Exhibition

Inauguration of abstract art exhibition by Alfred Chircop.

✉ Art E Gallery, Library

Street, Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 8 December - 30 January

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21557911, 99804774

Mdina Glass Classic Cars Static Show

Around eighty vintage, veteran and classic cars will take part in the show, in the area opposite the Mdina Glass Factory.

✉ Ta' Qali

🕒 9 & 16 December: 9am - 4,30pm.

🚌 65, 86

Palazzo de La Salle Open Day

The visiting public will have the opportunity to go through all the classrooms where various art, crafts and music lessons will be held.

✉ Palazzo de La Salle, 219, Republic Street, Valletta

🕒 13 December: 10am - 12.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21244339

Exhibition of Paintings and Sculptures

An exhibition of paintings and sculptures by Fr. Marius J. Zerafa himself together with a number of paintings and sculptures who had paid tribute and a number of paintings by modern day artists. Visiting this exhibition is going to be a must over the Christmas Season.

✉ Gallery G, 4 Ugo Mifsud Street Lija.

🕒 15 December - 31 January, 9am - 5pm weekdays and 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturdays

🚌 41, 49, 54, 55, 58

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Festivals

Nadur Christmas Market

Including traditional local and foreign stalls, childrens' area and entertainment by X-Tend, Johnny Cash & Band and the renowned English band "Doctor and the Medics".

✉ St. Peter & St. Paul Square, Nadur, Gozo

🕒 7 - 9 December

📄 42, 43

☎ 21558080

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas carols by candlelight organised by the Schola Cantorum Choir.

✉ St. Augustine's Priory, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 15 December: 7pm.

📄 All Buses

☎ 79055207, 79450950

Christmas in our Hearts

Gozo International Celebration for all foreigners residing in Gozo.

✉ Qala Parish Church, Qala, Gozo, 7pm

🕒 16 December

📄 42, 43

☎ 21556684

Xmas Salsa Ball

Dinner, drinking and Salsa dance.

✉ The Pavillion, Westin Dragonnara, St Julians

🕒 19 December: 8.30pm

📄 64, 65, 68

☎ 99272841

Christmas Band Marches

Christmas Band marches along the main streets and squares of Victoria by the "La Stella" and the Leone Band of Victoria.

✉ Victoria, Gozo

🕒 21 & 22 December: 6pm.

📄 All Buses

☎ 21563344

Carols by Candlelight

This event will be organised by the Malta Tourism Authority in collaboration with the Birgu Local Council. The City of Birgu will be lit off and illuminated by candles, Christmas trees, Christmas lights etc. Different choirs will be singing Christmas Carols in different parts of Vittoriosa and in the three churches of Birgu. There will be other activities which include band marches from the two bands of Vittoriosa, around 30 solo artists will be playing in different streets

and there will also be a band playing "iz-zaqq". People attending this activity will also have the possibility to taste typical Christmas maltese food including hot wine, 'imbuljuta' and roasted chestnut.

✉ Birgu

🕒 22 December: 7pm.

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Carol Singing

A soiree of choir carol singing.

✉ Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 23 December

📄 All Buses

☎ 21563344

Christmas Pageant

Traditional Biblical Christmas Pageant with the participation of hundreds of local actors along the main streets of San Lawrenz.

✉ San Lawrenz, Gozo

🕒 24 December: 6.30pm onwards.

📄 2, 91

☎ 21563556

The International Folk Festival

Defile' and final show along Republic Street and Independence Square, Victoria.

✉ Victoria, Gozo

🕒 28 December

📄 All Buses

☎ 21563344

Il-Festa

End of the year popular celebration marking also the changeover to the Euro, organized by the Victoria Local Council.

✉ Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 31 December

📄 All Buses

☎ 21563344



Performances

Journey

A spectacular show by Ruth Sammut Casingena in aid of Eden Foundation. Casingena projecting herself as a solo artiste, combining all her talents and fusing different forms of art into one colourful spectacle of voice, instrumental playing, choreography and two choirs.

✉ Hilton St Julians

🕒 1 December, 8pm.

Tickets: Lm8, Lm10, Lm12, Lm15 from Visco Enterprises Ltd (Ex-Exotique), City Gate, Valletta

🚌 64, 65, 68, 70

The Journey

By Alson White Dance Studio. A journey that starts in the desert, travels through the tropics and finishes off at the north pole. It's a light entertaining show with a variety of disciplines in ballet: jazz, contemporary, spanish and hip hop.

✉ Teatru Astra, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 1 December: 7.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Romeo and Juliet - as never before

Variation of street dance and classical ballet with a cast of hundred participants including dance, song and drama. Principal parts staged by English Youth Ballet dancer and choreography by Ian Stuart McKenzie, a well renowned West end principal dancer. Directed by Joseph Camilleri (Zap).

✉ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta.

🕒 1 December at 8pm.
Tickets Lm5.50 (€12.81), Lm7.50 (€17.47), Lm9.50 (€22.12).

🚌 All Buses

☎ 79207632, 99226842

Christmas is Coming

Performers: Marita Bezzina, soprano; Alex Vella Gregory, organ.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station)

🕒 2 December: 11am

🚌 All Buses

Orchestral Concert by the National Orchestra

One of a series of concerts marking the 10th anniversary of the National Orchestra featuring soloists Natalsha Chircop and Marco Rivatins performing Mendelssohn's Concerto for two pianos and the all-time favourite Carnival of Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 4 December: 8pm. Tickets: Lm4 (€9.32), Lm6 (€13.98), Lm8 (€18.63), Lm10 (€23.29)

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Lunchtime Concert

Piano Galore. Performer - Corinne Briffa.

✉ Sala Isuoard, Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta.

🕒 5 December: 1pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Masters of the Bow

Works for solo viola. Performer: Sarah Spiteri.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station)

🕒 6 December: 12.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Hard Rock Café - Battle of the Bands

Twelve of Malta's well-known and emerging bands will compete against each other for the chance of winning an opportunity to give two performances at the prestigious Hard Rock Café in Garn Canaria, Spain. The Battle of the Bands has not only been of great interest and enjoyment to the rock enthusiasts but also to the general public and to people of various tastes.

✉ Hard Rock Café, Bay Street Complex, Paceville

🕒 6 December: 8pm

🚌 62, 64, 65, 68, 70



Concert by The St Paul Choral Society

As part of the 2nd edition of the Sliema International Arts Festival organized by the Societa' Filarmonica Sliema, the St Paul Choral Society will hold a Christmas Concert. The Choir and organ will perform traditional and classical Christmas carols. On this occasion several artistic masterpieces will be specially lit to be admired by art enthusiasts.

☒ Sacred Heart Of Jesus Parish Church, St. Trophimus Street, Sliema

🕒 7 December: 7.30pm. Free admission.

🚏 60, 63

Teatru Unplugged

The tenth edition provides an interesting line-up of local and foreign artists, including New York based pianist Paul Shaw, a string quartet from the UK and a local band put together especially for this year's edition, featuring established local singers including Ivan Filetti, Christina Casolani, and Gianni and versatile musicians like Renzo Spiteri

☒ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 7, 8, 9 December: 8pm.

🚏 All Buses
☎ 21246389

A Christmas Concert to Warm the Heart

Colin Attard directs a Christmas Concert, followed by warm wine, warm food, warm hearts in the Santa Lucija Centre. It will be a super evening to be enjoyed by all.

☒ Santa Lucija Church

🕒 8 December: 7.30pm. Tickets Lm10 (€23.29).

🚏 15
☎ 79566496, 99018015

The Magic of the Flute

Performers: Ramona Zammit Formosa, hapsichord; Silvio Zammit, flute.

☒ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station)

🕒 9 December: 11am.

🚏 All Buses



Richard Clayderman in Concert with the National Orchestra

Programme to include Richard Clayderman's all time favourites like Balade pour Adeline, Lettre a ma Mere and A comme Amour. The programme will also feature medleys of film music including themes from Love Story, Titanic and Harry Potter.

☒ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta

🕒 8 December; 7.30pm. Tickets: Lm6 (€13.98), Lm8 (€18.63), Lm10 (€23.29), Lm12 (€27.95), Lm16 (€37.27), Lm20 (€46.59).

🚏 All Buses
☎ 25595751, 79344355

Lunchtime Concert

Piano Galore. Performer - Erika Gialanze.

☒ Sala Isoard, Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta.

🕒 12 December: 1pm.

🚏 All Buses
☎ 21246389

Holy City

A Christmas-themed concert featuring soprano Marita Bezzina, flute Silvio Zammit, harp Anne Marie Camilleri

Podesta' and Ramona Zammit Formosa.

☒ Sacrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 12 December: 8pm

🚏 All Buses

☎ 79680952

La Stella Band Annual Concert

The annual concert programme includes Symphony No. 5 (1st Mov.) "From The New World" by Anton Dvorak, Overture "Rienzi" by Wagner, Symphonic Suite "Pirates Of The Caribbean" by Klaus Badelt and a Selection from the grand opera "Macbeth" by Giuseppe Verdi. Musical direction - Profs. Joseph Vella.

☒ Teatru Asta, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 14 December: 7.30pm.

🚏 All Buses

Yuletide Band Marches & Christmas Concert

Band marches and Christmas concert by the Leone Philharmonic Band, Victoria followed by the inauguration of an artistic crib

☒ Banca Giuratale, Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 14 December: 6pm

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21556125, 21554904

Lunchtime Concert

Organised by the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts.

☒ The Music Room, St James Cavalier, Valletta.

🕒 14 December: 12.35pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21223200

Thumbelina

A fairy tale ballet based on the story of Hans Christian Andersen, directed and produced by Brigitte Gauci Borda with a cast of over 300 dancers. Thumbelina is the classic tale of a tiny girl who comes to believe that if she follows her heart nothing is impossible. The second half of the show entitled Collage is a mixture of different dance styles from Classical to Avant-Garde. This part of the show will surely please audiences of all ages for an hour of spectacular entertainment.

✉ St. Agatha's Theatre, Emmanuel Vitale Street, Rabat, Malta

🕒 14 & 15 December. 7.30pm. Tickets: Lm6 (€13.98). 65, 80, 81, 84, 86

☎ 21341755, 79341755



Albano in Concert

Albano will be performing his first ever concert in Malta since his long standing career in music began with his debut in 1966. A string of hits then proceeded including 'La Siepe', 'Nel Sole', 'Storia di Due Innamarati', and the duet

'Dialogo' with his then wife Romina Power. 'Felicitia' followed being awarded 2nd prize at Festival di Sanremo and 'Nostalgia Canaglia' 'Cara Terra Mia' also coming in 3rd in following years.

✉ Malta Fairs & Convention Centre, Ta' Qali

🕒 15 December. 8.30pm. Tickets Lm15 (€34.94), Lm12, (€27.95), Lm9 (€20.96).

🎫 65, 86
☎ 99496661

Euromed Festival For Composers

The finalists of the first Euromed Festival for Composers will perform their original compositions.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 15 December 7.30pm.

🎫 All Buses
☎ 21246389

Medieval to Baroque Christmas Arias

Carols ranging from the evocative medieval, the quaint renaissance and the elegant Baroque style. Performers: Pauline Longo, soprano; Alex Vella Gregory, harpsichord - organ.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station)

🕒 16 December. 11am.
🎫 All Buses

What Sound Upon the Midnight Air

The St Monica Choir is set to make this season yet another memorable season. This year's concerts will be on a more traditional note. Two concerts will be held in local parishes,

trying to make the events as accessible and homely for all the family as possible.

✉ Collegiagte Church of the Virgin Mary, Senglea

🕒 16 December. 7pm. Free admission.

🎫 3

✉ Parish church of the Transfiguration, Lija

🕒 21 December. 7pm. Free admission

🎫 55, 56, 58

Lunchtime Concert

Piano Galore. Performer: Giselle Grima.

✉ Sala Isuoard, Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta.

🕒 19 December. 1pm.

🎫 All Buses

☎ 21246389

The Christmas Story

As seen through the eyes of musicians and story tellers. Narrator: Toni Attard. Musicians: The St. Catherine Group!

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station)

🕒 20 December. 12.30pm.

🎫 All Buses

Chorus Urbanus

Grand Christmas Concert in aid of Arka Foundation, featuring music by Johann Strauss and W.A. Mozart, selection of christmas carols and premiere of "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Mro John Galea (Musical Director) with the participation of the National Orchestra.

✉ Teatru Astra, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 21 December. 7.30pm

🎫 All Buses.



Circus

The Circo Bellucci is the only circus in Europe to possess an ISO 9001 certificate issued by Moody International for excellence in quality, performance security and animal care. Circo Bellucci, which has been described as one of the greatest circuses in Europe, is managed by two brothers, Attilio and Emidio Bellucci.

✉ Floriana Football Ground
 ⌚ 21 December, 7.30pm - 14 January 2 shows at 5pm and 7.30pm. Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, extra matinee show at 2.30pm. Tickets: Adults Lm6 (€13.98), children Lm4 (€9.32). Box Tickets Lm10 (€23.29) for adults.

🚍 All Buses
 ☎ 99018225

Christmas with the Consort

Performers: St. James Consort.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station)

⌚ 23 December: 11am.
 🚍 All Buses

Christmas Soireel

Including a live orchestra, carol singing, the traditional Christmas sermon and a short play. Produced by the Nadur MUSEUM (Boys' Section).

✉ Don Bosco Oratory Hall, Nadur, Gozo.

⌚ 26 December: 7pm.
 🚍 42, 43
 ☎ 21556125

Medieval to Baroque Christmas Arias

Carols ranging from the evocative medieval, the quaint renaissance and the elegant Baroque style. Performers: Pauline Longo, soprano; Alex Vella Gregory, harpsichord - organ

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station).

⌚ 27 December: 12.30pm.
 🚍 All Buses

IXth Christmas Concert

By the Chorus Urbanus and organised by the Xaghra Local Council.

✉ Basilica of the Nativity of Our Lady, Xaghra, Gozo
 ⌚ 27 December: 7.30pm
 🚍 64, 65
 ☎ 21563737

All Strings Attached

Duos for cello and violin - viola. Performers: Mario Buhagiar, cello; Sarah Spiteri, violin - viola.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church Valletta (near police station).

⌚ 30 December: 11am.
 🚍 All Buses

It-Tokk Swings at Christmas

A concert by a Big Band playing all genres of music.

✉ Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo
 ⌚ 30 December: 6.30pm
 🚍 All Buses
 ☎ 21556125

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Theatre in Maltese

Lucrezia Borgia

Penned by Bryan Muscat (Lemonhead Productions), this play revolves around the notorious woman who was closely related to some controversial figures residing in the Vatican. Her life was intricately woven and shaped by the politics of the 16th century, gaining her a reputation as one of history's cruelest women.

- ✉ St James Cavalier, Valletta
- 🕒 1 & 2 December: 8pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21223200

Awstralja by Joseph Vella Bondin

The mysterious death of a young man is the catalyst of Joseph Vella Bondin's original play about love, lust and guilt set against a background of Maltese emigration in the late 1960s. Produced by Bronk Productions.

- ✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
- 🕒 1 December, 7.30pm. 2 December, 6.30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389

Il-Kadavru Li Ghosfor

Busybody by Jack Popplewell is the original 60's comedy translated into Maltese by Frank Ganado, a superb cast of eight actors under the direction of Joe Camilleri to give us a good three-act comedy-thriller. This come-

dy-noir is tense, exciting but hilarious. A comedy not to be missed.

- ✉ Salesian Theatre, Howard Street, Sliema
- 🕒 8 & 9 December
- 🚌 61, 62, 63
- ☎ 99491024, 21311847, 21311744



Zoo Goes Fairy Tales (16 and over)

A highly entertaining variety show in Maltese, based on some of the most renowned characters appearing in fairy tales' books.

- ✉ Zoo Tent, Manoel Island, (football grounds).

- 🕒 12 - 16 December: Tickets Lm5 (€11.62)
- 🚌 61, 62, 63
- ✉ Teatru Astra, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 22 December: 7.30pm
- 🚌 All Buses
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✉ St James Cavalier, Valletta
 ⌚ 13, 15, 16, 21, 22 December: Shows at 5 and 7.30pm
 🚌 All Buses
 ☎ 21223200

In Search of the Missing Reindeer

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is kidnapped by Jack Frost! Santa Claus together with the Elves, Snow Queen, Snow Man, Gingerbread Man and a Super Hero, (not so super and not so hero), depart for this adventurous journey full of thrill, fun and lots of musical tunes. The Music is by Abigail Brown with book and lyrics by Patrick Vella. The original Christmas musical promises to give a treat to the whole family, young and young at heart.

✉ St James Cavalier, Valletta
 ⌚ 26 - 30 December: 2 - 6 and 11 - 13 January. Tickets start from Lm2.50 (€5.82).
 🚌 All Buses
 ☎ 21223200, 21223216

**Pirates of the Mediterranean**

This year's panto from MADC is written by Edward Mercieca and directed by Nanette Brimmer. The panto will follow the adventures of Jim Hawkins-Crusoe (the poor relation of Robinson Crusoe) and his mum, the inimitable

Kalafrana. Musical director is Mro Paul Abela and choreographer is Kristina Schranz.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
 ⌚ 26th - 30 December & 2 - 13 January. Weekdays at 7.30pm. Saturday and Sunday at 3 and 8pm.
 🚌 All Buses
 ☎ 21246389

Sports

National Sports Event

This sports event will include various sport demonstrations such as kendo, hip hop/breakdance, weightlifting, etc. Also there will be athletics, baseball/softball, netball and more

✉ Marsa Sports Grounds, Marsa
 ⌚ 2 December: 9am - 4pm.
 🚌 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 19, 27

Horse Races

Horse races take place on Fridays at 7pm and Sundays at 2pm.
 ✉ Malta Racing Club, Race-

course Street, Marsa
 ⌚ 2, 9, 13, 16 December
 🚌 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 19, 27

Mdina Glass Time Consisting Run (Rally)

Around fifty classic cars will be participating in this rally, which will start at the Mdina Glass area at ta' Qali, and pass through various routes around the island prior to finishing at the point of origin.

✉ Ta' Qali
 ⌚ 13 December: 10am - 12.30pm
 🚌 65, 86



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✉ 210, Tower Road, Sliema
☎ 21311112, 99455650



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