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18<sup>th</sup> April 2009

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17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Mediterranean Conference Centre

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A historical re-enactment of a full scale military parade at Fort St. Elmo Valletta

## **DATES FOR 2009**

March 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th

April 5th, 19th & 26th

May 10th, 24th & 31st

June 14th, 21st & 28th

July 5th & 12th

Sept 27th

Oct 4th, 11th & 25th

Nov 1st & 8th

Dec 2th

**Starting 11.00am**

**Duration 40mins**

A Re-enactment portraying military encounters between Maltese militias and French troops (1798-1800). at Fort St. Elmo, Valletta.

# ALARME!

Starting at 11.00 am Duration 50mins

**March 15th, May 15th, Oct 18th & Nov 15th**

Further information  
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**Tourist Info.**



point to point, services. The cost of a bus route ranges from 47 to 57 euro cents. The longest bus journey takes about fifty minutes; the average ride is between 20 and 30 minutes.

**Driving**

Driving is on the left. There is a speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour on arterial roads and 40 kph in urban areas.

**Cycling**

Cycling became popular again since the introduction of all terrain cycles (ATBs), which are ideally situated to Malta and Gozo. ATBs and bicycles may be hired from various cycle shops throughout the

islands. Cyclists should remember to always follow the highway code and clearly hand signal their intentions.



**Public Transport**

Malta's public transport system offers a cheap and efficient way of touring the Island. The main bus terminus is in Valletta from where buses operate to all parts of Malta, although there are also direct,

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Children: €9 per tour



**South Route - Red Tour**

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Ta'Xbiex Harbour  
Msida Yacht Marina  
Valletta (in detail)  
Hypogeum  
Tarxien Temples  
The Three Cities  
Bieb is-Sultan  
Marsaxlokk fishing village  
San Lucjan Tower

Ghar Dalam cave and  
museum  
Blue Grotto  
Hagar Qim  
Limestone Heritage

**North Route - Blue Tour**

Manoel Island  
Ta'Xbiex Harbour  
Msida Yacht Marina  
Valletta Bus Terminus

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## Holy Week Celebrations



### Palm Sunday

This annual feast falls on the Sunday before Easter and commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion, an event reported in the Gospels. The feast is celebrated in various parishes around Malta and Gozo.

### Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter are celebrated in Malta in a liturgical and ceremonially prominent manner. On Palm Sunday, one may assist to the liturgical rites that usher in Holy Week. On Thursday evening and Friday morning, churches have their paintings draped over in purple or black velvet. The Maltese folk turn out in their thousands to visit and pray in seven different churches as traditionally observed. On Good Friday, late afternoon, some 17 different towns and villages commemorate the Passion of the Christ by an organised and very solemn procession of statues. Each of these statues represents a particular episode in the Passion of the Christ and is carried by pallbearers. Between one statue and another (some ten in all) participants are dressed as biblical charac-

ters who take part in the procession in a dignified manner. Many processions include men in penitence bearing a cross and sometimes dragging chains as well tied to their bare feet as penitence. Easter manifests itself in a happier and festive mood. The Statue of the Risen Christ signifies the last act of the Passion of the Christ - Christ triumphant over death. This time all will rejoice to the commemoration that 'Christ is Risen from the Dead'. Tradition dictates that children carry their Easter pastry (figolla) to be blessed by the statue of the Risen Christ. Easter is a demarcation line in the calendar of Malta's seasonal calendar as it heralds the beginning of Spring.

Procession being held in various parishes:

#### Our Lady of Sorrows

🕒 3 April

#### Palm Sunday

🕒 5 April

#### Good Friday

🕒 10 April

#### Easter

🕒 12 April

☎ 80072230, 21237747

# Good Friday Processions

## St. Mary of Jesus Parish Church, Valletta

### Good Friday Procession

takes place in the main streets of Valletta

🕒 10 April. 5.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

## The Assumption of Our Lady Parish Church, Mosta

### Good Friday Procession

takes place in the main streets of Mosta

🕒 10 April. 6.30pm.

🚌 43, 44, 45, 57

## St. George's Basilica, Victoria, Gozo

### Good Friday Procession

takes place in the main streets of Victoria.

🕒 10 April. 5.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

## St. George's Parish Church, Qormi

### Good Friday Procession

takes place in the main streets of Qormi.

🕒 10 March. 5.30pm.

🚌 88, 89, 91

## Our Lady of Victory Parish Church, Senglea

### Good Friday Procession

takes place in the main streets of Senglea.

🕒 10 April. 6pm.

🚌 3

## Xaghra Parish Church, Xaghra, Gozo

Good Friday Procession passes through main square and main streets of Xaghra, Gozo.

🕒 10 April. 6pm.

🚌 64, 65

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✉ The Arena, Montekristo Estates, Hal Farrug, l/o Siggiewi.  
🕒 Thursdays at 7.30pm.  
Tickets: Adults €48, Children under 12: €24. Free transport.  
☎ 21228065, 99991565



### Palazzo Parisio & Gardens

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✉ Palazzo Parisio, Naxxar  
🕒 Open daily Monday - Saturday (except Good Friday, 24th, 25th Dec & 1st Jan) 9am-6pm. Last admission 4.30pm.  
Tickets: Adults €9, Students €6 & Children €4.50  
🚌 54, 55, 56, 65  
☎ 21412461

### Cultural Tour

A full day tour to the sister island of Gozo – organised by the Malta Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

🕒 30 April, 7.30 am.

☎ 21244339

### Re-Enactments



### In Guardia

A historical re-enactment that portrays an authentic historical event. This is the regular inspection of the fort and garrison by the Grand Bailiff of the Order of the Knights of St. John in charge of military affairs. During the re-enactment the fort's garrison (some 70 in all) is dressed in its best uniforms to demonstrate to the Grand Bailiff its military prowess. The duration of the show is of roughly 40 minutes.

✉ Fort St. Elmo, Valletta.  
🕒 5, 19, 26 April, 11am.  
Tickets: €5 adults, €3 children between the ages of 6 and 12.  
🚌 All Buses  
☎ 21237747, 29915540/1

### Cultural Tour

#### Cultural Tour

This tour is organised by The Malta Council for Culture and Arts and it consists of a full day tour to Gozo, exploring mainly the Island's Holy Week Cult. For more info: the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts, 230 Republic Street Valletta, by not later than Wednesday before the respective tours.

🕒 5 April  
☎ 21232515, 21245168

#### Cultural Tour

A cultural tour organised by the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts, visiting Floriana; including Argotti, The Mall and St Philip's gardens, Police and Criminology museum and the Garden of Rest More information may be obtained from the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts, 230 Republic Street Valletta.

🕒 26 April  
☎ 21232515, 21245168

## Exhibitions

### Art Exhibition

The 15th solo art exhibition by Anthony Caruana.

✉ VGB Art Gallery, Republic Street, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 2 April

🚌 All Buses

### Good Friday Exhibition

✉ St Gabriel's Band Club, Balzan

🕒 1 - 10 April

🚌 40, 80, 81, 84

### Exhibition

Commemorating national poet Gorg Pisani on the centenary of his birth.

✉ Ministry for Gozo Hall, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 1 - 12 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21561482

### Reiner

An art exhibition by Raphael Vella.

✉ Meditation Space, St James Cavalier, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 12 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

### Art Exhibition

By gozitan artists Paul Stellini and Martin Attard.

✉ Art...e Gallery, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 1 - 17 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21557911

### Relics

A collection of Victor Agius' most recent abstracted landscapes. In these works Agius



### Six Holy Week Exhibitions

This is a walk-through series of emotive and devotional exhibitions artistically presented with life-size statues, audio-visual effects and informative commentaries (in English and Maltese) that turn the visit into an educational, cultural and religious experience. These exhibitions are set up under the professional guidance of Chev. Alfred Camilleri Cauchi who is also the sculptor of the thirty life-size figures appearing in three of the six sections of the exhibition, which are organised into two main sections.

**Section A** houses the Good Friday exhibitions comprising: The Last Supper; the Crucifixion on Golgotha, and a set of small statuette-compositions depicting the passion of Christ, accompanied by miniature biblical ornaments and church decorations. **Section B** is related to Easter and comprises: The burial of Christ, a set of original via crucis scenes, and the resurrection of Christ, an audio-visual representation.

✉ 12, St. Philip Square, Zebbug, Malta

🕒 1 - 10 April, 10am - 12 noon and 6 - 10pm (till 11pm on Maundy Thursday).

🚌 88

uses the landscape as an excuse to lurk into abstract compositions. He gives a personal interpretation to what are otherwise familiar Maltese scenes. Agius perceives his natural surroundings and heritage sites as jewels and thus he uses his panels and palette to conserve them and thus create relics.

✉ Auberge d'Italie, Merchants Street, Valletta

🕒 1 - 17 April. Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 79594508

### The Victor Pasmore in Malta Exhibition

An exhibition by Heritage Malta in collaboration with the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts (MCCA) featuring works by Victor Pasmore.

✉ The Gozo Area Exhibition Hall of Heritage Malta, St. Martin's Quarters, The Citadel, Gozo.

🕒 1 - 17 April. Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm. Last admission 3.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

## Art and Antique Exhibition

Collective art and antique exhibition organised by the Eden and Razzett Foundations.

📍 18, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 1 - 19 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21558941



## Retrospective Exhibition

Eman Grima's Retrospective Exhibition spanning the period from 1969 - 2009.

📍 Malta Society of Arts, Palazzo De La Salle, 219 Republic Street, Valletta

🕒 1 - 3 April, Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm.

🕒 6 - 18 April, Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm, 5 - 7pm, Saturday 10am - noon. Closed on public holidays. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

## Solace

Art inspired by Gozo. Artist Emma Borg will be exhibiting her latest pieces of art. Originally from Devon, England, Ms Borg has been residing in Gozo for nearly 7 years. She rediscovered her

artistic flair during a visit to the Island, inspired by the peace and tranquility that this beautiful place has to offer. Her style of paintings is modern abstract and contemporary, inspired by the wild and nature's untouched beauty on the islands of Malta and Gozo. Her paintings exude a feeling of calmness, freedom and serenity.

📍 The Cittadella Centre, St Ursula Hall, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 1 - 19 April

🚌 All Buses

## Tracking the Different

An exhibition of paintings by Albanian artist Arben Theodhosi.

📍 Contemporary Hall, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta

🕒 1 - 19 April. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

## Urbanisation Games

Adrian Scicluna's first solo exhibition are conceptual sculptures, which illustrate his thoughts regarding the developing Maltese landscape. He explores the various aspects of local urbanization, using some popular games as metaphors. The art pieces provoke thought processes on human behavior vis-à-vis local environment. Adrian's main investigations focus on contemporary social issues. The media employed for realization of his art works often depends on the subject matter concerned. In fact, Adrian's conceptual sculptural works

are typically executed using materials and objects that are conceptually linked and specific to the issues and concepts in question. The work generally provokes intellectual and often emotional connections related to the concerns addressed.

📍 St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 26 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

## Under Construction

An art exhibition by Adrian Scicluna.

📍 Main Hall, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 26 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

## Details of Life

An exhibition of paintings by Andrew Micallef.

📍 Heritage Malta's Head Office, Merchant Street, Valletta

🕒 1 April - 3 May, Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

## Mkejjin

Robert Zahra presents a selection of paintings, drawings and photographs from a six year project focusing on the experience of the city. The works take us through the open public spaces and into the subterranean corners of the metropolis.

📍 Upper Galleries, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 April - 3 May

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200



### Watercolours Exhibition

A collection of latest paintings by Jacqueline Agius where the artist endeavours to capture the mood around her; to work a spell on the viewer and to stir feelings.

✉ Trattoria Fiorino D'Oro, It-Telgha t'Alla w Ommu, Salina L/O Naxxar

🕒 1 - 30 April. Tuesday - Saturday 7 - 11 pm, Sunday 12 - 3 pm.

📞 54, 55, 56

☎ 21570999

### Reflections on Pauline Theology

An exhibition by Heritage Malta and the Department of History of Art, University of Malta featuring works by John Martin Borg and archaeological artefacts from the reserve collection dating from the paleo-Christian period.

✉ The Grand Salone, National Museum of Archaeology, Auberge de Provence Republic Street, Valletta

🕒 1 April - 3 May. Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Epiphania

An exhibition of paintings by Anthony Spagno.

✉ Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta

🕒 1 April - 3 May. Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Last admis-

sion 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Devotion

A photography project by Patrick J Fenech and Chris Tribble. Patrick Fenech's work, deals mostly with the inception of life and the motherly attention and care viewed mainly during religious celebrations. Another situation treated in Fenech's work is 'mother and child' in the refugee open centers in Malta. Chris Tribble has chosen to look at Devotion from a different perspective. In the first he has compiled a documentation from a set of informal personal photographs of his wife's mother, Dorothy, during the last two years of her life. In this instance devotion had a troubled and ambiguous quality as we try to maintain our affection for a person who is becoming more remote as a

result of illness. In the second set, Chris has taken images from a larger professional documentation of English language teachers from around the world.

✉ St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 April - 3 May

📞 All Buses

☎ 21223200

### Urban Landscapes

By Robert Zahra.

✉ Upper Galleries, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 April - 3 May

📞 All Buses

☎ 21223200

### Holy Week Annual Exhibition

Last Supper in Jewish ritual with life size statues and other life size statues. Statuettes and Religious Figurines from the procession of Good Friday and artistic works with semolina showing religious figures and symbols of the Passion of the Christ will also be exhibited.

✉ The Saint Helen Band Club, Main Street, Birkirkara

🕒 2 - 11 April. Mon - Fri 5.30 - 9.30pm; Saturdays, Sundays and Palm Sunday 8.30am - 12 noon and 5.30 - 9.30pm; Maundy Thurs 5.30pm - 1am; Good Friday 8.30am - 3pm.

📞 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49

### Sacred Art Exhibition

By artist Paul Camilleri Cauchi.

✉ Banca Giuratale, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 2 - 26 April

☎ 21556125



### Last Supper Display and Golgotha

The Society Domus Pius IX will be setting up the Last Supper and Golgotha exhibition for the 55th time this year. More than 100 artworks meticulously created with TABLE SALT, RICE and PASTA will visualize this year's theme: The Passion of our Lord Jesus and the Holy Ghost's work throughout the History of Salvation. The exhibits depict: the biblical heroes Samson, Gideon, King Saul and King David; the prophets Isaias, Micah, Ezechiel and the Second Isaias; the Ministry and Passion scenes of Jesus and finally the acts of the Apostles up to Paul of Tarsus. The Society prides itself in having introduced and perfected the techniques in producing artworks with Salt and Pasta, unique in its genre, which must be seen to be appreciated.

✉ Domus Pius IX, Matty Grima Street, Cospicua

🕒 3 - 12 April, 9am - 1pm, 5 - 9.30pm. Good Friday - open all day. Easter Sunday - morning only

📞 1, 4, 6

### International Cat Shows

The Malta Feline Guardians Club is proudly presenting its' 12th and 13th International Cat Shows. A weekend outing for all of the family to enjoy from the very young to the young at heart. Judging our two shows shall be two very experienced German judges. A lot of different breeds are to be shown at these shows apart from the usual Persian, we shall be showing the

Norwegian Forest Cat, the Exotic, Maine Coon, Sphynx the Burmilla plus the Himalayan and the Maltese cat (domestic) a favorite amongst our visitors. All in all around 80 different cats of all sizes, shapes and colors shall be present on the day.

✉ Coastline Hotel, Salina Bay

🕒 4 April 1 - 8pm.

🕒 5 April 11am - 7pm.

📞 70

☎ 99990022, 79632236

### Passion of Jesus Christ

An exhibition of miniature statues representing the Passion of Jesus Christ organised by the Tarxien Local Council.

✉ Dar Tal-Kejka, Xintill Street, Tarxien

🕒 4 - 11 April

📞 8, 11, 27, 29, 30

### Last Supper Display

Artistic display of the Last Supper Table.

✉ Santa Marija Band Club, Zebbug, Gozo

🕒 5 April

📞 90, 91

☎ 21550488

### Art Exhibition

Art exhibition in connection with the Holy Week events.

✉ Basilica annex, Xaghra, Gozo

🕒 9 - 12 April

📞 64, 65

☎ 21551042

### History in Scale Model Expo

An international expo of highly finished detailed historical miniatures of various military subjects, organised by the Society for Scale Modellers IPMS Malta.

✉ Malta Aviation Museum, Ta' Qali

🕒 11 - 19 April

📞 65, 86

### Photographic Exhibition

By gozitan artist Mario Saliba,

✉ Art...Gallery, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 18 - 30 April

📞 All Buses

☎ 21557911

### Postcards and Silks of the First World War

This exhibition is timed to coincide with the commemoration of Anzac Day. The exhibits will comprise a selection of various types of postcards used during the First World War (1914 - 1918), together with a few silk souvenirs of the period. The postcards will be divided into sections according to their type: photograph, picture, song, or silk - as well as a display case dedicated to Maltese cards

✉ Exhibition Area, University of Malta Library, Tal-Qroqq

🕒 20 April - 22 May. Monday - Friday 9am - 8pm; and Saturday 9am - 12.15pm.

🚌 42, 58, 69

### AME Model Exhibition

A number of models will be on display together with a number of trade stands. This is your chance to see the Edinburgh Military Tattoo model display.

✉ Scouts Head Quarters, E. S. Tonna Street, Floriana

🕒 25 April - 3 May, 8am - 8pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Anime Delle Terre

An exhibition of Painting and Ceramics by Paul Vella Critien.

✉ Malta Society of Arts, Valletta

🕒 25 April - 9 May

🚌 All Buses

### Arts and Hobbies Exhibition

By the Tarxien residents, organised by the Tarxien Local Council.

✉ Tarxien Community Centre, St Theresa Str, Tarxien.

🕒 27 April - 3 May

🚌 8, 11, 27, 29, 30

### Amazing Race

Amazing Grace is an art exhibition by artist Pierre Portelli.

✉ The Main Hall, St James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 28 April - 31 May

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200



### Backstreets

Maltese and other European Urbanscapes in oil by Gozo-based Canadian painter J.D. Murphy. This exhibition consists of over twenty paintings of European urban street. A mix of street, market, rooftop, harbour, etc. views based on photographs taken in various European cities. Included as well are several paintings of street scenes in Malta and Gozo. The larger canvasses are primarily a series of Vittoriosa street scenes, in homage to the municipality staging the exhibition. Of particular note is a series of "rooftops" in European cities, such as the striking Rooftops- Lyon, and Old Theatre Street, Valletta (No.3), St. Lawrence Church, Vittoriosa, and Triq il-Majjistral, Vittoriosa.

✉ Gallerija Couvre Porte, Vittoriosa (near the Malta at War Museum)

🕒 18 April - 17 May. Open weekdays 9am - 12.30pm. Saturdays and Sundays 10am - 5pm.

🚌 6

☎ 21550138

**Performances**

**Stabat Mater**

Malta Philharmonic Orchestra in collaboration with The Rev. Metropolitan Chapter and The St John Co-Cathedral Foundation presents Gioacchino Rossini

✉ St John Co-Cathedral, Valletta

🕒 2 April 7.30pm. Free admission. Patrons are requested to be seated by 7.15pm.

🚌 All Buses

**ABBA - The Show**

The closest thing to Swedish supergroup Abba. The Show follows the band's story from their Eurovision beginnings all the way to major chart success in a show that packs their greatest hits in a two-hour musical extravaganza. It is performed by Sweden's Waterloo, a renowned group who bring Abba to life, together with the National Symphony Orchestra of London conducted by Matthew Freeman. Abba - The Show has had phenomenal success around the world, reaching audiences in India, Spain and the US, climaxing with a sold-out performance at the Hollywood Bowl. Throughout the course of the production, the audience is led on a journey through the rise of Abba. The show features classic songs such as Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen and Knowing Me Knowing You.

✉ MFCC, Ta' Qali

🕒 4 April  
65, 86  
☎ 21410371/2, 21414099

**God so Loved the World**

A musical programme presented by the Island Brass Quintet.

✉ Sts Peter & Paul Basilica, Nadur, Gozo.

🕒 4 April  
42, 43  
☎ 21556125



**Unspoken ..... Sounds from Within**

Contemporary violinist/composer Simon Vella will be launching his latest album. Since he was 5, Simon has been going through countless hours of studying classical violin, music theory, jazz training, playing with various orchestras, jazz bands. However Simon's real musical identity started coming out when he started experimenting with original compositions, in which he fused his interest in electronic soundscapes and beats with his trademark catchy riffs,

virtuoso runs and improvisations on the violin. During these concerts, Simon will be playing all of the self-composed tracks featured in the album, as well as a number of cover versions that demonstrate his vast range of musical influences that will appeal both to modern-music inclined audiences as well as the classically and jazz oriented listeners - all interpreted in his own particular style.

✉ Music Room, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 4 & 5 April, 8.30pm. Tickets €12.

🚌 All Buses  
☎ 21223200

**Choral Concert**

Sacred music choral concert with the Chorus Urbanus and ensemble.

✉ St George's Basilica, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 5 April  
🚌 All Buses  
☎ 21556377

**Monday Ovation**

Organised by the Malta Cultural Institute.

✉ The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Phoenicia, Floriana



🕒 6 April, 7pm.  
🚌 All Buses

**Sacred Music Concert**

Sacred music concert by the La Stella band.

✉ St. George's Basilica, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 7 April  
🚌 All Buses  
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 All Buses  
 21246389

### Beauty and the Beast

For the first time ever, the multi-award winning Disney musical, Beauty and the Beast. If you are visiting the Maltese Islands on these dates, this is certainly one outing that you should not miss! Beauty and the Beast is a world class production that has been touring internationally for five years. Despite the fact that Disney productions are usually associated with children's cartoons and feature



films - and indeed the musical is based on Disney's own classic Beauty and the Beast - the production certainly also appeals to an adult audience and is similar to any other high-end musical that will have you on the edge of your seats. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to experience a world-class musical

 Mediterranean Conference, Valletta  
 12 & 13 April, 4 and 8.30pm. Tickets €25, €45, €55, €65, €75.  
 All Buses  
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### Versatile Brass Ensemble

Produced by the Manoel Theatre Management Committee. Paul Borg, Malta's brass guru and tuba virtuoso presents his Versatile Brass Quintet in a breath-taking programme.

 Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta  
 7 April, 8pm.

**7th April** - Chamber Music - Paul Borg, Malta brass guru and tuba virtuoso presents his Versatile Brass Quintet in a breath taking programme

**13th, 14th and 17th April** - International String Orchestra Festival The 3rd edition of this ever-growing enterprise created by young composer Karl Fiorini, this year will include master classes, chamber music, recitals and orchestral concerts with the participation of virtuoso violinist Carmine Lauri, conductor Brian Schembri, together with Yuko Inoue, Helene Dautry, Joanna Frankel and Emanuel Salvador

**22nd, 23rd and 24th April** - Curtain Raiser

presents Cinderella onidential. Written by Eric Coble and directed by Patrick Vella. This 50 minute performance is aimed specifically to a young audience

**29th and 30th April** - Dance Council Malta in collaboration with Teatru Manoel present WORLD DAY of DANCE. A contemporary and Classical Dance performance with foreign and local artists.

### Performances in Sala Isouard

New Composers Series - The Polaris Trio in a concert featuring some exciting chamber works by talented Maltese composer Karl Fiorini. The programme also includes works by Pace and Turina.

**Manoel Theatre, 115 Old, Theatre Street, Valletta - Tel: (+356) 2124 6389**  
**bookings@teatrumanoel.com.mt • www.teatrumanoel.com.mt**

## Annual Easter Concert

With the participation of Sine Macula Choir, under the direction of Anthony Pace, organised by the cultural section of the Zejtun Local Council.

- ✉ San Giorġ Church, Zejtun
- 🕒 14 April, 7.30pm.
- 🚌 27, 28, 29, 30

## International String Orchestra Festival

Talented string players from across the globe will meet in a stimulating, productive and relaxed environment to rehearse and perform music to the highest level. A unique selection of top international professional musicians will be giving master classes and workshops as well as conducting, coaching, leading and performing alongside the string orchestra. There will be frequent public concerts as a showcase for students to perform solo works and chamber music. During the week there will be a trip to the neighbouring island of Gozo for a concert performance. The Festival will culminate with a concert, featuring the string orchestra.

- ✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
- 🕒 13, 14, 15, 17 April, 7.30pm. Tickets: €12, €15, €20, €35. Block ticket: €30, €50, €75.
- 🕒 14 & 16 April, 12.30pm. Free admission.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389, 99295369

## The New Choral Singers Concerts

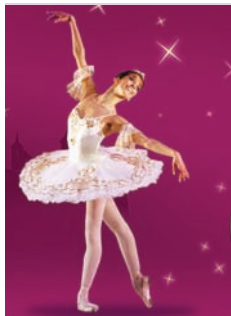
The New Choral Singers will be presenting a choral concert of sacred music in aid of 'Id-Dar tal-Providenza'. The evening's programme will include music by celebrated composers including the 'Te Deum' by Marc Antoine Charpentier. On this occasion the choir will be accompanied by the 'St. James Consort', a 17-piece orchestra led by Sarah Spiteri.

- ✉ Lija Parish Church
- 🕒 16 April, 7.30pm. Free admission.
- 🚌 55, 56, 58

## Eastern Legends

Four-hand piano music from Eastern Europe. Two versatile, talented and young pianists will be performing a selection of piano music for four hands by composers from the Eastern Europe. This will be the Easter concert that will be the highlight of the Easter season at Sagrestia Vault. Programme: Dvorak - 6 Legends from Op. 59, Tchaikovsky - Suite from The Nutcracker; Rachmaninov - Barcarolle & Italian Polka, Janacek - 12 Moravian Dances. Performers: Ramona Zammit Formosa and Alex Vella Gregory.

- ✉ Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront
- 🕒 17 April, 8pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 79680952



## The Sleeping Beauty

The Moscow Ballet Theatre proudly presents from Tchaikovsky's Golden Ballet Trio "Sleeping Beauty". The production is based on the original choreography of Marius Petipa. French author Charles Perrault (1628 - 1703) wrote the original fairy tale at the close of the 17th century. The "Sleeping Beauty" was premiered at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1890. Featuring spectacular sets and beautifully costumed Russian dancers, Moscow Ballet's "Sleeping Beauty" is a spectacle for the whole family. Whimsical and imaginative storytelling blends with the richness of Russian Classical dance to make the "Sleeping Beauty" a unique performance not to be missed!

- ✉ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta
- 🕒 17 April, 8pm.
- 🕒 19 April, 3pm & 7.30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 25595750/1, 99850050

### Spring Awakening - The Musical

In a world where it seems that grown-ups hold all the cards, three young school friends on the brink of adolescence experience the exhilarating, sometimes turbulent, journey into adulthood. A thrilling and evocative fusion of morality, sexuality and young love, Spring Awakening tells the universal truth of the adolescent journey of personal discovery and sexual awakening. Directed by Wesley Ellul. Musical direction by Renzo Spiteri. Vocal Coaching by Alex Vella Gregpary. Choreography by Fiona Barthet. It is based on the play by Frank Wedekind and set in Germany at the end of the nineteenth century.

- ✉ St. James Cavalier, Valletta
- 🕒 17 - 19, 24 - 27 April.
- 🎫 Tickets €15 - 18.
- 🚏 All Buses
- ☎ 21223200

### The Grand Ballet Concert

The Moscow Ballet has been performed to over 40 million people. It is best known for its annual Great Russian Nutcracker. This performance will include extracts from very well known Ballets, Russian Folk Dances, Modern arrangements.

- ✉ Aurora Theatre, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 18 April, 8pm. Tickets €52, €45, €35, €25.
- 🚏 All Buses
- ☎ 21562974, 21559452, 99850050

### The Haydn Concert Series – Piano Trios

This year, the music world around the globe is commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). Musicians from the St. James Consort and other guest artists will be presenting an exciting programme of diverse genres

from string quartets, piano trios, vocal repertoire, piano sonatas, piano trios and concertos. Programme: Haydn - Piano Trio in G major; Ravel - Piano Trio in A minor. Performers: Lakota trio.

- ✉ St. Catherine of Italy Church, Valletta
- 🕒 19 April, 11am.
- 🚏 All Buses



### Concert for Europe

Tenor Andrea Cesare Coronella and Soprano Giuseppina Chirizzi will take part as the leading protagonists in the Concert for Europe organized by the Sliema Philharmonic Society. This Concert marks Malta's entry in the European Union and the first live performance in Brussels of Malta's national anthem by the "Sliema" Band. They will sing arias from the operas "La Boheme", "Tosca", "Madame Butterfly" and "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini; "Rigoletto" by Giuseppe Verdi; duettos from the operetta "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehár and the opera "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi; and also a selection of popular Italian and Neapolitan songs.

- ✉ Auditorium Sir Temi Zammit, University, Msida
- 🕒 18 April, 7pm.
- 🚏 42, 58, 69
- ☎ 99443460, 99442216

### The Polaris Trio

The Polaris Trio in a concert featuring some exciting chamber works by talented Maltese composer Karl Fiorini. The programme also includes works by Pace and Turina. Produced by the Manoel Theatre Management Committee.

✉ Sala Isouard, Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 19 April, 5pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389



### Chant D'Amour (Songs of Love)

A voice-clarinet-piano recital by an Italian-Korean trio with a fine selection of works by Albeniz, Mozart, Tosti, Donizetti, Garcia Lorca and Lachner. As soloists, these performers have given numerous recitals and have participated in prestigious concerts in Italy. They will perform for the first time in Malta in this concert. Programme: Albeniz: Chant D'Amour for clar and piano, Tosti: Malia for sop and

piano, Tosti: sogno for sop. Clar and piano, Garcia Lorca: andaleo for sop. Clar: and piano, Albeniz: La Maia Dolorosa n.1 for sop. Clar and piano, Mozart: "parto ma tu ben mio" from the opera "Il testamento di Tito", Tosti: Chanson de l'adieu: for sop and piano, Donizetti: concertino for clar and piano, Lachner: 2 lieder for sop. Clar and piano. Performers: Base, Cecilia Sae-Won: soprano, Paolo Marcante: Clarinette and artistic director Anna Tamiozzo: piano.

✉ Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 24 April, 8pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 79680952

### Polished Brass

The annual musical concert presented by the Island Brass Quintet.

✉ Palazzo Palina, Hotel Ta' Cenc, Sannat, Gozo

🕒 25 April

🚏 50

☎ 21556125

### World Day Of Dance

Presented by Dance Council Malta in collaboration with Teatru Manoel and produced by the Manoel Theatre Management Committee. A programme of Contemporary and Classical Dance Performance with foreign and local artists.

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 30 April, 7.30pm

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389



### He Lives in You

As usual La Barokka is promising an amazing night of emotion and passion through the beauty of music. He Lives in You will feature some of the most amazing pieces of music written in history. Music from The Lion King, Les Miserables, Romeo and Juliet, Moulin Rouge, jazz, gospel and R&B hits. The attendees of this concert will experience true emotion, love, and strong messages of Faith. La Barokka is renowned for blending in the most beautiful manner; Classical music with other different genres of music.

✉ City Theatre, Valletta

🕒 25 April. Tickets €12.85 which includes an invitation for a Delicious Chocolate Party after the concert. Tickets are now on sale from [www.biljetti.com](http://www.biljetti.com).

🚏 All Buses

☎ 79894741

## Theatre

### Kumplott il-Fidwa

A dramatised open-air passion play presented by the St Philip Pageant Group. The group will be presenting a dramatised re-enactment of an adaptation of Our Lord's Passion. This is an original representation consisting of reflections, drama, singing and choreography dancing with eight passion scenes acted out at various sites spread around the main square of Zebbug, under the direction of Brian Bonnici.

✉ Zebbug

🕒 3 April, 9pm.

🚌 88

### Allo 'Allo

By FM Theatre Productions. Written by David Croft and Jeremy Lloyd and directed by Chris Gatt, this TV spin-off comedy is set in occupied rural France during World War II.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 3, 4, 5 April.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

### James and the Giant Peach

A play based on a story by Roald Dahl, directed and produced by Isabelle Gatt. Poor James Henry Trotter! Orphaned as a result of a freak rampaging rhinoceros incident James ends up adopted by his thin-as-a-stick Aunt

Spiker and dimwitted, fat Aunt Sponge both of whom are equally cruel to him. However James's luck changes when a mysterious old man offers him a bag of magic green slithery beans which he accidentally drops next to an old peach tree. Overnight, a gigantic peach grows, but it is those who live inside this peach that make this event all the more exciting. There is no end to the friendship and excitement the giant creepy-crawlies inside the peach bring to James as they all set off on a fantastic adventure!

✉ Teatru Qroqq, M.I.T.P., Valletta

🕒 4 April, 5pm. Tickets €8.50 for both days.

🕒 5 April, 5 and 7pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223216

### Cinderella Confidential

The prince has the shoe. He is ready to wed. But who is the woman behind the foot? Two investigators reporters - Deb Jabber from Action Newsday Now and Sonny Glamour from Glitter Kingdom Today, compete for the scoop of the century, interviewing everybody from a fairy godmother in desperate need of a day-planner to mice in the witness protection programme. Look for cameos from Pinocchio, Jack and his cow, and other celebrities in this no-holds-barred ex-

posé of the timeless love story and what it means to find - and TELL - the truth. Produced by Curtain Raiser. Written by Eric Coble and directed by Patrick Vella. This 50 minute performance is aimed specifically at a young audience

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 24 & 25 April, 7pm.

🕒 26 April, 4pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389



### Barney

Barney will be back at Easter due to popular demand. One Barney soft toy will be given to every child on Easter Sunday Show at 6pm.

✉ The City Theatre, Old Bakery Street, Valletta

🕒 12 - 19 April

🚌 All Buses

☎ 99820055

### Hamis ix-Xirka fid-Dawl tax-Xemgha

The Birgu Local Council will organise for the first time ever the event "Hamis ix-Xirka fid-Dawl tax-Xemgha" within the walls of the Maritime City of Birgu. An event which will surely help to emphasize the religious beliefs found in this City. Separate from the ritual traditions that will be organised and celebrated in the churches found in Birgu, the Council will organise an event on a national scale which will then help to revive the attendance for the Good Friday processions which will be held on the next day, a procession which takes form of a pageant with the traditional unique statutes including personages dressed in robes of biblical characters of both testaments. The tradition of the Good Friday procession is one of the eldest traditions found in Malta and this activity will surely help to give importance to the richness found in Birgu, where one can boast that the Good Friday procession statutes came from Barcellona in Spain and are unique as they are dressed in proper robes. During this activity, the street lighting will be switched off and the narrow and winding streets will be lit by candle-light creating a magical and at the same time religious ambience. The Council will create a magical "fjakkolata". People visiting the City of Birgu will also be encouraged to come

with flambeaux and candles. Not only during this event various re-enactments portraying the passion of Our Christ.

✉ Birgu

🕒 9 April, 7pm.

🚌 6

### Medieval Mdina Festival

Experience life in the middle ages with a variety of medieval events, spectacular plants and beautiful flower arrangements. The city of Mdina offers you a unique setting for a wide variety of unforgettable events. Bursting into the gates of the city with action and adventure including thrilling jousting tournaments, breathtaking birds of prey, medieval football competitions, human chess challenges, medieval knights, colourful characters, artists at work and displaying their paintings, traditional medieval food and an abundance of wine and beer. Discover our history through medieval exhibitions, lectures on interesting facts relating to medieval Mdina and guided tours of sites and relics of the past. Children can enjoy characters of bygone times with various attractions like Punch and Judy, jesters and jugglers, donkey rides and much much more! A full program of events to explore in Mdina and a festival that guarantees a mighty two days of Medieval fun!

✉ Mdina

🕒 18 - 19 April

🚌 65, 80, 81, 84, 86



### Festa Frawli

The Festa Frawli (Strawberry Feast) is held in the main village square in front of the Mgarr parish church. Surrounded by the lush green valleys of Mgarr, the parish square offers an idyllic scenario for such an event. The agricultural village of Mgarr, Malta is renowned for the quality and unique taste of its strawberries. Throughout the event, a breathtaking amount of fresh strawberries will be for sale. Also countless other products made with strawberries, from chocolate gateaux and cakes, right to smoothies, milk-shakes, ice-cream waffles, pancakes, strawberry jams and also strawberry wine. The attending crowds will be entertained by popular Maltese folk groups along with many others also entertain the many visitors throughout the day, playing traditional Maltese tunes with typical folk Maltese instruments. Dates subject to change so call to confirm dates beforehand.

✉ Mgarr





🕒 20 - 30 April

🚌 47, 52

☎ 21520011




### Is-Sagra tal-Pjanti u Fjuri

A spring fair organised by the Zebbug Local Council.

-  Zebbug, Gozo
-  24 - 26 April
-  90, 91
-  21563056

### The Third Mechanised Ground Fireworks Festival





The Gound Fireworks are locally known as 'Nar ta' l-Art', organised by the Floriana Local Council. Ground fireworks are a unique Maltese pyrotechnic tradition.

-  St Publius Square, Floriana
-  25 April
-  All Buses



### 8th Edition of the Malta Fireworks Festival

Organised by the Parliamentary Secretariat for Tourism and the Malta Tourism Authority. The festival opens with a 15-minute fireworks display, followed by a set of fireworks displays by numerous factories. The best locations for viewing are Ta' Liesse/Lascaris Wharf or the top of the bastions. The festival also serves to commemorate Malta's accession into the European Union on 1st May 2004.

-  Grand Harbour, Valletta
-  30 April & 1 May, 9.30pm.
-  All Buses
-  22915440, 23696073/4

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## Gardens

## Upper and Lower Barrakka Gardens

Two gardens, facing the Grand Harbour in Valletta, both offering a panoramic view. The Upper Barrakka Gardens offer the best view since they're more centered and at a much higher level. It was the gift of an eighteenth-century knight. The Anglican Garrison Church partly intrudes upon it. The garden is built on top of a demi-bastion. The Lower Barrakka Gardens are part of St Christopher's Bastion and have a view of the harbour. At their center is a small Greek-style folly built in memory of Governor Sir Alexander Ball, who led the siege against the French in 1800 and subsequently became Britain's first civil commissioner of Malta. The French during the 1798-1800 siege cultivated these gardens.

## Argotti Botanical Gardens

In 1805 the British governor appointed a Carmelite friar; Malta's first professor of natural history. He assembled the

plants in Floriana's Mall and 50 years later they were moved to the site of the present Argotti Gardens, then the preserve of a deceased knight.

## Buskett Gardens

No more than 2kms from Dingli Cliffs, sitting under the watchful eye of Cardinal Grand Master de Verdalle's summer retreat, are Buskett Gardens. Panoplies of foliage spread their shade over the valley floor; providing a welcome respite against the heat of summer. There are orange and cypress trees, irregular cacti, leguminous carobs, aromatic firs and the Judas tree, which foretells Easter with its pink blossom (this is said to be the tree from which Judas hung himself).

## Hastings Gardens

From the National Museum of Fine Arts, it is well worth taking a stroll through the nearby Hastings Gardens, named after a former Governor General, the Marquess of Hastings (1824-26).



## Palazzo Parisio Gardens

These privately owned gardens rank amongst the finest in Malta and have seasonal appeal all year round. The two classic, baroque walled gardens are a charming mixture of Italian symmetry and Mediterranean colour and perfumes.

✉ Palazzo Parisio, Naxxar  
 🕒 Open Monday - Saturday (except Good Friday, 24th, 25th Dec & 1st Jan) 9am-6pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Gardens Tickets: Adults €6, Student & Children €4.50.

🚌 54, 55, 56, 65

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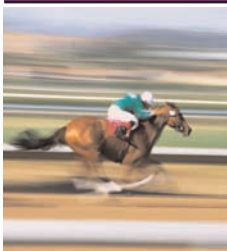


**PALAZZO PARISIO  
& GARDENS**

*For further information, see Heritage and Garden Sections*



## Sports



## Horse Races

Horse Races take place on Fridays at 7pm and Sundays at 2pm.

✉ Malta Racing Club,  
Racecourse Street, Marsa

🕒 5, 12, 17, 19, 26 April

📍 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 19, 27

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# Gozo



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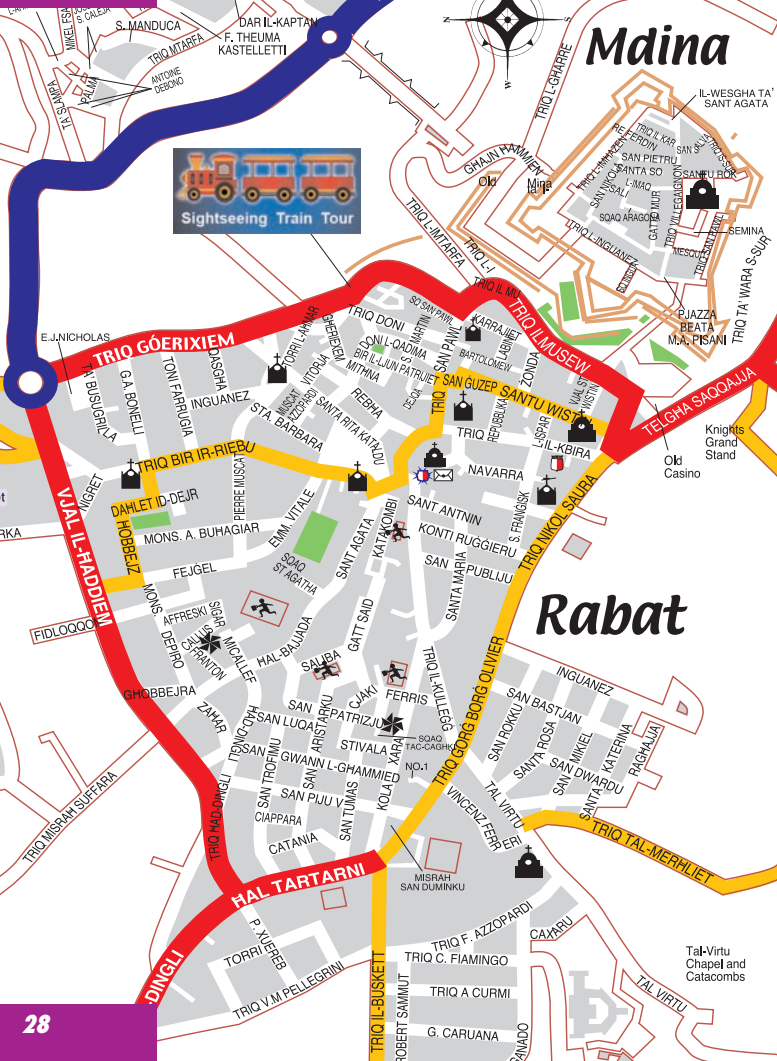
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# Mdina



# Rabat

Tal-Virtu Chapel and Catacombs

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- ⊕ CHURCH
- BASTIONS
- GARDENS



Dockyard Creek

BIRGU

Kalkara Creek



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