



A culture night, as the word says, takes place long after the normal closing time.

Free entry to museums, galleries and concert venues.

Museums and Galleries:

Culture Night at Bryggens Museum

Experience the hidden stories of Bryggen as we invite you to an atmospheric evening both above and below ground. Explore Stories in Thread – a textile exhibition where Ragna Breivik's woven tapestries bring the medieval ballad of Åsmund Frægdegjeva to life. Continue Underground, where authentic archaeological finds such as rune sticks, shoes, and trade goods reveal everyday life in the medieval city. Short introductions throughout the evening offer fresh perspectives on everything from love runes to city fires and textile art. Great offers in the museum shop. The café will be open – welcome to an evening filled with storytelling, culture, and community.

Location: Bryggens Museum

Time: 19:00 – 22:00

Culture Night at the Maritime Museum

In collaboration with MEMOAR, the Bergen Maritime Museum invites you to a Culture Night focusing on migration—past and present.

18:30 – “This Earthly Elysium – Stories from Norwegian Emigrants”

Lecture by Dane Lundberg, historian at Memoar.

19:30 – Tango performance by Irem Eliassen

19:45 – Panel discussion: Five emigrants on migration. How does migration shape identity and the society we live in? The conversation is led by author and project associate at Memoar, Irene Kinunda Afriyie, who herself emigrated from Congo. Panel participants include:

Mayra Elena Henríquez – Museum Director at Sogn og Fjordane Art Museum, emigrated from Venezuela

Nichola Gouthami Stephen – Dancer, Magneten Art Collective, emigrated from Sri Lanka

Maria Pietraszek – Art Historian, Bergen City Museum, emigrated from Poland

Irem Eliassen – Manual therapist, Stage Art Clinic, emigrated from Turkey

20:45 – Fjellkoret presents a preview of the concert “The Promised Land”, which will be performed in full at Grieghallen on September 14.

21:00 – Film screening: “In High Heels in America” (62 min)

Documentary about why so many women from Agder traveled to New York in the post-war period. Join us—and take part in a conversation that connects journeys of the past with today's realities! Additionally, you can explore our new exhibition “Viking Ship” during the evening.

Location: Haakon Shetligsplass 15

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Culture Night at KODE

Free admission to all exhibitions and activities throughout the evening

Time: 18:00 – 23:00

Permanenten:

- **Exhibition:** Nordmandsdalen
- **18:00** – Lecture/Presentation: **Made in Norway – A history of Norwegian design in 10 objects** (in English) by Curator Morten Spjøtvold, Festsalen, 4th floor
- **18:00–22:00** – Drawing Bar in the workshop, 1st floor
Welcome to the drawing bar all evening! We provide drawing materials and entertainment. Drinks can be purchased at Bien and enjoyed in the workshop. No drawing skills required.
- **18:00–21:00** – Pop-up storytelling in the Nordmandsdalen exhibition
KODE's curators share art stories and answer questions.
- **18:30** – Concert: Ole Bull Chamber Choir, in the lobby
- **19:00** – Lecture: **"Farmers from the North"** – About the porcelain figures in Nordmandsdalen, by Curator Peder Valle, Festsalen, 4th floor
- **19:30** – Concert: Bergen Chamber Choir, in the lobby
- **18:00–20:30** – Mud and Brass – Intervals of live ceramics accompanied by tuba music, by Elisabeth Vannebo and Birgit Brühl, in the lobby
- **21:00** – Concert: **Balkan and Ballads**, with clarinetist Lisa Daae and guitarist Benjamin Jakobsen Søreide, 3rd floor
- **22:00** – Concert: **Kreisleriana**, pianist Sebastian Svanøy, 3rd floor
- **20:30–22:30** – Figure Drawing, Festsalen, 4th floor
For those who want to draw from a live model. No prior experience needed. Limited space. Entry at 20:30. Doors close when the session begins, but you may join during breaks. Instructor: Torild Stray

Rasmus Meyer Collections

Explore highlights from Norwegian art history, including KODE's Munch collection.

- **19:00–21:00** – Pop-up storytelling
KODE's educators share art stories and answer questions. Our singing educator finds music in the paintings.

Lysverket – Tower Hall

- **18:00 & 20:00** – Performance by artist Lapdiang Artimai Syiem, Bergen Assembly

Street Party in Vågsbunnen

Kunsthall 3,14 invites you to a street party where we unveil an 18-meter-long, co-created painting at Nedre Korskirkeallmenningen – made in collaboration with local communities in Vågsbunnen! The painting is a highlight of the project Vågsbunnen Voices, which explores what the area means to those who live, work, and engage there today.

The street party begins with a concert outside Korskirken, followed by a speech by Charlotte Spurkeland (City Commissioner for Child Welfare, Social Services, and Diversity in Bergen). Then there will be drawing activities for children and storytelling for adults, where we will hear voices from the substance use community, local businesses, residents, and youth from Forandringshuset – presented by Malene Rom from Bergen Improtheater.

Vågsbunnen is one of Bergen's most historically rich neighborhoods. After decades of social challenges and being home to one of Northern Europe's largest open drug scenes, the area is now undergoing change. Vågsbunnen Voices aims to be a cultural and social unifying project in this transformation.

The project is a collaboration between Kunsthall 3,14, Kirkens Bymisjon, Forandringshuset V13,

Huset Bergen, Bergen Sentrum AS, Bergen Chamber of Commerce – as well as local restaurants, shops, and organizations.

Program:

16:30. Street concert outside Korskirken

17:00. Unveiling of the painting with a speech by Charlotte Spurkeland

18:00. Drawing for children and storytelling for adults

Location: Nedre Korskirkeallmenningen, outside Korskirken

Time: 16:30 – 19:30

Pop-up Performances at Kunsthall 3,14

Throughout the evening, inside and outside Kunsthall 3,14, you can experience pop-up performances by artists from Performance Art Bergen and South Korea. The seven artists will activate various spaces in the Kunsthall with a series of site-specific performances that invite spontaneous and curious moments.

Works by Frauke Materlik, Kyuja Bae, Marit Tunestveit Dyre, Susanne Irene Fjørtoft, Sung Cho, and Hong-jae Shim will create poetic interruptions in the city's everyday flow.

The site-specific performances are in dialogue with the global themes of Kunsthall 3,14's two contemporary art exhibitions, which are open all evening. On the second floor, we present an extensive group exhibition featuring ten Cuban artists, showcasing photography, painting, video art, and sculpture.

A sound piece created by the Cuban-Norwegian artist duo to you they are birds, to me they are voices in the forest, which weaves together sounds from Norwegian and Cuban landscapes, can be experienced in the entrance hall. The sound work is curated by Lydgalleriet.

Please note that the performances are not announced in advance and will unfold throughout the evening.

Location: Inside and outside Kunsthall 3,14, Vågsallmenningen 12

Time: 19:30–22:00

Open Exhibition at KRAFT

As part of the exhibition series Invited (8): Wassily Chairs Replica Society and some drawings on the side, Andrea Galiazzo (NO/IT) and Dan Perjovschi (RO) invite the public to an exhibition marked by slow optimism and steep descent – a visit to the joyful future visions of the past and the eerie echoes of the future from a troubled past.

By forming the Wassily Chair Replicas Society (a fictional, scholarly fellowship), KRAFT is transformed into a temporary headquarters where themes such as labor, everyday life, history, production, cultural value, and democratic design are brought to the forefront.

There are chairs to sit in, and a vault filled with text and drawings directly on the wall. The exhibition is curated by Kira van Hoegee.

The Invited exhibition series was established in 2018 and has since been an annual event at KRAFT. In the series, an artist residing in Norway is invited to bring in an artist residing abroad to create an exhibition together.

Location: Vågsallmenningen 12

Time: 18:00 – 23:00

Bergen Technical Museum

As usual, Bergen Technical Museum will be open during Culture Night, with free admission for all visitors.

Here you can experience the past in the present, with exciting transport history from Bergen and the surrounding area – including tram rides. Åsalåten Toraderlag will stop by to perform, and there will be guided tours when the city walks arrive at the museum.

Feel free to take the tram to BTM, departing from Engen at quarter past and quarter to the hour, and from Bergen Technical Museum on the hour and half past.

Between 19:30–21:30, the tram will be used for the event “Nedreaas on the Tram”, which requires seat reservation at:

https://kulturnattbergen.ticketco.events/no/nb/e/med_nedreaas_paa_trikken

Location: Thormøhlens gate 23

Time: 18:00 – 00:00

CULTURE NIGHT AT SCHØTSTUENE AND BRYGGEN

Welcome to the world of the Hanseatics at Bryggen and Schøtstuene, where you'll gain insight into Hanseatic trade and daily life at Bryggen.

Schøtstuene Museum is open from 19:00–22:00.

Experience the Hanseatic Bryggen.

Meeting point: Bryggen 33, The Hanseatic Museum shop

Walk through the Bredsgården passage up to Schøtstuene. (duration approx. 30 minutes)

19:00: Walking in the footsteps of the Hanseatics. Start at Bryggen 33.

20:30: Concert with Bergen Enthusiast Choir at Schøtstuene

21:00: Walking in the footsteps of the Hanseatics. Start at Bryggen 33.

Location: Bryggen 33 / Schøtstuene

Time: 19:00 – 22:00

Open House at Stranges Stiftelse

Stranges Stiftelse is one of Bergen's oldest institutions. The foundation's poorhouse for women was established in 1609 by councilman Strange Jørgensen and has been rebuilt several times since. The current building was erected in 1751. It was used as a retirement home until 1972. The interior had remained more or less unchanged for 220 years.

On Culture Night, there is an open exhibition, Archives for Social Change, as part of Across, With, Near – Bergen Assembly 2025. The exhibition brings together five independent archives that contain the overlooked and often suppressed stories of groups who have fought, organized, and cared for each other in the face of exclusion and oppression. Alongside historical archival material from the foundation, materials from Skeivt Arkiv (Norway), Dalit Archive and Feminist Memory Project from Nepal Picture Library, and the Grindmill Songs Archive, part of the People's Archive of Rural India, will be exhibited.

Location: Klostergaten 28

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Nonneseter Monastery, Tower Base and Chapel

The Bergen chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Norwegian Monuments is hosting an open house at Nonneseter Monastery.

Step into the Middle Ages in Bergen's oldest building, the monastery church's tower base from around 1130, and the atmospheric chapel from the time of King Magnus Lagabøte. There will be music, lectures, and guided tours.

18:00 in the tower base: Bergen Male Choir with conductor Jon Flydal Blichfeldt sings in and outside the tower base. “Hymns in a Small Room.”

19:00 in the chapel: Lecture by Professor Alf Tore Hommedal from the University Museum of Bergen: Nonneseter Monastery after the Nuns. About Antonine Pigs and Others at Nonneseter in the Early 1500s.

About the lecture:

In the decades leading up to 1528, when Nonneseter Monastery was repurposed as the noble estate Lungegården, a rather unknown monastic order resided in the complex. The Antonine

Order took over Nonneseter in the early 1500s. The brothers' main task was to care for the sick and run a hospital. But why are pigs associated with these men, who only spent two decades at Nonneseter before the nobleman Vincent Lunge took over and created Lungegården?

Location: Kaigaten, between the Train Station and Bergen Storsenter

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Hordaland Kunstsenter: Evening Exhibition + Bar

As part of Culture Night, Hordaland Kunstsenter will stay open late! From 18:00–22:00 you can visit the exhibition *Weather Forever* by Kaare Ruud, with free admission for everyone.

Our café/bar will also be open, offering great drinks and snacks at friendly prices.

Location: Klosteret 17

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Culture Night at the Gestapo House

Experience the Gestapo Museum with authentic prison cells and digital storytelling. Hear the prisoners' accounts of harsh interrogations and torture. Enter the cells with a flashlight and discover over 200 different inscriptions carved by those who were imprisoned here.

Don't miss the exhibition "Every Day Since", which documents the brutal encounters children and youth had with the Gestapo on the West Coast of Norway.

Location: Gestapo Museum (Entrance: Chr. Michelsens gt. 10)

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Welcome to the Buekorps Museum!

The Buekorps Museum welcomes you to an open museum from 18:00 to 22:00.

This year we mark Culture Night with the launch of *The Skuteviken Book – Volume I and II*.

The books explore Skuteviken as a neighborhood and the Skuteviken Buekorps over more than 800 years, richly illustrated with history, photos, and stories from the area and the corps' life. There will be a presentation of the books, light refreshments, and the opportunity to purchase signed copies.

Location: Buekorps Museum, Muren (by the entrance to Gågaten)

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Culture Night at BEK – Bergen Center for Electronic Arts

BEK is a production center for art and new technology. In our studios, local and international artists develop their projects: from music and sound art to video and animation, from performances and installations to self-built musical instruments and machine learning models. During Culture Night, we welcome you to a curated program of films by artists affiliated with BEK.

Location: Entrance: C. Sundts gate 55, 9th floor

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

S12: Open House with Glass Demo, Art Auction, and Raffle

S12 invites you to an open house during Culture Night on September 12!

Experience exciting glass demonstrations in the workshop, take part in an art auction, buy raffle tickets, and enter to win prizes including a gift card for glassblowing.

Check the website for program details: www.s12.no

Location: Bontelabo 2

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Bergen Kunsthall:

"Across, With, Nearby" — Bergen Assembly 2025

In addition to this year's edition of the Bergen Assembly triennial, the kitchen at Landmark will be open and serving evening meals.

"Across, With, Nearby" is based on ideas of care and reciprocity. The project brings together artists, writers, archivists, activists, architects, and others who explore how we can learn together with others. But when knowledge arises from lived experience and mutual exchange, we may also be exposed to uncertainty, intimacy, and vulnerability. This is expressed through works that can be seen and heard, and more performative projects that invite hospitality, community, and neighborliness.

Location: Bergen Kunsthall, Rasmus Meyers allé 5

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Northring at Culture Night

Current exhibition: Under this roof, other roots

Duy Nguyen's exhibition *Under this roof, other roots* at Northring takes its name from a poem of the same title, written by the artist himself. In the exhibition, the poem takes shape as a pulsing rhythm; a beat that ties the works and the space together into a continuous speculation, an improvised ritual, and a poetic mode seeking radical forms of remembrance, belief, and existence.

The exhibition is part of Nguyen's ongoing project *Minimal Prayer* (2025 –), a project that moves beyond issues Nguyen has previously addressed in his practice – such as his family background as Vietnamese refugees and diasporic themes like migration, identity, and belonging. Instead of returning to oppressive memories of the past, the artist places himself in an imagined future where Western ideas of war, displacement, and religion are replaced by impulse. When systems collapse, the future may find new, freer forms.

The exhibition is accompanied by a Norwegian text by art historian Justine Nguyen, who is also the author of this short introduction.

Don't forget to check out our art book collection in the smallest art bookshop, Elefantanten.

Location: Østre Skostredet 10

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Art Workshops at the Literature House

Join the Autumn workshop series with two exciting themes:

Calligraphy Workshop – held in the Alver room with Bas Vlam and Minh Thu Pham as instructors. Join a short, creative journey into the beauty of writing, and learn to shape the Latin alphabet in various styles, where each letter becomes a small artwork (max 10 participants).

Painting with Wool and Water – held in Zinken Hopp with Zhengcui Guo as instructor.

Discover the art of wet felting, learn basic techniques, and design your own felted artwork – size A4 (max 7 participants).

No experience needed – just bring your creativity. Materials provided.

Location: Literature House, Østre Skostredet 5, 5017 Bergen

Time: 18:00 – 19:30

Sajan Mani യമണ്ടൻ

Sajan Mani's യമണ്ടൻ (Yamandan): *Eruptions from Where You Buried Us* unfolds as a live durational performance and residual installation. The title refers to the term 'Yamandan', which is commonly used in Malayalam and Tamil to signify something vast and powerful. Developed specifically for the upstairs space of Bergen Kunsthall as part of *across, with, nearby*, the work

combines movement, script, video, sound, and archival material to examine how caste, colonial histories, and nationalist myths remain embedded in both bodies and institutions. Refusing linear historiography or a single narrative, it moves through archival hauntings and layered memories. In act one, Mani's performance opens with the slow emergence of a sculptural form built from raw rubber sheets and carried on the artist's head. Natural raw rubber carries a complicated history, with a visceral connection between the artist's personal biography and memories and the legacies of extractive colonialism, exploitation, and resistance. Through ritualised movement, Mani activates the form as both body and vessel, allowing buried histories to resurface through embodied action. In the second act, 'Ancestral Resonances', the space is transformed into a field of living traces. Songs, chants, and spoken fragments from Dalit and Indigenous ancestors are layered sonically and materially across walls and floors, while charcoal drawings accumulate as traces of the performance. In the residual installation, three video works, covered with stitched rubber, lie on the floor among the drawn traces, while printed archival images of eyes from German colonial archives, appearing to watch back over the city and the sea.

Location: BERGEN KUNSTHALL Rasmus Meyers allé 5, 5

Time: 17.00 - 20.00

The literature boat Epos is a traveling cultural venue with a long tradition of visiting coastal communities on the west coast of Norway. Epos served as a floating library from the 1960s until 2020. Today, the boat is a mobile cultural arena run by its own foundation, hosting readings, exhibitions, school visits in collaboration with libraries, festivals, and local partners. In collaboration with Bergen Assembly 2025, Epos is hosting the art program Water as a Linker and Separator. The program fills Epos with artist residencies, readings, conversations, film screenings, and performances. It is aimed at audiences in Bergen, Sunnhordland, and Hardanger, and is developed in collaboration between artists and institutions along the route! During the opening weekend of Bergen Assembly, September 11–14, we will present a rich program of events. The boat will embark on three journeys between Bergen and the Textile Industry Museum in Salhus, where the public can experience Jakkai Siributr's work on display there, along with a program of readings and workshops. Come aboard! FRIDAY 11:00 - 01:00 Open Boat at Bryggen + Blocknotes reading program In the evening, Epos, docked at Bryggen, hosts Blocknotes: a creative writing initiative for imprisoned people in the Netherlands, which offers readings by Mohamedou Ould Slahi and Christine Otten.

Location: Bryggen

Time: 11.00 – 01.00

BERGEN ASSEMBLY OPEN OFFICE

Performance by Luke Drozd & Simone Ghetti 20.00 - 01.00

At the Bergen Assembly Open Office we invite you to an evening with drinks and music, where Luke Drozd will perform his trace Impulse/Signal alongside Simone Ghetti. Luke Drozd is an artist, illustrator and cultural producer from the UK, now based in Bergen, Norway. His solo practice takes a variety of forms, including writing, print, performance and sculpture. He has been exploring sound in various forms throughout his life and has slowly integrated sound in his artistic practice. He produces audio works under the moniker of Misery Bacon, as one third of Bergen improv trio Soft Noise Ensemble, and as one half of the spoken-weird duo Reet Maff'l alongside artist/musician Andy Abbott.

Location: Halfdan Kjerulfs gate 4,

Time: 20.00 – 01.00

City Walks

(in Norwegian)

Sculpture Walk

Get to know the stories behind those you usually just walk past! Here we meet the farmers in the city, the statue that walked, and the greatest PR genius of the 1800s.

Time: 18:30

Meeting point: Holberg Statue at Vågsallmenningen

End point: Lysverket

Born in Marken on a Tin Plate?

Join a walk through a "small medieval village in the middle of the city"! On our walk, we'll meet ferrymen, lepers, and those who have "seen better days."

Time: 19:00

Meeting point: Main entrance of the train station

End point: Old Town Hall

Bergenhus

We follow the exciting history of Holmen from royal estate to fortress, focusing on those who once lived there – kings, governors, and – not least – the forgotten queens.

Time: 20:00

Meeting point: The gate to Bergenhus (by Thon Hotel Orion)

End point: Bergenhus

Nygårdshøyden – From Wilderness to Campus

From lions and blue whales to monkey puzzles and ski jumps. The walk takes us past patrician villas and apartment buildings, country houses and university buildings.

Time: 20:00

Meeting point: Christie Statue at Muséplass (The Lion)

End point: Bergen Technical Museum, with the option of a guided tour.

A Nostalgic Walk from Sandvik Church to Fredens Bolig

A walk through the old streets and take in the atmosphere of times gone by.

Guide: Jo Gjerstad

Time: 20:00

Meeting point: Sandvik Church

End point: Støletorget

Nordnes Walk from Sontum to Skandinavia

On a stroll between two of the 19th century's most famous hotels, you'll hear about cod liver oil boilers, customs officers, barrel makers and an interpreter, priests, merchants, bakers, writers, monks, shipbrokers, an organist, a sexton, a composer, a cork factory, and a harbor master with an axe. In the middle of it all lies Nykirken, the pearl of Strandsiden and the Phoenix of Nordnes. Beneath the church lies one of the city's most hidden medieval ruins.

Guide: Mons Kvamme

Time: 17:30 – 19:00

Meeting point: Bus stop for Line 11 at Tollbodalmenningen

End point: Klosteret

Alongside Bryggen

Open Ship on D/S Oster

During Culture Night, D/S Oster will be docked at Bryggen. There will be open ship, entertainment, and sales of traditional stew (betasuppe), baked goods, beer, and wine.

18:00: Gubbekoret

18:30: Navy Vocalis

19:00: Fortunens Musikkorps

19:30: Åsalåten Toraderlag

Location: Bryggen

Time: 18:00 – 00:00

Shanties and Cuban Music on the Vintage Steamship Stord I

Welcome aboard D/S Stord I. The ship will be docked at Shetlands-Larsen's Wharf/Bryggen and open to visitors all evening. D/S Stord I is a museum ship representing a large fleet of passenger boats from the period 1880–1960.

Lecture: "Vågen – A Busy Harbor for the Fjord Boats"

At 19:00 and 20:00, there will be a lecture in the second-class gentlemen's lounge by Harald Sætre.

A look back at the efforts to preserve key vintage ferries and fjord boats registered in Bergen. The lecture lasts approx. 30 minutes.

"Studentersangforeningen i Bergen" will perform in their usual style on the midship deck at 20:30, promising shanties and other more or less maritime-themed songs.

Cuban Music on D/S Stord I:

For Culture Night, Cuban singer and percussionist Hades Hernandez has gathered a small group of musical friends for a rhythmic celebration on deck. The quartet includes musicians from established bands like Bergen Vista Social Club and Cubanero, but this group will be performing together for the first time aboard D/S Stord I.

Though the ship is docked, the music will take the audience on a journey to distant lands. Expect Cuban dance music with a touch of jazz. If you find space, feel free to dance!

There will also be food and drink available, as well as guided tours on board.

Location: Shetlands-Larsen's Wharf / Bryggen

Time: 18:00 – 00:00

Song and Music on M/S Vestgar

Welcome aboard M/S Vestgar.

From 19:00 there will be music and singing by "Hummer & Canary."

On board, you can buy traditional stew (betasuppe), freshly baked cinnamon buns (skillingsboller), soft drinks, beer, and wine.

Location: Bryggen

Time: 18:00 – 00:00

Cultural Cruise on Beffen

The traditional Beffen ferry will of course be running this evening. On board, there will be beautiful viola music performed by Hans Gunnar Hagen from the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra.

Location: Between Bradbenken (Bryggen) and Nykirkekaien (Nordnes)

Time: 19:00 – 23:00

M/S Granvin Docked at Bryggen

"Øye & The Spark" Plugs will create a musical atmosphere on the promenade deck.

Food and drink will be available – a taste of Hardanger.

Welcome aboard!

Location: Bryggen

Time: 20:00 – 00:00

Dance, literature and theatre

Exhibition on Bergen Author Torborg Nedreaas' Life and Work

Here you can explore texts and images about the author, her work, and areas of interest.

You'll also have the opportunity to purchase newly published works: the novel *Av måneskinn gror det ingenting* (Nothing Grows by Moonlight), the short story collection *Jeg skal ha revansje og andre noveller* (I Will Have Revenge and Other Stories), the coming-of-age trilogy about Herdis, and other interesting literature about this exciting and ever-relevant authorship.

Location: Trikkehallen, Bergen Technical Museum, Thormøhlens Gate 23, 5006 Bergen

Time: 18:00 – 24:00

Music and Dance at Gimle

Bergen Youth Association Ervingen has many groups involved in music and dance in various ways, and during this year's Culture Night you'll experience a wide range of performances.

Throughout the evening there will be crash courses in folk dance, beautiful choral singing from *Kor e' tonen*, and the chance to dance to music from Bergen Juniorspelemannslag, Audhilds folk music group, Flatsabbane, and the Bergen Kvedar Group.

Location: Gimle, Kong Oscarsgate 18

Time: 18:00 – 21:30

PAB OPEN SESSION

PAB Open Session is performance art in public space, inspired by Bbeyond's monthly meetings in Belfast.

The concept is inclusive and open, providing a platform for performance artists to test new ideas and freely work with their intuition and with each other.

We also aim to stimulate and promote exchange between improvisation across various fields and disciplines – artists, dancers, musicians, actors, vocalists, and especially those who cross all these art forms and improvise interdisciplinarily and interpersonally.

Time: 18:00 – 19:00

Location: Olav Kyrre Monument in Byparken

Quality Time at Hildemors in Bergen City Centre

Free Dance Classes!

K-pop, hip hop, ballroom/latin, commercial, jazz, modern, street dance.

Short sessions in each style will be taught from 19:00–21:00.

No prior experience required.

Time: 19:00 – 21:00

Location: Hildemors Dance Center, Torggaten 7. Right in the heart of Bergen!

Argentine Tango!

The tango club Tango Abrazo invites you to an open drop-in introductory course in Argentine tango with Olga and Eirik!

The course lasts 75 minutes, and during this time participants will get to know some of the basic step combinations in this passionate dance.

After the course, danceable tango music will be played for everyone to join in. There may also be occasional short tango performances by the club's most experienced dancers throughout the evening!

Time: 18:30, milonga with DJ Gabriel from 20:00

Location: Literature House, O.H. Hauge Hall

FREE DANCE CLASSES at Bergen Dansesenter

16:00 – 16:45 Hip hop ages 7–9 beginner/some experience

16:00 – 17:00 Jazz dance ages 10–12 beginner/some experience

16:55 – 17:55 Hip hop ages 10–13 beginner/some experience

17:05 – 17:50 Jazz dance ages 7–9 beginner/some experience

Time: 16:00 – 17:50

Location: Bergen Dansesenter, Georgernes Verft 12, entrance E

Sa ka la

Sa ka la, said Jon Fosse, when in 2004 he named his play about what happens when humans lose language. That we must not lose!

Reading aloud remains vital for Norwegian literature, and there are many young and exciting voices in the city of Bergen.

In this special edition, Mats Tønjum Alfsen invites two established and two emerging authors to read their own poetry and prose, in collaboration with the Norwegian Authors' Union West and the Literature House in Bergen.

For literature enthusiasts, this will likely be the highlight of the evening.

Participants: Yngve Pedersen, Amelia Gómez Snerte, Sidsel Lundbye Berg, and April Alexandersdottir

Location: Literature House in Bergen, 1st floor

Time: 19:00

Nedreaas on the Tram

Together with Bergen Technical Museum, the Torborg Nedreaas Society presents the experience "Nedreaas on the Tram."

Actress Kjersti Elvik will read texts by the author at tram stops along the route.

Four trips are planned, each lasting about 30 minutes. "Nedreaas on the Tram" departs from Bergen Technical Museum at 19:30 and 20:30, and from Teaterparken at 20:00 and 21:00.

The event is limited to 22 passengers per trip. Free tickets can be booked here:

https://kulturnattbergen.ticketco.events/no/nb/e/med_nedreaas_paa_trikken

In the Tram Hall, you'll also have the opportunity to learn more about both Torborg Nedreaas and the history of Bergen's tram system in a social and pleasant setting.

Welcome aboard!

Location: Between Café Opera and Bergen Technical Museum

Time: 19:30 – 21:30

BIT x Culture Night

Culture Night is the evening when all of Bergen's cultural life is free and open to everyone. In one year, BIT will be able to invite you into the country's newest and most modern theatre building. This year, we open the doors to our office in Teatergaten. Here, we'll share updates on the autumn program and the METEOR theatre festival in November. We'll also dive into the archives and show films from previous performances in the basement. In addition, we offer books, people, and good conversations. You'll also get the latest news about Sentralbadet and can join a guided tour around the construction site with Carte Blanche and BIT.

Location: Teatergaten 10

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Bergen International Cultural Centre

Welcome to Culture Night. The program is filled with exotic flavors, colorful dances, and a great atmosphere.

18:00–22:00: Culture Café and delicious food by Karemba's Swahili Pot

18:00–20:00: Children's activities

18:15–18:45: Rhythm games for children with Abu + drawing table

19:15–20:00: Dance performances from various contributors at the cultural center: Bianca Elmer, Claudia Hernandez, Abu Adonaba, Danitza Olea Rogers, Mexico, Takiri folk dance.

20:30–22:00: Social dancing with DJ Mena

Location: Bergen International Cultural Centre, Fensal, Kong Oscars gate 15

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

The Literature House in Bergen

The Literature House in Bergen opens its doors for Kulturnatt.

O.H. Hauge Hall:

18:00: Dance pre-party with Flamenco Talento and Irish Dance Company

18:30: Tango course hosted by Tango Abrazo

20:00: Milonga with DJ Gabriel

Zinken Hopp:

18:00 – 19:30: Art course: Painting with wool and water, instructed by Zhengcui Guo

Alver: Calligraphy workshop with Bas Vlam and Minh Thu Pham as instructors

ColonialenLITT:

19:00: Sa ka la. Tønjum Alfsen invites two established and two emerging authors to read their own poetry and prose.

The Book Salon is open all evening.

Location: The Literature House in Bergen, Østre Skostredet 5–7

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Concert/Others

Chamber Concerts at St. Mary's Church

The Royal Norwegian Navy Band, Eikanger-Bjørsvik, and B3 – Bergen Woodwind Ensemble invite you to an evening of chamber music during this year's Kulturnatt.

Concerts start every half hour from 18:30 to 21:30.

Location: St. Mary's Church

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

byROMMET

byROMMET at Kong Oscars gate 24–26 is a non-profit initiative from Bergen Sentrum AS, created to strengthen community, well-being, and activity in the city's historic center. During Kulturnatt, the cozy backyard is filled with music.

18:00: Bergenhus Enthusiast Choir

18:30: Fyllingsdal Choir

19:00: Åsalåten Accordion Ensemble

Open Café.

Location: byROMMET, Kong Oscars gate 24–26

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Kulturnatt at the Music Pavilion

The beautiful Music Pavilion is filled with experiences this evening.

Expect cheerful choir singing, lively accordion tunes, and swinging rhythms.

18:00 Fortunens Musikkorps

18:30 Alt for damene

19:00 Bergen Male Choir

19:30 Bergenhus Enthusiast Choir

20:00 Åsalåten Accordion Ensemble

20:30 Sapfonia

21:00 Midtun Pavilion Orchestra

21:45 Paradis Big Band

Location: Music Pavilion

Time: 18:00 – 22:30

KULTURNATT at Korskirken

Korskirken will be open in the evening during this year's Kulturnatt, offering a packed program of experiences:

18:30: Bergen Chamber Choir

19:00: Biskopshavn Vocal

19:30: Fjellkoret

20:00: Ole Bull Chamber Choir

20:30: Multa Paucis

21:30: Bergen Salon Orchestra

Location: Korskirken

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

Kulturnatt at the National Heritage Site Gamlehaugen

Gamlehaugen is open from 18:00 – 21:00 during Kulturnatt, offering both indoor and outdoor tours:

Indoors: You can walk through the rooms of the newly restored museum on the first floor of Gamlehaugen. This is free, but registration is required. Sign up [Museet Gamlehaugen i Bergen](#)

Outdoors: A guided walk through the King's Garden, where we share history and talk about the transition to climate- and environmentally-friendly maintenance.

The tour is free, and no registration is needed.

The outdoor tour starts at 19:00.

Location: Gamlehaugen, Gamlehaugveien 10

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

The Johannes church

18:00–19:00: Open house for all ages!

Step inside the magnificent Johannes Church! Join a treasure hunt in the church space, check out the view from the pulpit, and try playing the grand organ.

Throughout the evening, there will be opportunities for tower tours – both to the bell tower and outside on the scaffolding.

19:00: Mini-lecture on the restoration of Johannes Church by Akasia

19:15: Concert with organ (Jørgen Moland), guitar (Mathias Eidesund), and drums (Emmanuel Isaak Matos)

19:45: Mini-lecture on the church's history by Asbjørn Myksvoll

20:00: Piano concert – both solo and four-hand with Marina Matsuoka and Sigurd Mosbakk

20:20: Mini-lecture on the restoration of Johannes Church by Akasia

20:30: Piano concert – both solo and four-hand with Marina Matsuoka and Sigurd Mosbakk

20:50: Mini-lecture on the restoration of Johannes Church by Akasia

21:00: Concert with organ (Jørgen Moland), guitar (Mathias Eidesund), and drums (Emmanuel Isaak Matos)

21:30–22:00: Open church, candle lighting, and organ music

Throughout the evening, there will be drop-in tower tours with cantor and bell ringer Mariko Takei, and elevator rides on the scaffolding with Akasia.

Location: Johannes Church

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

INSIDE OUT – Art Installation Outside Johannes Church

Welcome to a unique listening experience!

A musical tribute to everything we cannot see, performed by 4 reversed vacuum cleaners playing organ pipes.

Inside Out is a static installation that also offers a living musical composition. Depending on where you position yourself under the floating organ pipes, you create different individual tones and harmonies that blend with the surrounding sounds.

The art installation by Matias Askvik opens during Kulturnatt and will remain in place during Bergen Church Autumn Festival (Sept 18–22).

18:00: Opening

18:10 – 20:00: Open installation, the artist will be present

Throughout the evening, there will also be drop-in tower tours with cantor and bell ringer Mariko Takei, and elevator rides on the scaffolding with Akasia.

Location: Outside Johannes Church

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Kulturnatt Stage at Kulturhuset Danckert Krohn

Welcome to the Kulturnatt Stage at the newly renovated Kulturhuset Danckert Krohn!

There will be performances both inside the beautiful salons and outside on the stage in the blooming garden.

Here you'll enjoy a concert by the folk rock band Hin, as well as lively and colorful dance performances by Takiri and Bergen Stompers.

And don't forget – Krohnshagen Café will be open until 20:00.

Location: Kulturhuset Danckert Krohn, Kong Oscars gate 54

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Drop-in Art Camp and Workshop with Kunstpilotene in Nygårdsparken

Explore the fascinating world of fungi and create your own mushroom variant for the art installation Kjuke.

Location: Upper part of Nygårdsparken and Nygårdsparken Micro Culture House (The Pavilion)

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Kulturnatt at Bergen Cathedral

Welcome to open church, organ music, and readings.

18:00 – 22:00: Open church and organ music with cathedral cantor Sigurd Melvær Øgaard and others

22:00: Author Vivian Midttveit reads and shares from the book "Krigens fargar – living stories from the revenge action at Telavåg"

22:45: Organ music

23:00: Author Nicholas Møllerhaug reads and shares from the book "Stupet – Leif Grung's war, 80 years after the star architect's dramatic fall"

23:45: Organ music

Location: Bergen Cathedral

Time: 18:00 – 24:00

Young Pianists Bergen at the University Aula

Students from the Grieg Academy invite you to concerts in the University Aula.

This is a great opportunity to experience the wide musical range among the students, and a golden chance to hear music performed by young and promising pianists.

Concerts start every 90 minutes: at 18:00, 19:30, and 21:00, each lasting about 60 minutes.

Location: Muséplass 3

Time: 18:00 – 22:00

MIL Veteran Station, Lars Hilles Gate

At the heritage-listed gas station at Lars Hilles gate 27, there will be a presentation about the work to restore the station to its original state from its opening in 1928. The old hand-operated pumps from the 1920s will be demonstrated.

Afterwards, we'll go down to the basement, where there is a large collection of pumps, advertising signs, gas station equipment, uniforms, and more.

Location: Lars Hilles gate 27

Time: 18:00 – 23:00

International Masterclass Concert

From September 8–12, Professor Jiri Hlinka Piano Academy hosts masterclasses for young, top-level international pianists.

Leif Ove Andsnes, Håvard Gimse, and Christian Ihle Hadland are the artistic directors and also teach at the academy.

The masterclasses are open to the public Monday–Friday, and after five days of instruction, the event concludes with a concert in Pentagon at the Rasmussen Collections on Friday evening.

At the concert, each of the seven participants will present selected pieces from their repertoire.

Location: Rasmussen Collections, Statsminister Michelsens veg 34

Time: 19:30

Satisfaction at the Old Main Fire Station

Do you like the Rolling Stones?

Satisfaction delivers Stones hits that everyone loves.

Intermission performance by Bergen Mannskor.

Sale of "fire soup" and refreshments.

Location: Old Main Fire Station

Time: 20:00 – 00:00

Elections and Democracy – How It Works

Welcome to an informative evening at Bergen City Hall where elections and democracy are on the agenda.

Join us for an overview of how elections are conducted in the municipality of Bergen.

Elections are a central part of how democracy functions. They are also complex, multifaceted, and involve a wide range of actors.

The event is free, but registration is required: [Bergen kommune - Kulturnatt om valg og demokrati på rådhuset](#)

Welcome to City Hall!

Location: Bergen City Hall, Rådhusgaten 10, 5014 Bergen

Time: 17:00, 17:30, 18:00, 19:00, and 19:30

Singers' Corner at Torgallmenningen

Many of the city's choirs are busy during Kulturnatt.

At Torgallmenningen, you'll meet some of them:

18:00: Fyllingsdal Choir

18:30: Bergenhus Enthusiast Choir

19:00: Gubbekoret

Location: Torgallmenningen

Time: 18:00 – 19:30