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## NOTTE BIANCA 2017 PROGRAMME

### INTRATA KARNIVALATA

**Venue: Parliament Square**

**Time: 19.00 - 00.00**

Roll up! Roll up! Enter parliament square and marvel at the traditional carnival floats. Masters of ceremonies dressed in carnival attire will be welcoming you inside Valletta and guiding your experience.

#### 1. Ding Dong

**Venue: All Around Valletta**

**Time: 19:00**

As the clocks strike seven, the capital city's great many bells will ring out for a full five minutes to signal that the Notte Bianca celebrations have officially begun.

#### 2. Tina (Tnejn) 'Mast

**Venue: Castille Square**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

After the great success of last year's plancier performance by the band players, this year take the opportunity to witness another great musical concert performed by choirs. Choir after choir, conductor after conductor, Castille Square will be brimming with the sound of angelic voices. Featuring the Mirabatur Choir and VOCA Choir.

#### 3. Min Hemm?

**Venue: Republic Square**

**Time: 19:00 - 00:00**

In Republic Square you'll come across three vintage telephone boxes. Each of the cubicles has an old telephone set, which will be ringing along the whole night. Enter the booths and pick up the phone to discover mystery callers for some small talk or, if you're in the mood, for deep conversation.

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#### 4. PintaTeatru: Litteralment

**Venue:** Roaming

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

The old meets the new as a group of young actors delve into classic Maltese literature. DLS Productions have selected a few gems from the local literary cannon, bringing the words on the page, quite literally (litteralment), to life in different locations around Valletta. From Ġuże Chetcuti to Francis Ebejer and many others, this is a tribute to Malta's literary greats.

#### 5. ŻiffaŻfin: Hip Hop!

**Venue:** Roaming

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

The ŻiffaŻfin street dance troupe returns to Notte Bianca with a specially commissioned piece titled Concept of Movement. Choreographed by Cheryl Lofreda, this dance project will bring hip hop dance to the streets of Valletta and will explore and celebrate the theme of diversity, an issue which is dear to all members of the company.

#### 6. Għażel

**Venue:** Malta Chamber of Commerce

**Time:** 19:00, 20:00, 21:00, 22:00, 23:00

Inspired by the classic children's tale The Little Prince, comes Għażel - a highly energetic dance theatre piece that deals with the dangers of narrow mindedness. Despite being published in the 40s, this French fable is still as relevant as it ever was. The book's themes and social issues will be explored through dance by Żugraga Dance.

#### 7. Shutterspeed

**Venue:** Malta Chamber of Commerce

**Time:** 19:30, 20:30, 21:30, 22:30, 23:30

Say cheese! An interactive dance piece in collaboration with a photographer will capture the movement and energy of people during Notte Bianca. Colourful moments will be captured as the team dances and interacts with the visitors around Valletta. Keep your eyes peeled, because you may happen to see a photo of yourself projected on the surroundings.

#### 8. AJRU

**Venue:** Republic Square

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Go for a spot of birdwatching. The capital city sees thousands of visitors flock to its ports every

year. AJRU is an interactive installation of several bird-like objects banding together in flight. The installation by I + A (Interaction and Architecture) reflects on the theme of communication.

### 9. Baħar ta' Poeżija

**Venue:** School of Arts

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Listen to poetry inspired by the Mediterranean sea, immigration, boats whilst wandering through a sea of floating paper boats. Remember Ġejja Dgħajsa? After the success of the interactive installation commissioned in 2016 by the Interactive Architecture Lab, exploring concepts about the fragility of boats. This time round, you can experience the installation indoors whilst enjoying some of the best selections of literary works from the island, as selected by Inizjamed and L-Għaqda tal-Malti.

### 10. Qatta Ġrieden

**Venue:** Law Courts

**Time:** 19:30,20:40, 21:50, 23:00

In Qatta Grieden, Valletta's mice colonies face the capital city's construction works. Relish in a night of laughter with Valletta's underground being explored through Anna Pullicino's script. The production is produced by Xenati and features some of Malta's finest actors.

### 11. Duo Kukkanja

**Venue:** Law Court

**Time:** 23.30 - 12.00

Join Duo Kukkanja, comprised of Justin Galea (vocals/melodica) and Steve 'Id-Delli' Delia (guitar/vocals), as they play music inspired by traditional Maltese folk tunes infused with their trademark absurd comedy.

### 12. Karaoke ta' Vera

**Venue:** Pjazza Teatru Rjal

**Time:** 20.00-00.00

After the massive success of past years, Karaoke ta' Vera returns bigger and better. Channel your inner pop star on this live karaoke stage. Forget badly recorded playback tracks. Instead jump up on to the largest stage in Valletta with Brass House Unit, choose your song of choice and sing your heart out to the masses. Get your chance to sing with Destiny, Claudio Faniello, Kevin Borg, Gaia Cauchi!

### 13. Ċeramika Dinamika

**Venue:** St James Bastions (Central Bank Parking)

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Potter about in the world of ceramic arts and learn about its various techniques such as wheel pottery, figurative works and coiling. Two experienced potters will also be giving demonstrations and providing younger audiences with a hands-on experience of the craft. Festival goers will also have the opportunity to contribute to the creation of a mural created exclusively during Notte Bianca.

### 14. La Fura dels Baus Workshop/Workshow

**Venue:** Lower Barrakka

**Time:** Download The App

During the week leading up to Notte Bianca, world-renowned theatrical group La Fura dels Baus hosted a workshop for local artists and theatre practitioners. Together they have developed a performance piece that will premiere during Notte Bianca. Come and experience this unique one-off theatre show produced specifically for the Maltese public.

### 15. Lampa Stampa

**Venue:** St George Square

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Step into the lights. Late Interactive have created Lampa Stampa, a huge curtain of LEDs set up in St George's Square. Dance in front of a specially set up camera that will capture your silhouette and project it on the huge display. It's not every day that you get to see a seven-metre-tall version of yourself now, is it?

### 16. Strait Tango

**Venue:** Strait Street (Vinçenti buildings)

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Tango the night away with George 'il-Pusé' Curmi and band. Revel in a night of Argentine music with Strait Tango and dance to the rhythms of composers such as Piazzolla through il-Pusé's improvisations. Plus, the Argentine Tango Association will be dancing the whole night through!

### 17. Notte Bianca Villagġ

**Venue:** Upper Barrakka

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

The Upper Barrakka will be hosting Villagġ, a trade fair for various entities and local NGOs

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who will be exhibiting and promoting their services and organisations. Wander around and see if anything piques your interest. Musical groups Rima Duo and Aurora Folk will be keeping the night alive with lively rootsy music.

### **18. Gabi iddoqq Glass**

**Venue: Chapel of St Madeleine**

**Time: 19:30-20:00, 21:00-21.30**

Celebrate Philip Glass' eightieth birthday with internationally-acclaimed pianist Gabi Sultana. Immerse yourself in a recital dedicated to one of the most influential composers of our time. Bask in Sultana's impeccable articulation of Glass' works in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene.

Program:

- Etudes (selection)
- Prophecies from Koyaanisqatsi (transcribed by Gabi Sultana from an arrangement of Anton Batagov)
- Mad Rush

Please note that there will be 2 performances of the same program on the night. One starts at 7:30pm and then a repeat performance at 9pm.

### **19. Science in the City**

**Venue: Grandmaster's Palace Courtyard**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

Gather in the Grand Master's Palace and dabble in the wacky and wonderful world of science.

Learn about the lives of bees in NGO Greenhouse's Bees4Food installation. Here you can enjoy interactive art, a shadow puppet show, bee hotels, as well as the waggle dance. There's something for the whole family.

The Plastic Planet art installation, supported by Wasteserv, will transform trees into an inhospitable place for our wildlife, acting as a stark realisation of the effect of plastic on Earth.

S-cubed are back with great experiments and displays for people to try out, while MHSA will promote healthier living with health checks, DNA extractions and new findings regarding the Maltese population's health.

ALLT will be combining technology and language, with the Institute of linguistics recreating your face using words and some sophisticated computer coding.

Last but not least, the University of Malta's racing team, UoM Racing, will be bringing three of their cars to Valletta and a simulator so you can be a sports driver for a day.

#### **20. Sur Jazz (with a tribute to Sammy Bartolo)**

**Venue: Victoria Gate**

**Time: 21:30-00:30**

Join these cool cats as they jazz it up till late on the Victoria Gate. Dominic Galea and band - featuring special guest Clark Tracey who was awarded UK Jazz Drummer of 2017 - will play a selection of pieces including a tribute to the late Maltese legend Sammy Bartolo. Vocals will be provided by the majestic Nadine Axisa.

#### **21. POST IT-TFAL: Nibnu Storja**

**Venue: National Library**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

Build your own story. In this interactive theatre piece, assist Sean and Chris Briffa and improvise a dramatic spectacle. Will you create a great epic, a romance for the ages, or maybe a comedy extravaganza? It's all up to you and your fellow walk-in thespians.

#### **22. Sim SALA Bim!**

**Venue: Sala San Duminku**

**Time: 19:00-01:00**

Go back in time and experience magic of the nineteen-twenties through Sim SALA Bim; a sequence of performances by Malta's Magician Society covering various facets of this art form, related to the 20s/30s 'underground' Vaudeville/Music scene as well as magical displays relating to the processes of the mind.

#### **23. Triq il-Maġija**

**Venue: Roaming**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

Experience street magic as you wander around Valletta thanks to local magician Ivan Mallia who will be treating audiences of passers-by to an intimate magical act just for them. Prepare to have your mind blown.

#### **24. Titwila**

**Venue: Grand Master's Palace**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

Window dressing like you've never seen before. Eight of the glorious Grand Master's Palace windows will transform into gallery spaces during Notte Bianca. The work on display will explore how Maltese locals use their windows. Titwila features the crème de la crème of local illustrators - Nadine Noko, Sef Farrugia, Warren Bartolo, Ed Dingli, Marisa Attard, Magda Azab, Inez Kristina, and Mark Scicluna – who will collaborate to produce an exhibition showcasing all their idiosyncratic styles.

### 25. Logħob Virtwali

**Venue:** School of Art

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Play with virtual reality in Logħob Virtwali an installation that explores visual arts within the twenty first century. Head over to the School of Art and experience painting and sculpture in the third dimension.

### 26. Xandira

**Venue:** Camarata

**Time:** 19:30, 21:00, 22:30

Immerse yourself in a radio broadcast of traditional Maltese folk songs as performed by Ġizimina in Camarata's courtyard. Every so often the singer will step out of the airwaves into the courtyard to give live performances too. Whilst listening to the music, reflect on the twentieth-century way of living as the masculinised public sphere collides with feminine retreat.

### 27. One Two Xarulu'!

**Venue:** Roaming

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

Enjoy some music on the move. Acoustic duo Xarulu' will join Malta's own sixty-piece Big Friends Guggen Band as they play live whilst roaming the main streets of Valletta. Expect to hear many all-time favourite rock and pop classics.

### 28. Disco Boċċi

**Venue:** Boċċi Club

**Time:** 19:00-00:00

The traditional Maltese game of boċċi is going back to the future... to the 80s! Join us for a game of boċċi glow in the dark, complete with disco lights and a soundtrack of the decade's greatest hits. Drink and boogie as the boċċi players do their thing. Music provided by DJ Bob & G is for Gustav.

**29. Xatt il-Għana****Venue: Marsamxett Harbour / Barrakka Lift Square****Time: 19.00 to 00.00**

Lanċa ġejja w oħra sejra, minn tas-Sliema għal Marsamxett. Traditional għannejja will be playing their makjetti as you arrive in Valletta. Near the Sliema ferry and by the Barrakka Lift you will be greeted by għannejja performing and narrating their funniest tales and anecdotes.

**30. Il-Kbir għadu DJ****Venue: St George Square****Time: 20:00-00:00**

Gather in St George's Square for a celebration of Maltese songs, music and words. You'll delight in a flurry of surprises and surprise guests, including two DJs like no other, two moustachioed actors Ray Calleja and Ron Briffa, and many other musicians and singers.

**31. Pjazza Hġieg****Venue: Castille Square****Time: 19:00-00:00**

Mdina Glass and its famed glassblowers will be taking over Castille Square with unique glass creations. Be sure to admire the Underwater World Fountain Display, where the fountain in the square will be given an aquatic makeover. Light glass balls will dangle in front of Castille Palace and the surrounding trees will also be decorated with colourful hanging glass which will further illuminate Valletta's magnificent architecture.

**32. Il-Klowns!****Venue: Roaming****Time: 19:00-00:00**

Clown around with these harlequins set loose on the city's avenues. Join in the fun as these clowns use and amuse the public by fusing street theatre with games. One clown is determined to find his friend's lost lover amidst the hundreds of passers-by. Another is a frustrated tour guide who simply wishes to regale visitors with historic tales relating to the surrounding area.

**33. Il-Anġli!****Venue: The Gut****Time: 21:00, 00:00**

Two universes will collide in Il-Anġli; a performance installation by Ira Melkonyan and



Jimmy Grima of The Rubberbodies Collective that reflects on angels and liquids. Loosely inspired by *Angels: a Modern Myth* a book written by French philosopher Michel Serres, this performance will utilise the physical qualities of fluid materials to leak, drip, change, disobey, make a mess, and inspire thoughts on harmony in a topsy-turvy fashion.

#### **34. Claire Tonna Tkanta Leonard Cohen**

**Venue: Malta Society of Arts**

**Time: 20:30-21:45, 22:30-23:45**

The life and works of late singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen will be commemorated during Notte Bianca with a special concert given by Claire Tonna. The acclaimed local singer-songwriter will be accompanied by Daniel Sant (piano) and Michael Galea (drums), with further musical contributions from Francesca Galea (vocals), Sasha Vella (vocals), Brian Tonna (accordion), and Chris Cini (violin).

#### **35. Short Film Festival**

**Venue: St James Cavalier Studio B**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

Lights, camera, action! During the same month in which European Cinema day is being celebrated, Spazju Kreattiv in collaboration with other entities will be presenting a selection of short films from Malta and beyond. Set in a unique venue, the audience will have the opportunity to watch titles of international fame that deal with identity and diversity.

#### **36. Play Therapy**

**Venue: St James Cavalier Studio**

**Time: 19:00-00:00**

It's playtime! Play Therapy is a fresh medium to the Maltese islands. A creative session room will be carried out during Notte Bianca where visitors can dip into the innovative world of play therapy. In this area, you will find different materials such as clay, musical instruments, puppets, and costumes. The rest is up to you to explore.

#### **37. Zekzik**

**Venue: Id-Diju Balli**

**Time: 20:00, 21:00, 22:00, 23:00**

Zekzik is a devised site-specific multidisciplinary performance dealing with the concept of miscommunication, idle talk and street gossip. The performers will take on the roles of everyday Maltese people. Their temperaments and relationships will give us a glimpse into what bonds and divides them. The piece will be performed between three contemporary dancers in collaboration with three improvisational musicians.

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### 38. KUMMIDJANTI / ADULT STAND UP-COMEDY

**Venue:** Splendid

**Time:** 22:30-00:00

Laugh out loud with some of Malta's best stand-up comedians, including Malcolm Galea, as they talk dirty in a set that is strictly adults only. Notte Bianca will also feature a special stand-up comedy set in Maltese by satirist Wayne Flask.

### 39. Openness by ŻfinMalta

**Venue:** Pjazza Teatru Rjal

**Time:** 23:00 - 00.00

ŻfinMalta invites you into an open space, where you will have a glimpse of the new artistic journey and witness how the creation of a dance work unfolds. The dancers will lead you through the process, and show you a small preview of their next work, Qalbna, being commissioned for the official opening ceremony of Valletta's nomination as European Capital of Culture 2018. A Q&A session will follow and the evening will close with a choreography created for this edition of Notte Bianca.

### 40. Notte BLANK

**Venue:** Fort St. Elmo

**Time:** 00:00 - 04:00

Notte Blank will be a platform where multi-national artists such as ODED NIR, Above Smoke and The Floating Fluxman combine their talents to produce a night of quality entertainment. Musical and visual performances that will be presented during this party are designed especially for the festival. Music artists are being encouraged to liaise and find ways how to fuse their talents with the idea of promoting the local talent and gain confidence. All artists will play as Live production. Visual and artistic displays are going to be built through trash collected by #zibel to create more cleaning & recycling awareness, curated by Ed Schembri and enhanced by Fablab Valletta.