



XXVI EESTI PÄEVAD AUSTRALIAS | 26th Estonian Festival in Australia

FINAL PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER



10 - 4pm | Arts & Crafts Exhibition | Eesti Maja - Upstairs Hall

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1pm | Church Service & Official Opening | St Stephens Church (152 Wakefield St, Adelaide)

All are invited to join us for the official opening of the festival. This will be formally opened by Maie Barrow, AESL Chairperson. The church service be performed by Pastor Alan Taruste from Sydney and will include a sermon by the Bishop of the Estonian Lutheran Church Urmas Viilma. There will be an address by the Estonian ambassador Mr Andres Unga. The Adelaide Estonian choir and Võlukeeled will perform as well.



3pm | Official Opening of Arts & Crafts Exhibition | Eesti Maja - Upstairs Hall

Please join us for the official opening opening with a glass of champagne. Jaanika Unga, wife the current Estonian Ambassador will formally open this event.



7pm | Opening Night Dinner Dance | Eesti Maja

Come and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at the first social event of the program traditionally known as "Tutvumisõhtu" Enjoy the delicious smorgasbord, renew old acquaintances, make new ones and sample some of the many Estonian beverages at the bar. This night is not to be missed!

Tutvumisõhtu - proudly sponsored by Aero Travel



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3 - 5pm | Cafe and Bar open | Eesti Maja

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WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER



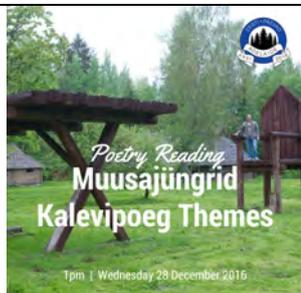
9 am - 2pm | Sports Challenge | Campbelltown Leisure Centre (531 Lower North East Road, Campbelltown)

Come and join in an exciting morning of basketball and volleyball. Indulge in one of the biggest traditions of Eesti Päevad & show your competitive spirit as we watch our more advanced athletes compete against each other whilst the more "athletically challenged" have a laugh in the social competition. There will also be men's basketball and volleyball between arch rivals Adelaide and Visitors. Air-conditioned centre with cafe. Start your training soon! Register by 20 December with Raoul Tuul: 0431 266 833/tuul.rk@gmail.com



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1pm | Muusajüngrid - "Kalevipoeg" themes | Eesti Maja

"Kalevipoeg (Kalev's Son) is an epic poem by Friedrich Reinhold Kreutzwald held to be the Estonian national epic. The main material is taken from Estonian folklore of a giant hero named Kalevipoeg. A malevolent giant by the name of Kalevipoeg appears, battling with other giants or enemies of the nation. The earliest written references are found in 1641. These tales mainly interpret various natural objects and features as traces of Kalevipoeg's deeds and have similarities with national epics from neighbouring regions, especially the Finnish Kalevala, and also in Scandinavia."



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3pm Young Musicians Concert | Eesti Maja

Come and experience some young Estonian musical talent. Formed in 2012, Magic Strings ensemble, currently has 19 young people aged 6-22 years. The children learn the violin with the Suzuki method and are at varying levels of music stages and development. They enjoy playing together and get a great deal of joy out of it. Along with the sounds of the violins will be the piano and Estonian zither. Magic Strings have toured throughout Estonia and further afield, including in Whistler 2015 at the Lääneranniku Eesti Päevad and in Milan at EXPO. Their repertoire is very wide - from classical music to pop, and from folk music to jazz... there really is something for everyone!



5pm | Estonian VAT Theatre - 'Gunn, Gunn, Vana' | Eesti Maja

A two-person comedy by the well-known Estonian VAT Theatre, performed by two highly talented Estonian actors: Tõnu Oja and Tiit Sukk. Waiters were important people in the Soviet times. Life was OK, there was always a queue behind the door, money was easy to get. By the time Euro arrived Gunn was a grey senseless loser still standing in his bar. Then an apprentice is appointed to him. Gunn suddenly becomes a teacher! Hell! That makes him think about life and where did it all begin? Gunn also had grand plans, dreams. Who knows? But the apprentice is a kind kid, who knows nothing about life, and has great hopes: Just like Gunn, a long time ago. And so, the lesson begins... Author and Director: Mart Kivastik.



7pm | Bar Night | Eesti Maja

Stay around after the theatre and relax with a drink in Adelaide's famous bar "Kalev on Jeffcott" with Tom the barman who may just surprise you with his many outfits. Tom has a selection of Estonian beverages for you to try such as Estonian ciders, beers, gin and vodka. Or even better if it is hot, try Tom's new "slushy" machine!
This is a free evening - it may be an opportunity to do some sight seeing-or perhaps visit one of the many restaurants along O'Connell St.



2pm - 5pm | Cafe and Bar open (except during Theatre performance) Eesti Maja

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THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER



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8.30 am - 1pm | Choir/Folk Dance rehearsals | Eesti Maja

This will be a full rehearsal for all performers involved in folk dancing and choirs. The rehearsal will be led by Amy Tiivas and Kadri Auväärt. A light lunch will be provided.



2pm | 2019 Song Festival Workshop | Eesti Maja

Following the success of the Australian choir Kooskõlas auditioning for and performing at Laulupidu, Tallinn in July, 2014, the time has come for members of the community to discuss whether we should form a choir to audition for the 2019 150th Anniversary festival. This information session and workshop will inform participants of the audition process and commitment required of singers, based on the 2014 experience in a 45-60 minute discussion session. In the remaining 60-90 minutes we will analyse and rehearse one, possibly two well-known Laulupidu songs, "Tuljak" and "Ta Lendab Mesipuu Poole", within the Laulupidu context. All singers welcome.



4pm | Noorkuu Concert | Eesti Maja

We are honoured to have Noorkuu performing at EP2016. Get ready for an amazing experience! The A Capella group started in 1996 in Tartu as a trio, which developed over a few years into an inspirational quintet, known as Noorkuu (New Moon). Since 2012 the members have been - Martti Meumers, Rein Kahro, Ilmar Madison, Remi Teras and Märt Murrik. Some members changed but the music style remains the same. They are a pop-jazz A Capella group, whose repertoire consists of unique arrangements to Estonian and non-Estonian hit songs and also some of their own songs.

Their most famous songs are: "Aeg teeb selgeks kõik" ("Time will tell all"), "Kõik on hea" ("Everything is well"), "Seal, kus silmapiir" ("There where the horizon"), "Veskimees" ("Mill song"). The group has performed at over 700 concerts in Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Iceland, Spain, USA and in Canada. They have produced 11 albums and are now celebrating their 20th birthday – they are very happy to celebrate it together with 'Estonia 100' (1918 Estonia became an independent country) and with us here in Adelaide at Eesti Päevad 2016.



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6pm | Sports, scouts and guides reunion and Bar night | Eesti Maja

Have you ever wondered what happened to your fellow athletes who you played volleyball or basketball with? Or did you go to Sports College in Adelaide on Sunday mornings at Estonian house with Mr Kirkman blowing whistles loudly and making sure you did your exercise routine properly? Or were you a guide, scout, cub or brownie who may have gone to mäeots or other camps in Australia where speaking English meant you were punished and had to carry all the water up the hill? Great opportunity to share a drink, renew old acquaintances, share memorabilia in the cheapest and best Estonian bar in Australia. This pub night will be catered by strictly southern Estonian food (from Afghan restaurant) the food for the Estonian rangers quantity = 100 serves, be early to be fed the tastiest food in Adelaide accompanied by an A.Le.Coq or Saku for your pleasure, feel the love baby!



From 12 noon | Cafe and Bar open (except during Concert) | Eesti Maja

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FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER



6.30 am | Golf | North Adelaide Golf Club

Get set for the biggest event of the Eesti Päevad Adelaide 2016 calendar. The South Course of the North Adelaide Golf Course awaits you. The course flourishes through its state of the art water irrigation system designed by AS Tallinna Vesi & weaves you past some of the most iconic properties owned by Adelaide's rich and famous such as Mel Gibson, Jaak Oks, Scott Hicks, Rupert Murdoch, Raoul Tuul, Julia Gillard and let's not forget about David Hicks too. On a more serious note, dust off you clubs and get out for a hit. There will be the usual prizes on offer and once the RSVP date arrives Alex will send out more information to the registered attendees.

Register by Tuesday 20th December –

Alex: 0455531116 / alexmartinson1987@gmail.com



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2 - 6pm | Folk Dancing and Choirs Spectacular | Eesti Maja

Bringing together choirs and dancers from across Australia, dancing and singing to the theme - 'Iga küla oma moodi' ('Every village in its own way').

Embracing the many different styles, interpretations, histories and identities of our varied performers.

Come and experience the Estonian culture with the many Australian-Estonians involved in dancing and singing in their home towns.



6.30pm | EP Official closing ceremony | Eesti Maja

This will follow the end of the folk dancing and choir spectacular. The festival will be formally closed by our Adelaide Estonian Society President Dr R Semenov. During the closing of Eesti Päevad, Mai Bell will announce the winners of the Peoples Choice awards for Art, Craft and Photography.



7pm | Esto Pub Night and BBQ | Eesti Maja

Following on from the energetic display of folk dancing and wonderful singing this is your opportunity to attend one of the highly successful Adelaide-based Esto Pub Nights. See and experience what has now become an Adelaide institution. Watch the hall transform into 'Kalev on Jeffcott' a popular meeting place for friends and family where you can sample our variety of imported beer, wine and spirits at affordable prices. Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for a meal, just sit back and see what surprises the evening will bring! Food will be available for purchase but be early if you want to eat. Suitable for all ages.



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SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER



9.30am – 2.30pm | Council of Estonian Societies AGM & lunch | Eesti Maja Bar Room
This meeting will be attended by nominated delegates from all states.
Lunch will be provided by Adelaide Eesti Selts (AES).



11am - 3pm | Children's Party | Peeter Salu's Property
A morning session filled with fun for the youngsters, this event is for families with children aged 0-12 years, however if you would like to try some of Peter's superb wines and don't have any children you are more than welcome. With the backdrop of the Adelaide hills vineyards, Oakbank is only a 30 minute drive from the CBD. Bring the kids to join in with some energetic games and activities structured and supervised for children of all ages. Don't forget your bathers as there will be plenty of free time to enjoy in the pool. A BBQ lunch will be available for purchase at the end of the event.
Email silvi@simplifi.com.au to book a place. You will then be sent the address.



8pm - 1am | New Years Eve Ball | Eesti Maja
Come and enjoy this gala event which will have a Hollywood theme, complete with red carpet, 9-person photo booth, paparazzi and glitterati. Enjoy a smorgasbord, relax and listen to Noorkuu, Estonia's famous A Capella ensemble who will sing movie theme songs for you. Dance the night away to DJ music and see in the New Year. Feel free to come dressed in glitzy Hollywood style!