**PROGRAM OF THE OPENING CEREMONY**

**40th International Sarajevo Winter Festival & Sarajevo Cultural Olympiad 2025**  
**INSIDE/OUTSIDE – CREATIVE, ALTERNATIVE, FANTASTIC!**

**SWF 2024/2025**

**7 February – 21 March 2025**

**Sarajevo Cultural Olympiad 2021–2025**

**21 March – 21 September 2025**

**World Celebrations and Events:**

* World Poetry Day
* Earth Day
* World Water Day
* World Forestry Day
* Clean Air Day
* World Energy Conservation Day
* Firefighters Day
* Zero Discrimination Day
* World Theatre Day
* World Art Day
* World Book Day
* World Health Day
* European Convention on Human Rights
* European Convention on Culture
* Bosnia and Herzegovina Cultural Day
* Europe Day
* Day of Bosnian Ban Kulin
* GA GPDNet
* Art EFA Summit
* XX Biennale BJCEM
* Art Festival GRAD
* World Peace Day
* Human Rights Day

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Friday, 7 February 2025**

**8:00 – European House of Culture and National Minorities**

**Inside/Outside**  
**“Waltz King” (1825–2025)**  
Johann Strauss II – *The Blue Danube*  
Performed by ballet students of Sarajevo Secondary Music School:  
Sara Mašić, Anja Mehović, Hazim Ali Zulović, Hena Hrustemović, Omar Hadžić  
(Class: Prof. Tanja Smajić)

**SWF 2025 Song: "Spirit"**  
Lyrics: George Rivera  
Music: Eric Breton & Dino Rešidbegović

**9:00 – Bosnian King Tvrtko I Square (Titova Street)**

* BiH National Anthem and European Anthem
* Performance by Sarajevo Secondary Music School Choir (Conductor: Željka Andrić)
* Opening speech by Ibrahim Spahić, SWF Director and President of the Cultural Forum of BiH

**9:30 – Markale City Market**

* Signing of the Art Manifesto: *Sarajevo Cultural Olympiad 2021–2025: Organic Art Life*
* Presentation of the European Convention on Culture & Human Rights

**10:00 – Olympic Museum of XIV Winter Olympics 1984**

* Online Sarajevo Cultural Olympiad Presentation
* Highlights from Sarajevo, Počitelj, Torun, Berlin, and MAS
* Screening: *2001: A Space Odyssey* (Stanley Kubrick)
* Presentation by Senka Ibrišimbegović, Director of Sarajevo Museums

**11:00 – Vijećnica (Sarajevo City Hall)**

* ARS AEVI Collection Tour
* *Musica per la Pau* Video Performance featuring Adagio by Tomaso Albinoni  
  Performed by Vedran Smailović (Cello)
* Performance: *Sarajevo* (Composition by Dino Rešidbegović)

**13:00 – National Theatre Sarajevo (Aula)**

**Opening of the Exhibition:**  
*Pahuljica SWF – Synergy of Sarajevo*  
Manifesto of Cultural Olympiad Sarajevo 2021–2025

Performances by ensembles of the National Theatre Sarajevo (Drama, Opera, Choir, and Ballet at SWF 1984/85–2024/25)  
Sarajevo Philharmonic Orchestra at SWF (1984/85–2024/25)

**Triptychs:**

* **Triptych I:** Ismar Mujezinović, Čedo Kostović, Mehmed Akšamija
* **Triptych II:** Milomir Kovačević, Adis Lukač, Art Group "TRIO"
* **Triptych III:** *Another City, The Heart of Sarajevo, Citizen of the Metropolis*
* **Triptych IV:** *Cyclist, Creative, Alternative, Fantastic, Kentauromahia*

**Additional Highlights:**

* **Graphic Map Sarajevo 1992–1995 / UNESCO Video and Map**
* *SWF: Sarajevo, Cultural Capital 93/94* Poster (Kemal Hadžić)
* "Sarajevo Winter Festival 1993" – Exhibition: *Message of Solidarity*
* SARAJEVO/SOLIDARITY
* Czesław Miłosz
* Poster / ART Krakow
* BARCELONA – SARAJEVO
* Exhibition: Message of Solidarity
* VIDEO CORRESPONDENCE
* Paris – Sarajevo – Brussels
* CONTEMPORARY DANCE, GOSPEL, JAZZ, STREET THEATER
* NY – Sarajevo
* THE SILK ROAD
* NY – Delhi – Beijing – Sarajevo
* SWF 1995
* Dževad Hozo
* 210 BRIDGES OF SWF
* Cities, Regions, and Countries of the World
* MEETING POINT
* Philosophy Magazine "Dialogue"
* 1995–2025
* Books, monographs, magazines, and newspapers preserving the heritage of SWF
* X Biennale BJCEM Sarajevo 2001
* Concert Hall Sarajevo at Marijin-Dvor
* Urban Future, winner of the international competition between Rome and Sarajevo, BJCEM
* Zaha Hadid, Architect
* Zlatan Božuta, Pianist
* LINK DIVERSITY, 2001
* EUROPE IN DIALOGUE 2003/2004
* Participants: Jusuf Hadžifejzović, Šejla Kamerić, Gordana Anđelić-Galić, Zlatan Filipović, Samir Plasto, Almir Kurt
* GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF EUROPEAN FESTIVALS (EFA), 2014
* SCULPTURE AT SWF:
* Art Group "T(ree)"
* Juliet Walker
* Elma Čaušević-Mujezinović
* Aidin Sejdinović
* Adis Elias Fejzić
* "Some Other City"
* "Anywhere Sarajevo"
* Rada Nuić, Composer
* Sinan Alimanović, Arrangement
* Mirsad Bećirbašić, Lyricist
* Barbara Hendricks, Soprano
* Sinan Alimanović Band:
* Ladislav Fidri
* Adam Klemm
* Zoran Jex Jaeger
* Sinan Alimanović
* Ratko Divjak
* Dinko Šimunović
* Amar Češljar
* Opera Chorus of the National Theater Sarajevo
* Dario Vučić, Conductor
* "Bosnia"
* Sarajevo Philharmonic Orchestra
* Eric Breton, Composer & Conductor
* Nedžad Ibrišimović, Poet
* Lydia Mayo, Mezzo-Soprano
* "Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Sarajevo"
* Song for Sarajevo Winter Festival
* OULIM Orchestra
* Sponsors/Partners:
* Artists and citizens of Sarajevo, the Mediterranean, Europe, and the world
* Universities, museums, galleries, theaters, concert halls, cultural and sports centers, and art associations
* Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina (state, municipal, city, cantonal, and entity institutions, and the Brčko District)
* UN, UNESCO, Council of Europe, European Parliament, European Commission, Southeast European, Mediterranean, European, and global states and associations (EFA, ISPA, SPAF, FACM, BJCEM, GPDNet, Nine Dragon Heads, ARNAUTS)
* Production: Creative Team of SWF

**13:30–14:30 – National Theatre Sarajevo (Inside)**

Performance: *Inside*  
**Light, Word, Voice, Body, Sound, Movement**  
Host & Director: Dino Mustafić  
Participants: Opera, Ballet, and Drama ensembles of NPS

**17:00 – Bosnian Cultural Center**

**International Exhibition – Nine Dragon Heads**  
Visual Arts (Video, Objects, Installation, Drawing, Painting, Performance)

Artists: Pang Hyo Sung, Jang Yeong Churl, Lee Mae Lee, Kim Kiyul Soo, Kwon Kija, Kwon Ki Chrul, Lee Young Ae, Lee Hyo Im, Mun Haeng Sob, Yoon Sang Hee, Kim Yeon Ok, Shim Young Churl, Park Geun Young, Cospace Group, Jessy Rahman, Ilona Senghore, Paul Bruijninckx, Baik Moonhe, Bedri Baykam, Enrique Muñoz Garcia, Daniela de Maddalena, Alessandro Rolandi, Denizhan Özer, Başak Cancer, Serina Haratoka, Zeynep Yazıcı, Şerife Bilgili, Tülay Özkul, Hasan Basri İnan, Kazunori Kitazawa, Jusuf Hadžifejzović, Gordana Anđelić, Edin Numankadić, Mustafa Skopljak, Paul Donker Duyvis & Anja Zwanenburg, Antti Tenetz, Dana La Mond

**19:00 – Susan Sontag Square**

**The Light of Art / Sarajevo's Message of Freedom, Life, and Peace**

* Flags and Fanfares of Peace
* Light Path from National Theatre Sarajevo to the Sun Dial
* Artists from around the world with light in hand
* Performance by Ira Skopljak-Viteškić: *Clean Air and Clear Water / SWF Bottles*

**NATIONAL THEATRE SARAJEVO, KAMERNI TEATAR 55, SARTR**

**In honor of the 40th Sarajevo Winter Festival (SWF) and collaboration**

**National Theatre Sarajevo**

**19:30**

**"Catch the Rabbit"**

**Author: Lana Bastašić**

**Director: Lajla Kaikčija**

**Dramaturgy: Nedžma Čizmo**

**Set and Costume Design: Sabina Trnka**

**Stage Manager: Nihad Kapić**

**Cast:**

**Vedrana Božinović**

**Amra Kapidžić**

**Ana Marija Tomić**

**Una Kostić**

**Mak Čengić**

**Dino Bajrović**

**Kamerni Teatar 55**

**20:00**

**"Peaceful Bosnia"**

**Author: Boris Lalić**

**Director: Saša Peševski**

**Dramaturg: Vedran Fajković**

**Costume Designer: Adisa Vatreš-Selimović**

**Stage Manager: Senad Bešić**

**Cast:**

**Fedža Štukan**

**Gordana Boban**

**Vanesa Glođ**

**Davor Golubović**

**SARTR (Sarajevo War Theatre)**

**20:00**

**Production project of SARTR and Ulysses Theatre**

**"Othello"**

**Author: William Shakespeare**

**Director: Oksana Dmitrieva**

**Dramaturg: Nejra Babić**

**Costume Designer: Mykhaylo Nikolayeva**

**Composer: Kateryna Palachova**

**Choreographer: Inna Falkova**

**Collaborators: Rade Šerbedžija and Lenka Udovički**

**Cast:**

**Alban Ukaj**

**Snežana Bogićević**

**Jasenko Pašić**

**Maja Salkić**

**Davor Sabo**

**Adnan Kreso**

**Ermin Bravo**

**Mehmed Porča**

**Mak Čengić**

**Ana Marija Brđanović**

**Saturday, 8 February 2025 – 15:00**

Historical Museum of BiH  
**Performance:** *40 Plus*

**Sunday, 9 February 2025 – 10:00**

Charlama Gallery  
**Artist Presentation & Dialogue**

* Video: *30th Anniversary of Nine Dragon Heads*
* Archive Video: *7 Thousand Stars – Promised Land*

**ARTIST DIALOGUE**

* Mae Lee Lee (Korea)
* Magda Guruli (Georgia)
* Denizhan Ozer (Turkey)
* Jessy Rahman (Suriname)
* Rhee Gyeongju (Korea)

**Youth Theatre Sarajevo**  
**In Honor of the 40th SWF and Collaboration**  
**Attention to Children**  
**11:00 – "If the Bees Go Away"**  
Author: Selma Parisi  
Director: Zijah Sokolović  
Set, Puppet, and Costume Design: Narda Nikšić  
Puppet Creation: Mirjana Čistopoljski, Mediha Džambegović, Danijela Madacky-Letić  
Stage Manager: Dženana Fazlić  
Poster Design: Almir Abaz

**Actors:**

* Ajla Cabrera
* Alma Merunka
* Suada Ahmetašević
* Hana Zrno
* Mirza Dervišić
* Edin Avdagić
* Edhem Husić
* Armin Omerović

**Olympic Mountain Trebević Mountain Lodge**  
**15:00 – Opening: Art Island SWF-Trebević 2025**  
Creative Industry and AI: Breathing and Collecting Clean Air at the Source of Sarajevo's Pure Water

**Exhibition:**  
*"Olympic Dream and Reality"*  
Artist: Binasa Memić

**Monday, 10 February 2025**  
**10:00 – 17:00 – Historical Museum of BiH**  
**In Honor of the 40th SWF and Collaboration**  
**Exhibition Visits:**

* *Besieged Sarajevo*
* *Wake Up Europe*
* *Ay, Carmela*
* *Retrospectives 70*

**Tuesday, 11 February 2025**  
**11:00 – National and University Library of BiH (NUBBiH)**  
**Exhibition: "Polish Literature"**  
Cultural Forum, IPC, SWF  
**In Honor of Polish Artists:**

* Czeslaw Milosz
* Wisława Szymborska
* Tadeusz Różewicz

**Guest Speaker:**  
Asmir Kujović, President of PEN Center BiH

**Wednesday, 12 February 2025**  
**12:00 – Academy of Sciences and Arts of BiH (ANUBiH) and IPC/SWF**  
**Dialogue on the Journal "Dialogue" (1995–2025)**  
**Exhibition**

**15:00 – UNSA Campus**  
**Together and the Poetics of Space**

**Thursday, 13 February 2025**  
**20:00 – Concert: Respect for the Elderly**

**Program:**

* Flute: Lelya Bayramoğulları
* Koto: Atsuko Suetomi

1. *Yine bir Gülnihal (Once Again a Rosebud)* – Composer: İsmail Dede Efendi
2. *Bahar Gelsin (Let Spring Come)* – Composer: Aşık Reyhan (Arrangement: Çiğdem Borucu)
3. *Tsuki no Shizuku (Moon Drop)* – Composer: Toru Kujiraoka
4. *Sakura (Cherry Blossom)* – Composer: Toru Kujiraoka
5. *Sakura Yurari (Sakura Swings)*
6. *Haru no Umi (Spring Sea)* – Composer: Michio Miyagi
7. *Lullaby: Baby's Cradle Made of Pine* (Arrangement: Çiğdem Borucu)
8. *Çanakkale İçinde Aynalı Çarşı (In Çanakkale, Mirrored Bazaar)* for Flute and Koto (Arrangement: Özge Gülbey – World Premiere)
9. *Yemen Türküsü* for Flute & Koto
10. *Özge Gülbey "Elegy"* for Turkey-Japan Friendship
11. *My Secretary (Üsküdar)* – Composer: Kemani Kevser Hanım

**Performers:**

* Lelya Bayramoğulları (Flute)
* Atsuko Suetomi (Koto)

**Friday, 14 February 2025**  
**17:00 – Cvjetko Rihtman Hall**  
**Concert: European Musical Heritage**  
**Composer:** Frederic Chopin

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