

WHITE NIGHT FESTIVAL

Next day : 29 NOV 2018 - 20 JAN 2019

Location : RUSSIA

About Festival



The White Nights Festival is an international arts and music festival in Russia. It is celebrated during the season of the midnight sun where the Northern Lights shines at dusk and dawn. The festival usually takes place between May and July in St. Petersburg, Russia. The White Nights Festival was first celebrated in 1992. In the same year, the festival was registered with an international body called International Federation of Festival Organizations (FIDOF). At that time, the head of the festival was the mayor of St. Petersburg who was Anatoly Sobchak. The purpose of the White Nights Festival is to enhance cultural exchanges between Russia and the whole world.

History



White Night (Nuit Blanche) was originally staged in Paris in 2002 as an all-night festival celebrating the French capital's contemporary art scene. In 2013, Melbourne became the first Australian city to hold a White Night festival, embracing this unique opportunity - created by the State Government - to showcase local, national and international artistic innovation. It was an instant success, with 300 000 people enjoying the all-night event.

Activities



The White Nights Festival normally commences with a performance of the "Stars of the White Nights." This performance is a must-see event which takes place at the Mariinsky Theatre. It is an exceptional production which combines historical artistic works, new premieres, and contemporary pieces. In addition, there are musical performances in the form of ballets, classical music, and opera. Throughout the festival, there are evening performances at the Mariinsky Theatre and Mariinsky Concert Hall. The climax of the White Nights Festival is the "Scarlet Saints" celebration. Scarlet Saints involves an impressive display of fireworks and a pirates' fight on the River Neva.