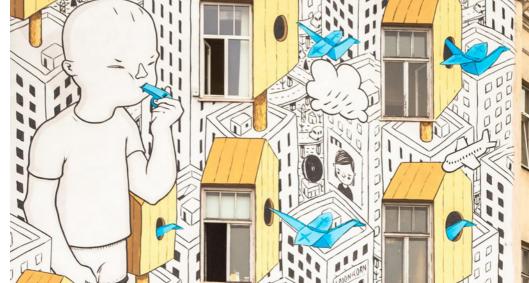
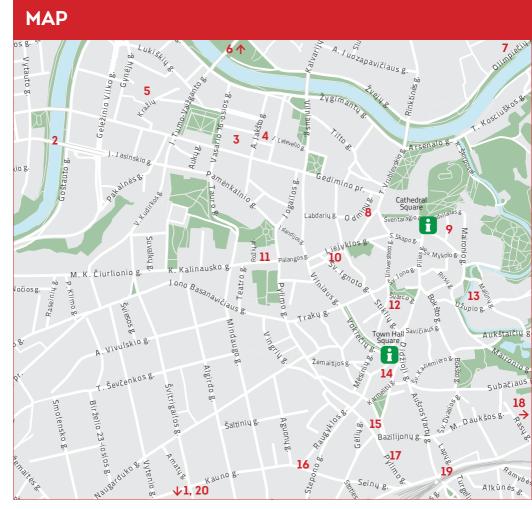
VILNIUS STREET ART









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At first glance, Vilnius may not look like the type of place that's full of eye-catching street art. However, if you know where to go, you're bound to find urban murals by Millo, Os Gemeos, Tank Petrol, and many others.

The town's street art often includes intricate details that play with lines and geometric forms, or messages that fit well with the building or area surrounding a given work of street art. Grab this map and discover the work of locals and visiting artists.



1. OPEN GALLERY Vytenio q. 50

Open Gallery is a project by the Art Factory LOFTAS, a cultural centre and popular venue for all kinds of events. The unique open-air art gallery, which is housed in an urban setting of former factories, is updated regularly with new street art and visual installations.



Lithuanian and international street artists unleash their visions on the walls to express rebirth, transformation and freedom. The gallery is open 24/7 and 34 works of art can be viewed here, including pieces by Ernestas Zacharevičius, Linas Kaziulionis, David Leitner, Sokar Uno, Eglė Žvirblytė, Telmo Miel, Guillaume Herr-Zekanowski, Eglė Narbutaitė and others



2. ERNEST ZACHAREVIČ Liubarto Bridge

In Greek mythology, the Titan Atlas was tasked with holding the sky on his shoulders. When it comes to architecture, an Atlas is used as a support structure sculpted in the form of a man, often replacing a column. Two of them by Lithuania's Ernest Zacharevič now hold the western end of Liubarto Bridge in place.



3. PAULĖ BOCULLAITĖ Gedimino pr. 29A

Local artist Paulė Bocullaitė painted Frida Kahlo just opposite the sculpture of Lithuanian writer Žemaitė. As Bocullaitė herself put it, if the two would have ever met in real life, Frida would inquire as to why Žemaitė's wearing a headscarf. The Lithuanian's response would centre around identity, and from that moment on they'd have plenty to talk about.



4. KIPRAS PETRULIS Beatričės q. 4

Inkilas is a work by contemporary artist Kipras Petrulis created on the remote Beatričé Street. It's kind of like a living object that thinks, evaluates and perhaps even comments on the lives of passers-by.



5. TANK PETROL Kražių g. 7

Manchester's Tank Petrol is known for his portraits of women, one of which appeared in town after the Vilnius Street Art Festival. Both the woman and the eagle on her right slowly vanish, as if becoming free. The wall is ideal for the piece - one of Vilnius' oldest prisons is on the other side.



6. ADOMAS ŽUDYS Konstitucijos pr. 23

The Lithuanian artist Adomas Žudys experiments with combining digital and street art. This work was commissioned by Vidmantas Martikonis as a new and unique addition to his private collection - a portrait created with digital technology, transported onto a building.



7. OPEN SPACE BY THE NERIS RIVER

Olimpiečių g.

If you decide to walk along the Neris River, take a few extra steps and get to the rowing centre next to Žirmūnai Bridge. It's where the street art magic happens – both Lithuanian and foreign artists use the wall as their canvas. Don't forget to take a photo – the works here have a tendency to change.



8. JURGIS TARABILDA Odminių g. 8

One of the first works that appeared in town during the Vilnius Street Art Festival is still on a wall on Odminių Street. Lithuanian artist Jurgis Tarabilda says that streets can become a free art gallery and this piece is here to demonstrate that a painting on a city wall isn't necessarily the work of vandals.



9. ANTANAS DUBRA Šiltadaržio g. 6

Before you enter the Arts Printing House (aka Menų spaustuvė) for some contemporary theatre and dance performances, stop by and explore the building's wall, which is covered in foliage, butterflies and something unexpected. The circle of life captures the spirit of the experiments happening behind the walls.



10. ANTANAS DUBRA Šv. Ignoto g. 4

This piece decorates the entrance to the Pasaka Cinema, who also commissioned it. The rather sinister-looking characters of Alice in Wonderland have their eyes on whoever is coming through the cinema's door.



11. COLLECTIVE WORK K. Kalinausko g. 3

The walls surrounding the square that houses a statue of Frank Zappa are lined with street art in a variety of styles and colours. As you stand facing the statue, make sure to also head in the direction of the building on your right to check out its walls.



12. WALLS REMEMBER Švarco g. / Stiklių g. / Gaono g.

The old residents of this square are always looking down from the walls. Drawings by Lina Šlipavičiūtė-Černiauskienė for the Walls Remember project tell the old Jewish story of the square: newspaper stands, market traders, and residents all serve as a reminder of the past. The project is still being developed, so keep an eye out for new residents.



13. MARTYNAS ŠNIOKA Užupio g. 2A

An old transformer station has been transformed! The community of the independent Republic of Užupis turned one of their walls over to artists who transformed it into a fascinating sight. Currently, a mythical piece of art embodying forces of nature resides on the wall. Pay close attention to Martynas Šnioka's signature style and look for more of his work around the city.



14 AUŠRA BAGOČIŪNAITĖ Arklių g. 5

This piece by Lithuanian artist and director Aušra Bagočiūnaitė depicts people going to see a play at a theatre. Joining them are the play's characters, who look a lot like puppets - no wonder, because the Vilnius Puppet Theatre Lėlė is just on the left.



15. MILLO Pylimo g. 56

The Italian artist Millo is said to usually depict urban scenes - cities and people within them. His work on the building opposite Hales Market is no exception. The town that sprung up on one of the neighbourhood's most prominent walls is teeming with life.



16. SEPE & CHAZME Kauno g. 1

The street artist duo from Warsaw created this painting on empty Kauno Street wall - a firewall that was supposed to separate two adjacent buildings. The second building was never constructed, leaving a perfect canvas for street art



17. OS GEMEOS Pylimo g. 60

The duo from São Paulo are among the top names in street art. They dropped by during the Vilnius Street Art Festival to pay respect to their Lithuanian grandfather, who's pictured sitting in the palm of a giant in this mural.



18. GYVA GRAFIKA Dūmų g. 3

The contemporary decor and design studio Gyva Grafika brought colours to the industrial district of Naujoji Vilnia. The Sparrow that found a home on a some lofts captures the essence of the district well – flowers blooming through concrete, garden scents mixing with the railway tars, and the everlasting hope for the spring revival.



19. SEIKON, KRIK KONG, SZYMAN

Drujos g.

The corner of Drujos and Aušros Vartų streets hosts three distinct works by Polish artists, which match incredibly well. Krik Kong is the author of the middle piece and the bald guy you see in his work is a recurring character. To the right are Seikon's precise lines, and Szyman's work is the first on the left.



20. TAUTVYDAS PARAPINAVIČIUS ART

Dariaus ir Girėno g. 1

A little community goes a long way. To brighten up their day and to revive the dull district of Naujininkai, the locals dedicated a wall to street art. Today, a cute kitten on a bookshelf makes each day better for hundreds of people waiting for their bus. Look for the names on the book spines – they are dedicated to the authors who lived and worked in Vilnius.