



March 2016

## Things to See and Events to Attend in Hungary

Welcome to the March issue of Your Concierge Hungary's newsletter. This month is exceptionally generous to us offering an amazing variety of programs from shows, concerts, festivals and travel tips to the countryside where you can learn about Easter customs and traditions.

Enjoy reading and we'd love to hear back from you on these or any other issues you are interested in.

Happy Holidays!

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*Your Concierge Hungary* was created to help the expatriate community living in Hungary. We take over where the relocation companies finish their duties stepping in to provide assistance with issues of the families' private lives for example if the wife doesn't work, the car needs to be repaired, there is need for an electrician at the house, or you would like to visit some parts of Hungary for the weekend. Our aim with these services is to ensure that you can live here with the peace of mind, and, after a couple of years, leave with sweet memories of Hungary.

Check out our website for details on how to become a member to discover all the benefits that Your Concierge Hungary can offer.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

#### TRAVEL EXPO



#### Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center

March 3-6, 2016

A prominent expo of the Travel & Tourism sector in the CEE region with a large number of international and Hungarian exhibitors (tour operators and travel agencies). Irresistible offers and up-to-date information on countless destinations, hotels and travel spots on all five continents. The perfect place to book your next holiday. [www.hungexpo.hu](http://www.hungexpo.hu)

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#### MACARON DAY



#### Aquarium, Deák Square

March 20, 2016,

The annual Macaron Day in Budapest is inspired by the Jour du Macaron held on the same day in Paris and the Macaron Day in New York City. It's dedicated to the famous French macaron, a round crunchy pastry sandwiched together with a soft creamy center. Visitors will have a chance to taste, smell and even learn how to bake macarons. The

program runs between 2 and 6 PM and it includes a Macaron Fare, a Macaron Competition, programs for kids and lots of delicious pastries.

[www.macaronnap.hu/index-en.html](http://www.macaronnap.hu/index-en.html)

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### CATHY KRIER/TRIO CATCH – RISING STARS BUDAPEST



Müpa, Palace of Arts  
March 10, 2016, 7:30 P

Luxembourg-born pianist Cathy Krier reveals her diversity as a musician and openness to masterpieces of every age. She plays excerpts from the rarely heard keyboard music of Jean-Philippe Rameau, one of the greatest composers of the 17th-18th centuries, as well as a devilishly difficult and colorful set of pieces by György Ligeti. [www.mupa.hu](http://www.mupa.hu)

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### VINCE BUDAPEST WINE SHOW



Corinthia Hotel Budapest  
March 2-5, 2016

As suggested by its name, the event's main focus is wine (as in *vin*) exhibited in Central Europe (CE). Showcasing 160 exhibitors from Hungary and neighboring countries and also some winemakers outside of the region. In addition to wine, VinCE intends to highlight pálinka with the best distilleries presenting their products. The event also hosts further gourmet products such as cheese, olive oil and extraordinary sausages just to mention a few.

[www.vincebudapest.hu](http://www.vincebudapest.hu)

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### MICHELLER MYRTILL – BONJOUR PARIS!



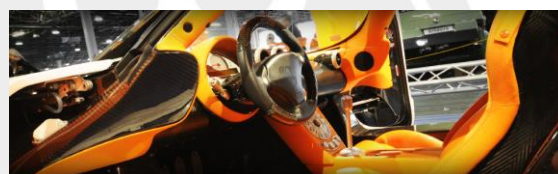
MüPA, Palace of Arts  
March 18, 2016, 7:00 PM

Well-known Edith Piaf chansons played in an upbeat Gypsy swing style, and popular Francophone hits by such performers as Dalida, Yves Montand and Mireille Mathieu.

[www.mupa.hu](http://www.mupa.hu)

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### AUTOMOTIVE, MOTOR & TUNING SHOW (AMTS)



Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center  
March 18-20, 2016

Organized since 2006, AMTS is Hungary's main automotive event with over 2,000 unique vehicles coming from 11 countries and exhibited on a floor space of over 100,000 square meter. Exciting indoor and outdoor programs on all 3 days.

[www.amts.hu/en](http://www.amts.hu/en)

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### J.S. BACH: JOHANNES PASSION



March 22, 2016

St. Michael Church, 5th District (Belvárosi Szent Mihály Templom)

A performance by the Monarchy Symphonic Ensemble, soloists of the Budapest Opera House and the St. Michael Church's Choir.

[www.szentmihalytemplom.hu](http://www.szentmihalytemplom.hu)



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### GARDEN EXPO AND ORCHID FEAST



#### Papp László Sports Arena

March 18-20, 2016

Hungary's biggest Outdoor Living expo with solutions from garden planning and construction, gardening tools and machinery, through outdoor furniture and outdoor lighting, shading, irrigation, heating technology and cooling systems, to pools and saunas. The 2016 Orchid Feast takes place at the same time and place. [www.gardenexpo.hu/en](http://www.gardenexpo.hu/en)

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### COCA-COLA WAKE UP YOUR BODY – FITNESS DAY



#### SYMA Sports and Event Center

March 15, 2016

An entire day dedicated to physical activities. Come and give a try to one of the 110 different classes by 200 presenters on 17 stages. [www.fitnessnap.hu](http://www.fitnessnap.hu) (only in Hungarian)

Short video from last year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZvUb2OJ7s>

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### BUDAPEST KITCHEN SHOW



Budapest Sports Arena

March 4-5-6, 2016

Cupboards, kitchen furniture, dining sets, big and small appliances, kitchenware and live cooking shows all in one place.

[www.konyhakiallitas.hu/en](http://www.konyhakiallitas.hu/en)

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### MINESHOW



#### Millenaris Park

March 5-6, 2016

Spend a whole day in the company of MineCraft fans and find out everything about this trendy computer game.

[www.mineshow.hu](http://www.mineshow.hu)

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### 8<sup>TH</sup> BUDAPEST ARCHITECTURE FILM DAYS



#### Toldi Movie Theater

March 3-6, 2016

Organized by the Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre the event has become the second largest of its kind in Europe. It uses the medium of film to highlight the most subtle processes in architecture: design and urban development.

[www.filmnapok.kek.org.hu/en](http://www.filmnapok.kek.org.hu/en)

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### BIKEEXPO (BRINGAEXPO)



Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center

March 3-6, 2016

This year BikeExpo occupies two halls of the Fair Center, offers a hall-size track for testing bikes, and awaits visitors with more programs and shows than ever before. Make sure not to miss the event! [www.bringa.hu/expo](http://www.bringa.hu/expo)

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#### HTCC AFRICA EXPO AND FAIR



#### Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center

March 3-6, 2016

All about Africa with 26 exhibitors from 13 countries. Four days of cultural programs, exhibitions, lectures and international panel discussions to foster African-Hungarian relations.

[www.afrikaexpo.hu](http://www.afrikaexpo.hu)

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#### FESTIVAL DE LA FRANCOPHONIE: DIDIER LEVALLET QUINTETT « Voix croisées » (F)



#### Budapest Music Club (BMC)

March 10, 2016

Double bass player Didier Levallet is certainly one of French jazz's inevitable figures. Here, in his quintet « Voix croisées » he is joining forces with three of the most talented young jazzwomen in France and in Europe : Aïrelle Besson on trumpet, Sylvaine Héлары on flute and Céline Bonacina on alto and baritone saxophones. The fifth in the quintet, seasoned drummer François Laizeau, adds the essential rhythmic support to the band. [www.bmc.hu](http://www.bmc.hu)

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#### FERENC LISZT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – EMMANUEL PAHUD (FLUTE)



#### Music Academy

March 7, 2016, 7:30 PM

Franco-Swiss flute player Emmanuel Pahud was only six when he began studying classical music. He leapt into the international orchestral and solo music scene when he joined the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in 1992. The flutist is most known for his baroque and Classical flute repertory.

[www.lfkz.hu](http://www.lfkz.hu)

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#### COMPAGNIE PÁL FRENÁK: INTIME BUDAPEST



#### Trafó House of Contemporary Arts

March 10, 11, 2016

How can one person become real for the other? Can the desire for one another remain forever unfulfilled? The reality and penetrability of bodies is an eternal question. Is the other person truly real? Must we always fall back from a relationships' incomprehensible insecurity to our own cruel private reality? Choreographer Pál Frenák and his dancers answer these questions using body language.

[www.trafo.hu/en-US/2016-intime](http://www.trafo.hu/en-US/2016-intime)

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#### BOZSIK IVETT COMPANY: OEDIPUS REX





### Müpa, Palace of Arts

March 17, 2016

With expressive scenes following the structure of tragedy and opera Oedipus, but nevertheless firmly grounded in the present day, the choreography depicts the primal sin and the catharsis that it brings. As with Yvette Bozsik's other re-workings of operas to date, the body language and system of gestures built around the sound of the human voice are of key importance. Presented by the National Dance Theater.

[www.mupa.hu](http://www.mupa.hu)

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### JAMMIN' IN BUDAPEST (STAND-UP COMEDY IN ENGLISH) – WITH DAVE THOMPSON, PÉTER FELMÉRI, ÉDU TÓTH



### Budapest Dumasínház

March 20, 2016

Dave Thomson has performed stand-up comedy in 33 countries outside Britain, and Hungary is his favorite. He has appeared in British TV stars Ben Elton and Harry Hill's feature films, and their TV shows. Harry Hill has used him as a comedy actor in four of his tours around Britain. Thomson loves to write and perform stand-up comedy away from England, as being in a different country stimulates his comic imagination. Edu Tóth and Péter Feldméri are well-known and beloved Hungarian stand-up comedians.

[www.dumaszhaz.hu](http://www.dumaszhaz.hu)

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### JOAN FAULKNER & THE BUDAPEST JAZZ ORCHESTRA



### Marczibányi Square Cultural Center

March 25, 2016, 7:00 PM

A co-production by Hungary's best big band and the extremely talented American jazz singer Joan Faulkner who only performs live.

[www.marczi.hu](http://www.marczi.hu)

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### EASTER WEEKEND



### Open Air Museum, Szentendre

March 27-28, 2016

Easter festivities just outside of Budapest with Easter egg painting, folk dance and music performances, various kids programs, artcraft and gastro fair. Last year as much as 17,000 visitors paid a visit to the Open Air Ethnographic Museum during the Easter weekend.

[www.skanzen.hu/en](http://www.skanzen.hu/en)

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## IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

### MATYÓ EASTER



Mezőkövesd, NE Hungary

March 26-28, 2016

Another town known for its old folk traditions, beautiful embroidery and uniquely decorated Easter eggs is Mezőkövesd, the home of the *Matyó*, an ethnic group in Hungary. Easter celebrations are held in the oldest part of Mezőkövesd – the so-called *Hadas* district. Easter events and activities include folk crafts, Easter egg painting, wine tasting, Easter ham sampling and petting zoo for the kids. [www.mezokovesdregio.hu](http://www.mezokovesdregio.hu) (in Hungarian only)

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### HOLLÓKKŐ EASTER FESTIVAL



Hollókö, North Hungary

March 26-28, 2016

The town of Hollókö is best known for embracing the folk traditions of the 18th century where locals dress up in traditional costumes for the Easter festivities. There are several programs and activities during the two-day Easter Festival, including egg painting, folklore programs, arts and crafts and kids programs. Visitors can sample traditional Easter dishes. Easter Mondays are usually lot of fun in Hollókö, as 'Dousing Day' is practiced following old traditions. Boys would

douse the girls with buckets of water to ensure they become good wives. In exchange for the dousing the girls would reward the boys with Easter eggs – the main reason for which Easter eggs are decorated in Hungary.

[www.holloko.hu](http://www.holloko.hu)

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### FORTRESS GATE OPENING



Szigliget, Western Hungary

March 27, 2016

The ruins of a medieval fortress looks out on a panorama of Lake Balaton toward the Tapolca Basin. The 750-years old landmark of Szigliget was one of the few fortresses that never bore the Ottoman ensign on its towers in the Turkish times. Manful soldiers maintained their independence for 150 years until the animosity of the Habsburgs destroyed it (blew up its walls). The gate-opening festival marks the opening of the spring season in Szigliget. Come and learn more about the castle and its history! [www.szigligetivar.eu](http://www.szigligetivar.eu)

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### INTERNATIONAL 'BOHÉM' RAGTIME AND JAZZ FESTIVAL



Kecskemét, East Hungary

March 18-20, 2016

The eight member Bohém Ragtime Jazz Band owns twenty instruments and they play all of them! Fly back to the teens, twenties and thirties of the last century listening to them playing and singing old American and Hungarian jazz songs.

[www.bohemragtime.com/en/band.htm](http://www.bohemragtime.com/en/band.htm)

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TATABÁNYA SPRING FESTIVAL  
(A VÉRTES AGÓRÁJA)



Tatabánya, NW Hungary  
March 10-24, 2016

The town welcomes spring with concerts, theater and musical performances, exhibitions and lectures for the 16th time this year.  
[www.avertesagoraja.hu](http://www.avertesagoraja.hu)

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CHOCOLATE CARNIVAL IN PÉCS



Pécs, South Hungary  
March 5-6, 2016

It's all about chocolate in Pécs! Meet with chocolate makers from all over the country and taste their hand-made goodies, dip marshmallow in chocolate fountains and watch how to make choco-tiles in Pécs's famous cultural quarter Zsolnay Negyed.  
[www.zsolnaynegyed.hu/index.php?a=program&nevlink=Pecsi\\_Csokolade\\_Karneval\\_2016&nyelv=english](http://www.zsolnaynegyed.hu/index.php?a=program&nevlink=Pecsi_Csokolade_Karneval_2016&nyelv=english)