



KAUNAS'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

‘Culture to the Yards’ in Kaunas: art brought to spectators in balconies

Kaunas (Lithuania), is a UNESCO Creative City of Design and also the European Capital of Culture 2022.

In collaboration with the community programme ‘Fluxus Labs’ and other projects, in mid-April, the city of Kaunas launched the initiative ‘Culture to the Yards’ that delivers cultural experiences and activities to its inhabitants directly from their courtyards.

With the aim of recreating social ties, and triggering new experiences during the period of confinement, professionals from various artistic fields including theatre, dance, contemporary circus, music are being invited to perform in yards encircled by apartment blocks around the city.

The 20-minute live performances are also streamed through both the Media Library Lithuanian Radio and Television, and [Kaunas 2022 Facebook page](#) to allow all the city residents to partake in the initiative. Local residents can enjoy different types of shows from their windows or balconies, including poetry, classical, jazz and pop music and are encouraged to dress up for the occasion.

Inhabitants can also invite a performance into their own yard by registering their apartment building through a dedicated platform.

This improvised cultural festival supports local artists particularly those affected during the current period and helps them to reach a wider audience. At the same time, residents can embrace their culture and entertainment cravings by spending meaningful moments and boost their positive outlook.

The project is foreseen to continue for the entire duration of the enforced quarantine in the country.
