

The full programme: VeszprémFest announces Hungarian stars

The programme for this year's VeszprémFest is now final. The previously announced Tom Jones, Jazz+Az and VeszprémFest Classic concerts will be joined by Zenevonat with LGT stars, the Cotton Club Singers celebrating their 25th anniversary, and Concerto Budapest with Ferenc Snétberger and Roby Lakatos.

This year's VeszprémFest will feature a special musical programme, with one single foreign star attraction and concerts exclusively by Hungarian artists, from 17 to 21 August. For the five days of premium music festival programmes in three venues, Tom Jones, Jazz+Az and VeszprémFest Classic have already been announced, and now the 2021 festival programme is rounded off with three more performances.

On **17 August**, **Zenevonat** will play a concert of songs by the *50-year-old band LGT* in **História Garden**. Former LGT members *János James Karácsony* and *János Solti*, as well as *Mónika Nika Veres* and *Gábor Biga Heincz* form the backbone of the ensemble. This time, other special guests include *Mariann Falusi*, *Misi Mező*, *Iván Vitáris* and *Roy*, and will be accompanied by the production's permanent orchestra *Abrakazabra*. The 120-minute concert will include well-known LGT songs as well as hits performed by Klári Katona, Kati Kovács and Sándor Révész.

On **18 August**, **Jazz+Az** will take to the stage in **História Garden**. After the memorable 2020 Aréna concert, *Péter Geszti* and his group will perform the greatest hits of their short-lived but highly successful career on the open-air stage of VeszprémFest.

This year's single foreign performer at VeszprémFest, Grammy Award winner **Sir Tom Jones**, will take to the stage on **19 August**. The eighty-one-year-old living legend gave a concert in the **VeszprémAréna** in 2017 with huge success, and will now be back in the same venue. In addition to his best-known world hits, the programme will include songs from his latest studio album *Surrounded by The Time*.

On **20 August**, **Concerto Budapest** led by **András Keller**, **Ferenc Snétberger** and **Roby Lakatos** will perform in **História Garden**. The exciting crossover production "*Rapszódia*" will evoke a unique world, in which classical symphonic and world music appear simultaneously, and Hungarian - Roma music traditions are mixed with the sounds of jazz and rock and roll. You can enjoy the pieces by Enescu, Liszt, Brahms, Sarasate, or even some melodies of Elvis Presley hits. The concert will also feature *Xénia Sárközi*, an opera singer from Upper Hungary, a young soloist from the Hungarian State Opera, and the *Old Sounds* ensemble led by *Gábor Homoky*.

The last main stage programme of the five-day festival will be a concert by the **Cotton Club Singers** on **21 August** in **História Garden**. Their jubilee programme, entitled "*Negyedszáz*", will include a selection of the most popular hits of their career, as well as songs from their highly successful Sinatra and Abba Jazz Nights. The five most influential singers of the ensemble will be here: *Orsolya Kozma*, *Gabriella Szűcs*, *Adrienn Zsédenyi*, *Gábor Fehér* and *Boldizsár László* will be accompanied by the *Mendelssohn Chamber Orchestra of Veszprém* and the *Cotton Club Band* consisting of 8 wind and rhythm instrumentalists.

In the other outdoor venue of the festival, the **Jesuit Churchyard**, the audience can enjoy **VeszprémFest Classic**, including three extraordinary performances, as part of the *Cziffra100 commemorative year*. The concert series will open on **17 August** with **ZongOpera** performed by *Erika Miklósa* and *János Balázs*, the most frequently performing artists in the history of VeszprémFest. On **18 August**, *János Balázs* and *József Lendvay* will be joined on stage by *Béla Szakcsi Lakatos*, who was among the first performers at the festival in 2004, in the **Paganini+** programme. On **19 August**, *Kátya Tompos* and *János Balázs* will close the festival with the **Cziffra Café** Night.

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