

**Armed with Beauty:
The Ninth Bouquet Kyiv Stage Festival to Take Place on 13–16
August**

From 13 to 16 August 2026, the ninth annual **Bouquet Kyiv Stage Festival** will take place at **Saint Sophia of Kyiv**. Traditionally, the festival will bring together music, Ukrainian visual art, cinema, theatre, guided tours, programmes for children and senior audiences, the young artists' stage, and Conversations Under the Ash Tree. **This year's festival unfolds under the theme "Armed with Beauty."**

"Bouquet Kyiv Stage is about a strength that does not destroy. About memory that resists oblivion. About culture that holds the future. Because beauty is not the opposite of strength. True strength is found in the ability to defend what is unarmed. And today, Ukraine is armed with beauty," say the festival organisers.

Over the course of the festival's four days, more than 50 artistic events will take place.

Among the festival's highlights are:

- the multimedia exhibition *The Triumph of the Bouquet*, presenting works by the monumental artist Oleksandr Dubovyk, who celebrates his 95th birthday this year;
- *Liberated Music*, a research and cultural project dedicated to the decolonisation of the Ukrainian musical heritage;
- tributes to artists and friends of the festival who will forever remain part of its history: the memorial concert for Nazgul Shukayeva, an exhibition by Yuliia Lazarevska "Time of Revelation", and "Life in Art, Cinema and Philosophy", a photography exhibition by Oleg Pavlyuchenkov;
- selections from Alla Zahaikevych's opera "Brother Li Bai... Friend Du Fu...", based on the mystery play by Oleh Lysheha.

Among the events of the music programme:

- "Unison: Sylvestrov, Pärt, Kancheli", a concert dedicated to three composers of global stature, performed by the Kyiv Chamber Choir;
- concerts of Ukrainian and international music performed by the National Presidential Orchestra under the baton of conductor Tetiana Kalinichenko, as well as a concert by the National Ensemble of Soloists "Kyiv Camerata";
- Maria Kvitka's ethno music programme;
- the Kontenta young artists' stage, featuring electroacoustic performances by emerging Ukrainian musicians.

The **KinoBouquet programme** will present pre-premiere screenings of Ukrainian films, including feature-length, documentary and short films.

Among this year's international participants are the world-renowned Norwegian saxophonist and composer Bendik Hofseth, German pianist and trumpeter Sebastian Studnitzky, Polish virtuoso pianist Radosław Sobczak, the Israeli jazz ensemble Yogev Shetrit Trio, Bulgarian pianist Ivan Yanakov, and Georgian conductor and composer Nikoloz Rachveli.

The festival's theme – "Armed with Beauty" – will permeate every day and every event of the programme, affirming the beauty and strength of Ukrainian culture.

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Organiser:

Dom Master Klass, an independent Ukrainian cultural centre founded in Kyiv in 2007. Its mission is to foster the development of Ukrainian culture and promote it both in Ukraine and internationally. Throughout its years of activity, Dom Master Klass has created and organised thousands of

concerts, hundreds of exhibitions, film screenings, theatre performances, lectures, as well as dozens of festivals in Ukraine and abroad.

The flagship project of Dom Master Klass is the Bouquet Kyiv Stage Festival established in 2018. The festival is international, multidisciplinary, non-commercial and socially-engaging, and celebrating artistic excellence. It takes place annually at the iconic site of Saint Sophia of Kyiv, while also presenting international editions beyond Ukraine.