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## **Banská Štiavnica will come alive with fantastic street and cabaret art, as well as social discussions and light eroticism.**

### **AMPLIFIER Festival 2024 is coming!**

Czech cult theatre, original Italian cabaret show, light eroticism, energetic concerts, but also engaged art, satirical political quiz and discussions on current social issues. This year, the AMPLIFIER Festival in Banská Štiavnica will be attended by great stars of theatre and cabaret shows from all over the world. For the first and only time in Slovakia, the headliner of the festival, the fantastic Italian artist Ennio Marchetto, will perform there, bringing to life Mona Lisa, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Freddie Mercury and other world singers and actors in an unconventional way.

*"Ennio Marchetto is a world-renowned Italian star. His original cabaret show offers an entertaining whirlwind of 60 world celebrities in 70 minutes! Using the art of origami and lightning changes, Ennio parodies the world's greatest icons. He uses handmade paper costumes, detailed facial expressions, exquisite music and timing to conjure up new and new stars from the world of music, film and famous paintings in a split second. We are very happy that we managed to get him for our festival,"* says Ján Fakla, the dramaturg and producer of the AMPLIFIER Festival.

The international festival of new forms of cabaret theatre and street art in Banská Štiavnica will offer another strong headliner. Visitors can look forward to the cult Prague's Theatre Na zábradlí with its successful performance EUROPEANA.

*"A European history of the 20th century, in which war and the invention of the bra played an important role. Banská Štiavnica will be visited by a pleiad of exceptional Czech actors, with whom it will be possible to discuss after the performance. Let's mention Jan Hájek, Dita Kaplanová, Jiří Vyorálek and others,"* adds Jana Mítková, director and dramaturge of the festival.

However, the streets and cafés of Banská Štiavnica will also come alive with other attractive programmes. Temperamental rhythms and tap dancing by performers from Mexico, Spain, France and Germany, erotic "tickling" by the Prague independent theatre group Geisslers Hofcomoedianten, international music and movement street theatre about the rapprochement of cultures, or a circus of jugglers, clowns and acrobats. There will also be concerts to the rhythm of klezmer music or a wild mix of electro-dance music, Balkan, jazz and rap, as well as beautiful retro songs from the 1920s-1940s.



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*"Since we are an engaged festival, we will also have discussions on various civil and social issues. Let's mention, for example, ART PUTIKA debates with sociologist Juraj Buzalka about our "post-settlers", or with chess grandmaster and lecturer in critical thinking Ján Markoš. The programme of the 9th edition of the festival consists of 21 productions on 11 stages, with 100 artists from 10 countries. We believe that everyone will find their unique experience in it", concludes Ján Fakla.*

AMPLIFIER Festival – New Cabaret & Street Art 2024 will take place from 20th to 22nd September in Banská Štiavnica and its surroundings. The full programme can be found here: <https://www.amplion.eu/en/programme/>. The festival also offers discounted season tickets and pre-sales at: <https://www.amplion.eu/en/tickets/> or [www.goout.net](http://www.goout.net)

The festival is supported from public funds by the Slovak Arts Council, which is the main partner of the event. The main media partners are Radio Expres and Denník N. The ninth annual of AMPLIFIER Festival will also be held with the financial support of the European Union, the Banská Bystrica Region, the LITA Fund and thanks to Zuzka and Peťo from Košice.

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