



RAA.SPACE – Cultural Space

Radošā rūpnīca Veldze, Matīsa iela 8, Rīga LV-1001



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About

RAA is an independent cultural space located in Radošā rūpnīca Veldze in central Riga, Latvia. It opened on **11 July 2025**.

The space hosts a diverse programme: contemporary art exhibitions, theatre performances, concerts, poetry readings, workshops, festivals, and community gatherings.

The space comprises an exhibition hall (103 m²), an entrance foyer (35 m²), a theatre room (13 m²) with a dedicated foyer, a backstage corridor, and access to a courtyard connecting the entire Veldze quarter.

RAA (aka *reductio ad absurdum*) leads claims to absurdity since 2025. At RAA you do not have to be loud to be heard.

Timeline

July 2025 RAA opened its doors on 11 July 2025. Inaugural group exhibition *In Your Shoes*, curated by Maija Kurševa, brought together seven artists from the Latvian Academy of Art. Poetry marathon *Sinusoid* with Syntax Stupor.

August 2025 Katoptron Teātris, RAA's resident theatre, opened under the direction of Helias Dzimoulakis. Arta Raituma led a two-day fire workshop followed by an exhibition of the resulting works. Solo exhibition *Saules Gaismas Meklējumos* by Fricis Ripa. Musical evening with Elza & Uģis Albiņš. Photography exhibition by Ksenija Kumačova.

September 2025 Exhibition connected to the international theatre festival Homo Novus. Sewing Machine Techno. British poet Joëlle Taylor (T.S. Eliot Prize winner) gave a reading. Launch of *Tvērums #11*. Evening with Erika Kolobanova & Konstantins Belihš.

October 2025 Three-day International Scent Art Festival (10–12 Oct) with international artists. *Tacta* performance and workshop series. *Brīvības Experience* (16–30 Oct) — urban installation about Riga's main street by Brunis Kibilds.

November 2025 Kefirs Studio group exhibition. First Riga Upcycling Festival (15 Nov). Photography exhibition by Veronika Geida. *Through the Looking Glass* — photography by Paula Betija Anteniške documenting Ivo Krieviņš and the Riga ballroom scene.

December 2025 WunderKombināts publication launch. Piano recital with Andrejs Osokins. *Tvērums* December issue launch.

January 2026 Winter break and renovation works at RAA.

February 2026 30-day evolving installation *AS DISTANT, SO NEAR* with various artists, exploring themes of distance, proximity, and presence.

March 2026 Opening of MAATE NAATRE forest bar (14 Mar). Three research meetup sessions. Book presentation. Weavers group exhibition and performance *Dialogo ad Infinitum* by Leonhard Horstmeyer.

April 2026 *ALTERNATĪVA: Traces from the Underground* — exhibition by the 2ANNAS film festival (10 Apr – 4 May), with four artists and three guided tours, supported by Rīgas dome and VKKF.

Events

All events hosted at RAA since opening on 11 July 2025, in chronological order. Many more events for 2026 are planned but not yet listed here.

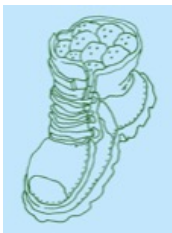
July 2025



11 July 2025
R A A Opening #1

Opening

The inaugural opening of RAA cultural space at Matīsa iela 8.



11–18 July 2025
In Your Shoes

Exhibition

Group exhibition curated by Maija Kurševa (3rd-year LMA KAS students). Each work references another artist's practice. Seven participating artists.



24–27 July 2025
Typewriter Museum Exhibition

Exhibition

20th-century typewriter collection from Germany, USA, Sweden, and Italy. Visitors could type on two authentic machines.



27 July 2025
Poetry: Sinusoid

Poetry / Music

Poetry marathon by the group Syntax Stupor, with music by Dabsolis and Kaspars Sils. Open microphone.

August 2025



2–3 August 2025
Fire Workshop with Arta Raituma

Workshop

Two-day experimental wood-burning workshop with artist Arta Raituma.



4–6 August 2025

Fire Workshop Exhibition

Exhibition of artworks created during Arta Raituma's fire workshop.

Exhibition



7–10 August 2025

Kas Aug Starp Mums

Photography exhibition by Ksenija Kumačova (b. 1997). Explores the interaction between humans and local nature.

Exhibition



9 August 2025

Katoptron Teātris Opening

Opening of RAA's resident theatre, founded and directed by Helias Dzimoulakis.

Theatre

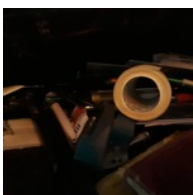


14 August 2025

Kabiirijas Salons #1

Open stage for painting, music, performance, dance, and poetry.

Performance / Open Stage



14–17 August 2025

RAA Museum: Shelf Stories

A museum of objects donated by community members, each with its story.

Exhibition



18–26 August 2025

Saules Gaismas Meklējumos

Solo exhibition by Fricis Ripa — *In Search of Sunshine*. Opening with DJ sets.

Exhibition



28 August 2025

Laime Plist uz Traukiem

An evening performance event.

Performance

September 2025



1 September 2025

Second Variety Show

An evening of varied acts and performances.

Performance



3 September 2025

Cities by Night

Evening event exploring urban themes through art and performance.

Event



8 September 2025

Joëlle Taylor — Reading

Poetry reading with British poet Joëlle Taylor, T.S. Eliot Prize winner.

Literature / Poetry

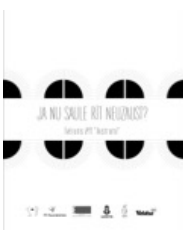


14 September 2025

Sewing Machine Techno

An evening combining craft, community, and rhythm.

Workshop / Event



18 September 2025

Tvērums #11 "East": What If the Sun Doesn't Rise Tomorrow

Launch of the 11th issue of the literary journal Tvērums, themed around East and uncertainty.

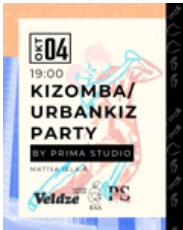
Literature / Launch



27 September 2025
Exo — Photography Exhibition
Photography exhibition.

Exhibition

October 2025



4 October 2025
Kizomba / UrbanKiz Party
Social dance party with Kizomba and UrbanKiz music.

Dance / Party



5 October 2025
Riga Sock Exchange
Community clothing exchange event.

Community



8 October 2025
res tacta — Performance / Creative Workshop
Performance and workshop exploring tactile experience and bodily presence.

Performance / Workshop



10–12 October 2025
International Scent Art Festival

Festival

Three-day international festival dedicated to olfactory art — exhibitions, performances, workshops, and a scent tour of Riga.



16–30 October 2025
Brīvības Experience — Urban Installation

Event

Exhibition and urban installation dedicated to Riga's main street, Brīvības iela. Using visualizations, 3D models, and other media, the project explores the street's history, current state, and future scenarios. Organized by Brunis Kibilds (Pilsēta cilvēkiem / City for People). Visitors were invited to participate in rethinking how to make the city more people-friendly.

November 2025



6–9 November 2025
Kefirs Studio Exhibition
Group exhibition by Kefirs Studio.

Exhibition



15 November 2025
The First Riga Upcycling Festival
Public event promoting sustainable design and reuse culture. Workshops, market stalls, and community activities.

Festival



17 November 2025
(pa)liekas – Photography Exhibition
Solo photography exhibition by Veronika Geida.

Exhibition



24–30 November 2025
Through the Looking Glass
Photography exhibition exploring queer identity and ballroom culture in Latvia. Photography by Paula Betija Anteniške, documenting Ivo Krieviņš and the Riga ballroom scene. Supported by the European Union.

Exhibition

December 2025



9 December 2025
WunderKombināts – Publication Launch
Launch of the WunderKombināts publication.

Literature / Launch



12 December 2025

Concert with Andrejs Osokins

Piano concert with Andrejs Osokins.

Concert



19 December 2025

Tvērums – December Issue Launch

Launch of the December issue of literary journal Tvērums.

Literature / Launch



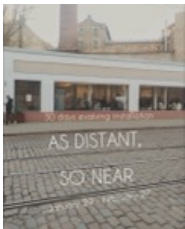
28 December 2025

Mārks Ozoliņš – Concert Evening

Concert evening with Mārks Ozoliņš.

Concert

January 2026



29 January 2026

AS DISTANT, SO NEAR – Open Call

Open call and exhibition exploring themes of distance, proximity, and presence. Launch of a 30-day evolving installation with various participating artists.

Exhibition / Open Call

March 2026



14 March 2026

2nd Upcycling Festival “Refresh the Old!”

Second edition of the Riga Upcycling Festival. Market, workshops, and community activities.

Festival



14 March 2026

MAATE NAATRE — Opening

Opening of MAATE NAATRE herbal bar within the RAA space.

Opening



17, 24 & 27 March 2026

Research Meetup Series

Three open gatherings at RAA for sharing insights, learning, and collective inquiry.

Citizen Research Meetup (17 Mar) — launch of open weekly sessions to share data-driven questions and learn new skills. Hosted by jopalesi.science. **Recreational Research Meetup** (24 Mar) — informal exchange of ideas and curious questions among participants. **Extraordinary Meeting: Riemann-Zeta** (27 Mar) — special session dedicated to the Riemann-Zeta function and mathematical beauty.

Meetup / Research



26 March 2026

Weavers — Exhibition

Textile and interdisciplinary exhibition exploring weaving as metaphor and practice.

Exhibition



26 March 2026

Dialogo ad Infinitum — Performance

Performance by Leonhard Horstmeyer. Part of the Weavers exhibition.

Performance



28 March 2026

Laimes Gavs

Community morning event.

Event

April – May 2026



10 April – 4 May 2026

ALTERNATĪVA: Traces from the Underground

Exhibition

Exhibition by the Riga International Short Film Festival 2ANNAS. Works by Laimdota Malle (LV), alliance Kurss (LV), Rebecca Korn (UK), and Anastasia Shneps-Shneppe (LV). Curator: Kristiāna Kārklīņa. Three guided tours. Supported by Rīgas dome and VKKF.



8–10 May 2026

Atrodi mani, es esmu šeit

Exhibition

Group exhibition by students of the Latvian Academy of Art (LMA), produced as part of the course “Exhibition Making Practice for Artists”. Curated by Ieva Staļšene.



15 May – 8 June 2026

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Exhibition

Duo exhibition by Alīna Burlakova (b. 1992) and Viktorija Galkina (b. 1988). Opening 15 May with a vocal performance by Eleonora Kampe.
