

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Archita, 11:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.

Location: Esplanade of the Archita Fortified Church

- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** - Official festival opening ceremony
Wind band Siebenbüergischer Posaunenchor
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** - Speeches by the guests of honor
- 12:30 p.m. to 01:00 p.m.** - Speech held in the church by Pastor Johannes Halmen
- 01:00 p.m. to 02:30 p.m.** - Children's program: the play *A goat, two kids and a wolf* (performance by the T.a.C.T Theater Company in Sighișoara, directed by Nelu Roman) - an adaptation of *The Goat and Her Three Kids*
- 02:30 p.m. to 03:00 p.m.** - Traditional Saxon dances by the Sighișoara Democratic Forum of Germans
- 03:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.** - Book presentation "At Home in Romania ", author: Viorica Macarie
- 01:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.** - Brunch
- 01:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.** - Children's activities (wood painting and doll making workshops)

Rodeș, 06:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.

Location: Guesthouse, 91 Rodeș

- 06:00 p.m. to 06:15 p.m.** - Speeches by the guests of honor
- 06:15 p.m. to 07:00 p.m.** - Brass band Neppendorfer Blaskapelle
- 07:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.** - Literary evening hosted by Ms. Ruxandra Hurezean

Friday, August 4, 2023

Bunești, 10:30 a.m. to 01:30 p.m.

Location: Bunești Evangelical Fortified Church

- 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** - Traditional Saxon music by the Brașov Youth Brass Band
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** - Speeches by the guests of honor
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** - Traditional Csángó dances presented by the Group Borița from the Seven Villages ethnographic area
- 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.** - Debate: *Saxon influences on the Csángós*; held by Ms. Veres Emese Gyöngyvér
- 12:30 p.m. to 01:00 p.m.** - Traditional Saxon music by the Brașov Youth Brass Band
- 12:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.** - Parallel activities:
 - Film screening; organizer: Sibiu Cultural Center
 - Wreath making workshop; organizer: Sibiu Cultural Center
 - Alex Kloos photography exhibition "Landscapes of Fortified Churches"
Partner: Kulturerbe Kirchenburgen E.V Association

Rupea, 03:30 p.m. to 06:30 p.m.

Location: Rupea Fortified Church/Rupea town center

- 03:30 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.** - Traditional Saxon brass band concert in the park - Kulturwerk Bayern, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany
- 04:00 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.** - Reconsecration of the Rupea Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession held by Bishop Reinhart Guib, Dr. Daniel Zikeli, Vicar - Bishop of the Evangelical Church C.A. from Romania and priest Danielis Mare; Musical accompaniment by Prof. Ursula Philippi, DMus, and Original Karpaten-Express
- 05:00 p.m. to 05:30 p.m.** - Speeches by the guests of honor
- 05:30 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.** - Conference with video projections: *History of Rupea Organs* - presentation by Prof. Ursula Philippi, DMus
- 06:00 p.m. to 06:30 p.m.** - Traditional Saxon dances in the square near the Fortified Church
Kulturwerk Bayern, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany

Homorod, 07:30 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.

Location: Homorod Fortified Church

Concert by Paul Cristian (organ) and Elena Cristian (violin)

Homorod

Location: Homorod Community Center

08:00 p.m. - Traditional Saxon ball with music by the Trio Saxones band

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Viscri, 10:30 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

Location: Tanzplatz, in the yard of the Fortified Church

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Saxon brass band music by Original Karpaten-Express

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Speeches by the guests of honor

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Traditional Saxon dances and brass band music - Kulturwerk Bayern, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany

12:00 p.m. to 01:00 p.m. - Parallel activities:

- Organ concert by Ms. Irene Roth-Halter at the Viscri Fortified Church

- Presentation of the first ecological wastewater treatment plant built in Romania for a village in the Haferland region; organizer: Ms. Caroline Fernolend (The plant's parking lot is available to any tourists visiting Viscri)

- Viscri ARTS exhibition in barn no. 160

Local traders will be selling their products throughout the Viscri event.

Saschiz, 01:30 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.

Location: the square between the Saschiz Fortified Church and the Saschiz Town Hall

01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m. - Speeches by the guests of honor

02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m. - Walk along the "Oak of Crulici" theme trail (village center - oak tree - city of refuge and back), with Prof. Laszlo Rakosy, PhD, as a guide. For this activity, the Women's Neighborhood Association of Saschiz will prepare picnic packages containing local products.

Meşendorf, 04:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.

Location: Meşendorf Fortified Church

04:00 p.m. to 04:30 p.m. - Traditional Saxon brass band music by Original Karpaten-Express

04:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m. - Speeches by the guests of honor

05:00 p.m. to 05:30 p.m. - Traditional Saxon dances and brass band music – Kulturwerk Bayern, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany

05:30 p.m. to 06:00 p.m. - Organ concert in the evangelical church

06:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m. - Visiting an organic cheese farm

- Visiting a buffalo micro farm

- Visiting a shepherd

- Visiting a traditional Transylvanian yard; presentation of the sustainable Transylvanian house construction

04:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m. - Photography exhibition themed around environmental protection and sustainability in Transylvanian villages

- Exhibition of Transylvanian costumes, courtesy of the private collection of Ms. Hermine Antoni

- Tasting/sale of Meşendorf organic products

- Exhibition of painted natural materials (stones and wood) and village beautification activity (litter picking and flower planting) organized by the children of Meşendorf

- Do-it-yourself workshop: *The Keepsake Box - The Saxon Dowry Chest* - activity for teams

- consisting of a child (aged 4–14 years) and a parent; organizer: eematico Association, with the support of the Bosch Romania Foundation
- Do-it-yourself workshop: *Solar Cottage - Mini Saxon Cottage with Solar Panel* - activity for children (aged 4–14 years); organizer: eematico Association, with the support of the Bosch Romania Foundation
- Workshop: *Blooming Speech* - plant and story weaving activity for children; organizer: Valentina Andrei, with the support of the Bosch Romania Foundation

Meşendorf

Location: Meşendorf Community Center

08:00 p.m. - Traditional Saxon ball with music by the Trio Saxones band

Criţ

Location: Criţ Fortified Church

06:00 p.m. to 06:50 p.m. - Special concert held by Cecilia Noble (Mezzo-Soprano) and Matilda Noble (Soprano), piano accompaniment by Adina Cocargeanu

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Criţ, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: Criţ Fortified Church

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Greeting the guests - Original Karpaten-Express brass band performance on the hillside

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Service in the Criţ Fortified Church held by Dr. Daniel Zikeli, Vicar - Bishop of the Evangelical Church C.A. from Romania and priest Danielis Mare

12:00 p.m. to 12:10 p.m. - At the end of the service, there will be music by the Kulturwerk Bayern, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany; the guests will be taken to the venue where the speeches will be held

12:10 p.m. to 01:00 p.m. - Speeches by the guests of honor

01:00 p.m. to 01:15 p.m. - Parade of Saxon and Hungarian folk costumes in the churchyard

01:15 p.m. to 01:30 p.m. - Traditional Saxon music by the Braşov Youth Brass Band

01:30 p.m. to 02:00 p.m. - Traditional Saxon dances - Kulturwerk Bayern, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany

02:00 p.m. to 02:30 p.m. - Presentation on the significance of neighborhoods for Saxons in Criţ; organizer: Ms. Ruxandra Hurezean

02:30 p.m. to 03:00 p.m. - Brass band music by Original Karpaten-Express

03:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m. - Traditional Csángó dances from the Crizbav area presented by the Buzavirág Folk Ensemble from Braşov

03:30 p.m. to 04:00 p.m. - Presentation on Saxon influence on the Csángós, held by Ms. Veres Emese Gyöngyvér

02:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m. - Art exhibition in the museum of the Criţ Fortified Church; organizer: Sibiu Cultural Center

- Wood painting workshop; organizer: Manuela Ivan

- Wood carving workshop; organizer: Barcasági Csángó Egyesület Association

- Weaving and embroidery workshop; organizer: Barcasági Csángó Egyesület Association

- Do-it-yourself workshop: *The Keepsake Box - The Saxon Dowry Chest* - activity for teams consisting of a child (aged 4-14 years) and a parent; organizer: eematico Association, with the support of the Bosch Romania Foundation

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- Film screening; organizer: Sibiu Cultural Center

Cloaşterf, 05:00 p.m. to 07:00 p.m.

Location: Dominic Boutique, Cloaşterf

05:00 p.m. to 05:15 p.m. - Speeches by the guests of honor

05:15 p.m. to 06:00 p.m. - Jazz concert held by MC Acoustic

06:00 p.m. to 07:00 p.m. - Literary evening hosted by Ms. Ruxandra Hurezean