



BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2017

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Georgia

CinéDOC-Tbilisi

CinéDOC-Tbilisi is the only international documentary film festival of the Caucasus region. The fifth edition of the festival took place from 11 – 16 May 2017 in Tbilisi. The audience attending CinéDOC-Tbilisi screenings has the chance to view a variety of documentary films with a unique directing vision, an original visual style, sympathetic protagonists and powerful stories.

The film screenings are followed by Q&A sessions and debates with the invited filmmakers, master classes with renowned film professionals, open sessions with international guests. The festival also presents local and regional productions in the competitive section “Focus Caucasus” with documentaries selected from the following countries: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Turkey.

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Romania

Mihai Eminescu

Mihai Eminescu, born in 1850 and died in 1889, was a very renowned Romanian poet. He created a school of poetry which influenced all Romanian writers. Eminescu's talent was first revealed in 1870 by two poems published in *Convorbiri literare*. Other poems followed such as *Luceafărul*, and he became recognized as the foremost modern Romanian poet. Among his prose writings, apart from many studies and essays, the best-known are the stories *Cezara* and *Sărmanul Dionis*.

#BSEC25 #CultureBSEC #Literature #Romania



Greece

Have you ever tried Greek fassolada?

Fassolada

A popular bean soup considered the traditional Greek dish. It is typically made from various beans, tomatoes, carrot, onion, celery, dried herbs, and plenty of olive oil. The consumption of legumes and vegetables is typical in the Mediterranean diet.

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Moldova

Where is the biggest wine collection in the world?

Mileștii Mici winery

Mileștii Mici is a Moldovan winery, founded in 1969 to store, preserve and mature high-quality wines. With its underground limestone galleries stretching over a total length of 200 kilometers and 80 meters depth, Mileștii Mici is a construction in the style of Moldova's old feudal fortresses. These outstanding cellars cover an area of 55 km of galleries where technological production processes are carried out, and some other dozens of km where wine is matured in barrels and bottles. The Mileștii Mici cellars, situated 10 km away from the capital Chisinau, are visited by tens of thousands of tourists annually, representing Moldova's signature. In August 2005, Mileștii Mici was registered in the Guinness World Records as the biggest wine collection in the world, known as "The Golden Collection". Overall, the complex holds nearly 2 million bottles.

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Interested in learning more about the fascinating culture of the BSEC Member States?

Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 June 2017 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the BSEC Organisation, the ICBSS is launching a new initiative, the **“BSEC Month of Culture”**, a **month long programme of cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States** (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine).

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, **the ICBSS will launch the “BSEC Month of Culture”**, from **1st to 30th June 2017**, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The programme will feature online tributes on **literature, music, cinema, archaeological sites and gastronomy**, including short videos and photos.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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