



BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2019

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SERBIA

Novi Sad will be European Capital of Culture 2021!

Novi Sad is the capital of Serbia's northern Vojvodina province, a multicultural region with 26 ethnic groups and six official languages.

For over a decade, Novi Sad is home of #EXIT, the largest and most visited music festival in Southeastern Europe, which brings together the best musicians from around the world.

#CultureBSEC #MoC2019 #ICBSS #BlackSea #Music #CapitalOfCulture #Serbia

Info at: <http://www.serbia.com/visit-serbia/cultural-attractions/festivals-manifestations/exit-festival-the-best-in-the-region/>



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GEORGIA

Grigol Robakidze (October 1880 - November 1962) is the first Georgian writer, publicist who was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. He is known for his prose and anti-Soviet émigré activities. In 1915, Robakidze founded and led a new group of symbolists and poets, *Blue Horns*, by which he won the respect of important European figures such as Stefan Zweig and Nikos Kazantzakis.

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Info at: <https://www.georgianjournal.ge/culture/33736-georgian-writers-who-were-nominated-for-nobel-prize.html>

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ROMANIA

The man, who inspired a revolution in dramatic techniques and contributed to the Theatre of the Absurd, couldn't be other than the Romanian-born Eugen Ionescu (1909 -1994).

One of the most important, influential playwrights and dramatists of the 20th Century; nobody can forget his earliest works, and his most innovative, one-act nonsense plays like *La Cantatrice chauve* (1950).

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Info at: https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Eug%C3%A8ne_Ionesco

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Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2019 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, the **International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)** launched the **BSEC Month of Culture (MoC)**, in 2017, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the Black Sea region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The MoC is a month long programme of diverse cultural activities related to the rich cultural heritage of the 12 BSEC Member States. Our aspiration is to establish the 'BSEC Month of Culture' as an annual event that will include more cultural activities each year.

The 1st edition of the BSEC Month of Culture was held successfully on 1-30 June 2017, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the BSEC Organisation. The 2nd edition of the BSEC Month of Culture was launched from 1 to 30 November 2018, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of ICBSS.

The **3rd Edition of the BSEC Month of Culture** will be launched **from 1 to 30 November 2019**.

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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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