

Israel Culture Scene



Film & Dance

Ohad Naharin documentary Mr. Gaga

For three decades Ohad Naharin has been considered one of the most prominent and innovative choreographers in the world.

The works he has created were performed in every possible venue to immeasurable acclaim. The new movement language that he created – Gaga – is one of the dance world's most significant innovations in the last decade.

He has won almost every conceivable award, but to his fans, the man remains enigmatic. The few interviews that he has given to the media conceal more than they reveal about his creative process, and more so about his private life.

Seven years ago, for the first time, Ohad Naharin opens his studio doors and his heart to the acclaimed documentary filmmaker, Tomer Heymann.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtjETe3e92c>

Music & TV

Rose Fostanes takes first place at Israeli X-Factor

Filipina diva, who took Israeli reality TV by storm, put human face on country's thousands of foreign workers, announced winner of reality singing show

The 47-year-old Filipino caregiver has emerged as the newest star of Israeli reality television, putting a human face on the thousands of foreign workers who toil away in menial, back-breaking jobs in this country.

Israeli viewers of the country's myriad of reality shows have grown accustomed to successful candidates from various backgrounds, including black-clad ultra-Orthodox Jews, Ethiopian immigrants and a German convert to Judaism who became a celebrity chef. But they've never seen anyone like Rose Fostanes before.

The diminutive woman with the powerful voice has taken "X-Factor Israel" by storm and emerged as a national phenomenon. Known simply as "Rose," she is mobbed by fans wherever she goes.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0C2Lqz56LoA>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zagreb Events:

Vertigo Dance Company

In honor of Ambassador Yossi Armani upon the Conclusion of his tour of duty, Vertigo will perform their new and exciting piece – Reshimo (Choreography by Noa Wertheim)

Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 20:00
Croatian National Theatre

Tickets at: Culture@zagreb.mfa.gov.il



Israel Coming Festivals:

[La Traviata at Masada Opera Festival. June 12-17, 2014](#)

[Red Sea Winter Jazz Festival. February 6-8, 2014](#)

[Eilat Chamber Music Festival. February 24-March 1, 2014](#)

Architecture & Lifestyle

Sarona: Where past and future meet in Tel Aviv



A 140-year-old Templer colony will soon become a center of the city's contemporary lifestyle

In 1871, an hour's walk from Jaffa, red-tiled roofs, immersed in greenery and surrounded by open agricultural scenery, were visible from afar. These were the delightful houses of the Sarona moshava, which had been founded on the banks of the Musrara (Ayalon) River. No one had even dreamt of Tel Aviv in those days...

Starting in summer 2014, in the very heart of Tel Aviv, the city which never sleeps, Sarona will reawaken. A constructed, wide public open space, with 37 of the preserved moshava buildings at its center, its original streets and flora. The Sarona site, presently under construction, will be a new and unique site in Israel and the entire world, combining places of entertainment and culture, recreational opportunities and art, shopping and offices, residential buildings and hotels.

Sarona will become a magnet for all the Tel Avivians who love something different and unique, as well as visitors to the city. It is the perfect combination of the historical atmosphere of Neve Tzeddek and Old Jaffa, the calmness of Rothschild Boulevard, the lively and select Port of Tel Aviv, and the luxury of Kikar Hamedina.

Sarona will be one of the historical cultural centers of Tel Aviv, alongside a different kind of commercial experience – calm and elegant, but suitable for everyone. A unique meeting between then and now, between yesterday and today and tomorrow, between what once was and what will be. A new art gallery will open at the site of the former smithy. The old café will once again fill with people. The magical moshava will again be a lively location.

<http://www.saronatlv.co.il/sarona-movieEN.asp>

Art & Culture

The 5th Biennale for Drawing in Israel explores the medium of drawing and maps the diverse spectrum of themes and styles

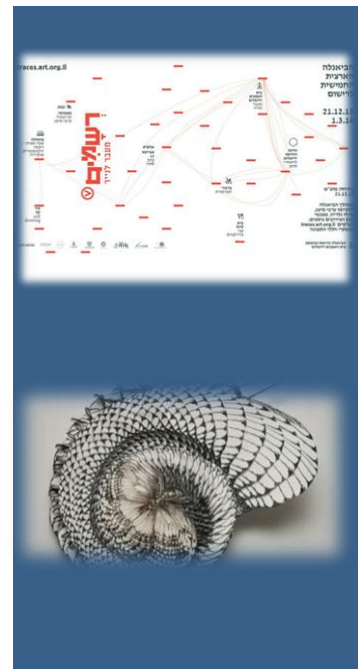
"Traces – The Biennale for Drawing in Israel" was initiated by the Jerusalem Artists' House in the late 1990s with the aim of highlighting the prolific creation in drawing in Israel. The first biennale took place in 2001 and this is the biennale's fifth edition.

The biennale sets out to explore the medium of drawing and to map the diverse spectrum of themes, styles, and techniques that dominate the drawing practice today. Hundreds of prominent and emerging Israeli artists have participated in the previous biennales and their works attested to its validity as a major field of expression in Israeli contemporary art.

For the first time, this biennale will also collaborate with additional art initiatives and venues based in Jerusalem. Muslala, operating in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Musrara, will present two projects that interpret the notion of expanded drawing in the public sphere, and the Schatz Wall at the city center will serve as a platform for the projection of a video work. During the course of the Biennale an additional set of events is planned, including a series of performance events at Mamuta Art and Media Center in their new home at the Hansen House, and a collaboration with Harama online magazine, as well as gallery talks and tours.

All exhibition venues are open to the public free of charge.

[To read more about the concept of "Traces V – Beyond Paper"](#)



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Music

Coming-up on January 30, 2014:
A one of its kind concert, featuring: **Miriam Toukan!**

The wonderful Miriam is probably the only singer in the world to sing Fairuz, Bialik & FUN in such a natural & captivating way, which is deeply moving. Born & raised in the village of I'billin in the northern part of Israel, to a respectable & talented Arab-Christian family, Miriam has stood-out throughout her life whenever it came to great talent & deep commitment to excellence. An exciting performer & a staunch believer in co-existence - both within Israel & abroad - following in the footsteps of her family & village, Miriam's music has been promoting Peace, dialogue, understanding & respect for the other. Hence this special concert, made possible by OLmusic & CultureBuzzIsrael, to be broadcasted LIVE from the Peres Peace Center in Jaffa, to audiences all over the world via Facebook!

Because until Miriam can perform in Israel's neighboring countries, this is the closest it gets! We hope you can join us for this concert, which is much more than just great music!

