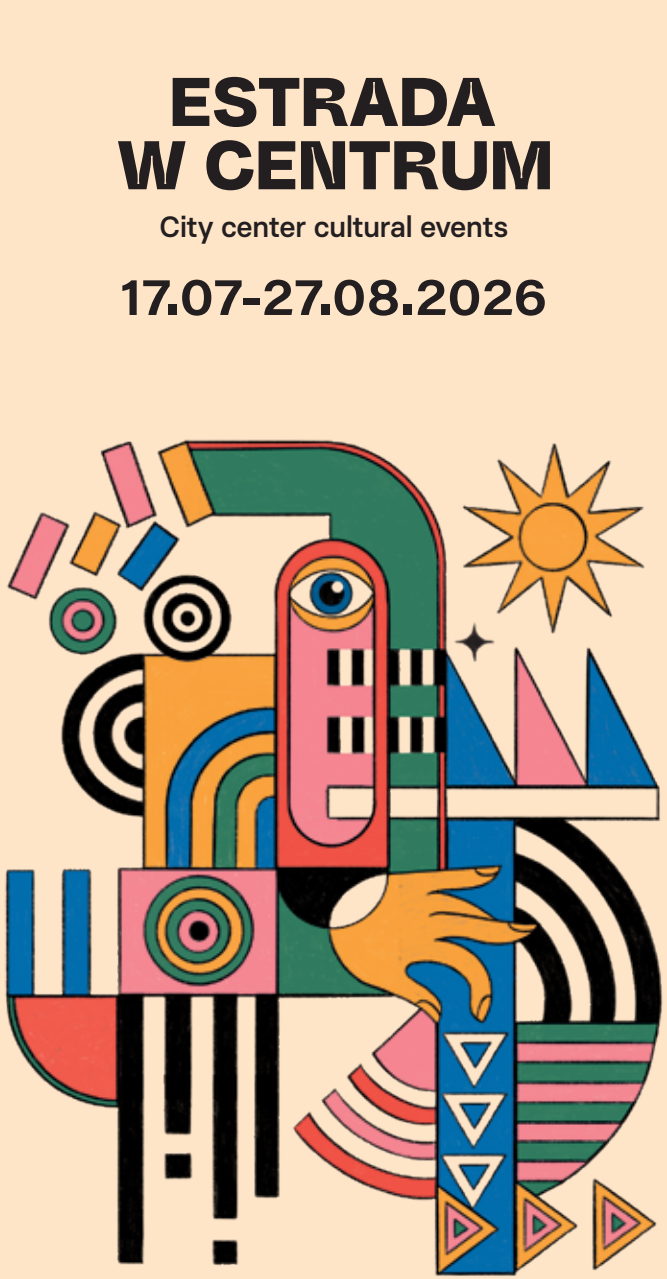
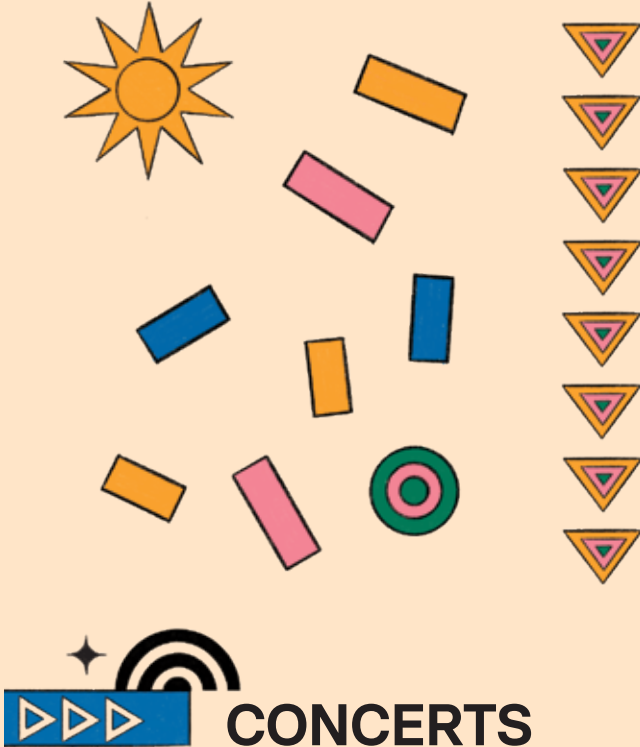




ESTRADA W CENTRUM

City center cultural events

17.07-27.08.2026



CONCERTS

 **17 JULY | FRIDAY | 7:30 PM**
Sly & The Family Drone (UK)
Location: Plac Wolności
Age: 16+
Free admission

London-based **Sly & The Family Drone** blend free jazz, noise, industrial music, and rave culture into an intense, high-energy live experience. Driven by dense electronics, frantic saxophone, and relentless percussion, their performances unfold through powerful improvisation.

Performing in a circle, the band dissolves the boundary between musicians and audience, transforming each concert into a raw, collective ritual fueled by rhythm, movement, and noise.

▶▶▶▶ *Please note: This is a loud performance.*

 **17 JULY | FRIDAY | 9:00 PM**
Use Knife (Belgium/Iraq)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 16+
Free admission

Use Knife blend Arabic vocals and percussion with analogue synthesizers, industrial music, and EBM, creating an intense sound driven by hypnotic rhythms and dark electronic textures. Their live performances are immersive and energetic, combining pulsating beats with bold visual elements to draw audiences into a powerful audiovisual journey.

 **30 JULY | THURSDAY | 7:00 PM**
CHĘCKI (Poland)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 13+
Free admission

Piotr Chęcki is a Polish saxophonist whose music brings together jazz, electronics, and experimentation to create a distinctive contemporary sound. Constantly expanding the expressive possibilities of the saxophone, he moves beyond traditional forms into bold, original territory. For this performance, he will be joined by Marcel Baliński and Tymek Papior – acclaimed musicians and leading figures of Poland's contemporary jazz scene, each recognized for their own original projects.

 **30 JULY | THURSDAY | 8:30 PM**
Föllakzoid (Chile)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 13+
Free admission

Föllakzoid is Domingæ's musical project, blending krautrock and electronic music into a hypnotic sound built on repetition. Her compositions unfold gradually, creating tension and richly layered atmospheres. Live, she crafts immersive, focused performances where rhythm and light guide the audience through a constantly evolving sonic journey.

 **6 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 7:00 PM**
ROBOTAROBOTA (Poland)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 13+
Free admission

ROBOTAROBOTA is a trio combining saxophone, electronics, and drums to create a raw, powerful sound inspired by post-industrial aesthetics. Blending jazz, experimentation, and lo-fi textures, their music evokes the atmosphere of an ever-changing urban landscape. Live, the band delivers intense, high-energy performances that build momentum and lead audiences into the mood of late-night journeys through the city.

 **6 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 8:30 PM**
RZWD (Poland)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 13+
Free admission

RZWD (Rozwód) is a quartet that brings together club music, improvisation, and noise to create a raw, garage-inspired sound. Driven by dynamic drums, distorted guitars and electronics, their music is both visceral and unpredictable. Live, they blur the line between a concert and a DJ set, creating intense, unpredictable performances driven by rhythm and energy.

 **20 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 7:00 PM**
Years of Denial (France/Czechia)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 16+
Free admission

Years of Denial is a duo blending post-punk, EBM, industrial music, and rave into a dark, pulsating sound built around analogue hardware and commanding vocals. Their music combines driving, mechanical rhythms with an intense energy that is both immersive and danceable. Live, they deliver powerful, high-impact performances that build momentum from the very first beat, naturally drawing audiences onto the dance floor.

 **20 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 8:30 PM**
Cisnienie (Poland)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 16+
Free admission

Cisnienie combines post-rock, orchestral music, and jazz into intense, richly layered compositions. Their distinctive sound is shaped by saxophone, violin, keyboards, distorted bass and dynamic drums. Their music moves from atmospheric ambient sounds to powerful rhythms, building tension and energy throughout.

▶▶▶▶ *Please note: This is a loud performance.*

 **27 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 7:00 PM**
hackedepiccioto (Germany)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 16+
Free admission

hackedepiccioto the duo of Alexander Hacke and Danielle de Picciotto, blend industrial music and electronics with melodic harmonies and expressive vocals. Their compositions evolve through carefully layered soundscapes, creating dark, spacious and deeply immersive sonic worlds. As Daniel Miller, founder of Mute Records, put it: „*Their music is a genre of its own – something new and utterly fascinating.*”

 **27 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 8:30 PM**
Niechęc (Poland)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: 16+
Free admission

Niechęc blends jazz, electronics, and synthesizer-driven textures into music rooted in improvisation and compelling rhythms. Their compositions move between tension and melancholy, unfolding into rich, cinematic forms. Live, the band delivers intense, dynamic performances where the freedom of improvisation meets a powerful rhythmic pulse.

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URBAN WALKS

Event Partner: SARP
(Association of Polish Architects)

The Poznań Branch of the Association of Polish Architects (SARP) is a professional organisation bringing together architects and other members of the architectural community. Bringing together professionals from different generations and backgrounds, SARP is committed to promoting high-quality architecture and thoughtfully designed public spaces. Through cultural and educational initiatives, the organization encourages public engagement with architecture, supports creative practice, and promotes greater appreciation of architectural heritage.

 **18 JULY | SUTURDAY | 11:00 AM**
Exploring Modernist Poznań
Guide: Kuba Głaz
Meeting point: Dom Żołnierza, Niezłomnych 1
Approximate route: Dom Żołnierza -
- Al. Niepodległości - Fredry - Kościuszki -
- św. Marcin - Gwarna - 27 Grudnia -
- św. Marcin - Podgórna - Stary Rynek -
- Plac Kolegiacki
Age: All ages
Duration: 90 minutes
Free admission

Explore the modernist architecture of central Poznań and the ideas that shaped the city after the Second World War. From buildings carefully integrated into the historic center to ambitious plans left unfinished, the walk reveals a complex chapter in Poznań's urban history and its lasting impact on the city today.

Kuba Głaz is an architect, architecture critic, and journalist. Through his writing, exhibitions, lectures, and architectural walks, he explores the relationship between architecture, cities, and public space.

 **25 JULY | SATURDAY | 11:00 AM**
The Modernist Triangle: Okraglak, Domar, Dom Książki
Guide: prof. dr hab. inż. arch. Piotr Marciniak
Meeting point: Okraglak
Age: All ages
Duration: 120 minutes
Registration required:
latowmiescie2026@gmail.com

Explore Gwarna Street, where three icons of post-war modernism stand side by side: Okraglak, Domar, and the Dom Książki building. For decades, these landmarks shaped everyday life in Poznań and continue to reflect the city's changing identity. The walk explores their history, architecture, and enduring place in the urban landscape of contemporary Poznań.

Prof. Piotr Marciniak is an architect and urban planner, and professor at the Faculty of Architecture, Poznań University of Technology. Specializing in the history and theory of architecture and the conservation of cultural heritage, he combines academic research with architectural practice. He is the author of numerous books and publications on architecture and urbanism.

 **1 AUGUST | SATURDAY | 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM**
Okraglak: A Modernist Experiment
Guide: dr hab. inż. arch. Grażyna Kodym-Kozaczko
Meeting point: Okraglak, ul. Mielżyńskiego 14
Age: All ages
Duration: 45 minutes (each tour)
Registration required:
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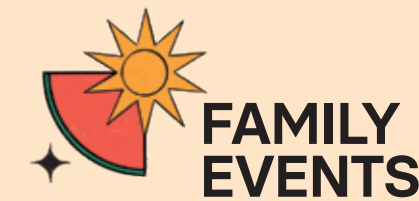
Okraglak is one of Poznań's best-known landmarks and a symbol of post-war modernism. This walk explores the story behind its construction, the vision of its architect, and the urban context in which it was created. Participants will take a closer look at its distinctive design, innovative architectural solutions, and the changing role and perception of the building over time.

Dr hab. inż. arch. Grażyna Kodym-Kozaczko is an architect, architectural historian, and lecturer at the Faculty of Architecture at Poznań University of Technology. Her research focuses on urban transformation and architectural heritage conservation. She is the author of numerous publications on the architecture and urban history of Poznań.

 **8 AUGUST | SATURDAY | 11:00 AM**
Exploring the Arsenal. Guided Tour of the Arsenal Municipal Gallery
Guide: Kuba Głaz
Meeting point: Galeria Miejska Arsenal, Stary Rynek 6
Age: All ages
Duration: 60 minutes
Registration required:
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The modernist home of the Galeria Miejska Arsenal and Muzeum Wojskowe has been one of Poznań's most debated buildings for decades. Join us for a guided tour of spaces rarely open to visitors and discover the site's rich history, from the pre-war Old Market Square to the modernist vision that reshaped it.

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FAMILY EVENTS

 **18 JULY | SATURDAY | 12:00 PM**
Children's Craft Workshop: Form Follows Fun with Maja Brzozowska-Brywczyńska
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: All ages
Duration: 180 minutes
Free admission

These workshops will transform Pasaż Quadro into a playful space for rest, creativity, and exploration. Using soft materials, participants will create temporary zones for sitting, lounging, and playing, reimagining the passage in new and unexpected ways.

 **25 JULY | SATURDAY | 12:00 PM**
Buried Dance Theatre: „No Soil for Flowers” (Poland)
Location: Stary Rynek, Pasaż Quadro
Age: All ages
Free Admission

Buried Dance Theatre is a dance collective exploring social, physical, and emotional tensions through movement and performance. Their work combines contemporary dance, physical theatre, and Japanese butoh, creating intense, multi-layered performances. They engage audiences by creating a space for dialogue and shared experience.

 **1 AUGUST | SATURDAY | 12:00 PM**
Klockorożec: LEGO® Workshop – Designing Spaces for Better Living
Location: Plac Kolegiacki
Age: All ages
Duration: 240 minutes
Free admission

How do we design cities where people enjoy living? Inspired by the garden city movement, this LEGO® The workshop invites everyone to build a shared model while exploring the principles of urban planning, from organizing neighborhoods to create vibrant public spaces.

 **22 AUGUST | SATURDAY | 12:00 PM**
Joshua Monten: „Linearity” (Switzerland)
Location: Plac Kolegiacki
Age: All ages
Free admission

„Linearity” is a dance performance exploring the tension between simplicity and complexity. Using tape and movement, two performers transform the space into a series of precise geometric compositions. Through a choreography of lines, curves, rhythm, and symmetry, the performance unfolds as a dynamic dialogue between the body and space.



PRE-VISIT GUIDE



PROGRAM



Explore the city

Modernism – restrained, functional, simple, and often misunderstood.

For almost a century, modernism helped rebuild European cities after the Second World War. As Europe recovered from conflict, changing borders, and mass migration, architects searched for a new language that could reconnect the continent and shape its future.

This year's **Estrada w Centrum** takes inspiration from the places that will become Poznań's cultural stage throughout the summer. Pasaż Quadro, part of the modernist complex designed by Zbigniew Zieliński and Jan Cieśliński, has become a distinctive element of Stary Rynek, creating a bold dialogue between modern architecture and the city's historic fabric. The northern frontage of Plac Wolności offers another striking example of this conversation between past and present.

Surrounded by these buildings, audiences will experience theatre performances, concerts, and open-air cinema inspired by the revolutionary spirit of post-war modernism.

Join us in discovering how Le Corbusier's *béton brut* influenced not only architecture but continues to resonate across contemporary art, music, film and performance.

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 **21 JULY | TUESDAY | 9:30 PM**
„I Hate Mondays”
Location: Plac Wolności
Age: 12+
Duration: 98 minutes
Free admission

Feature film (1971), Director: Tadeusz Chmielewski

What begins as an ordinary Monday quickly turns into a chain of unexpected coincidences, intertwining the lives of an Italian businessman, a police officer, a matchmaking bureau clerk, and a host of other colorful characters. Blending farcical humor with keen observation, the film captures the spirit of 1970s Warsaw and its evolving modernist urban landscape.

 **4 AUGUST | TUESDAY | 9:00 PM**
„Columbus”
Location: Plac Wolności
Age: 13+
Duration: 100 minutes
Free admission

Feature film (2017), Director: Kagonada

Set in Columbus, Indiana, one of the world's best-known centers of modernist architecture, the film tells the story of Casey and Jin, who meet by chance while caring for their parents. As they walk through the city and get to know each other, architecture becomes the backdrop to a quiet, deeply human story about loneliness, friendship, and finding your place in the world.

 **18 AUGUST | TUESDAY | 8:30 PM**
„Aalto”
Location: Plac Wolności
Age: 12+
Duration: 103 minutes
Free admission

Documentary film (2020), Director: Virpi Suutari

This documentary explores the life and work of Alvar Aalto, one of the most influential architects of the twentieth century, and the creative partnership he shared with his wife and collaborator, Aino Aalto. With archival footage, photographs, and expert commentary, the film tells the story of the ideas and projects that shaped modern architecture and design. A compelling story of creativity, collaboration, and a shared passion for architecture.

 **25 AUGUST | TUESDAY | 8:00 PM**
„Błoki”
Location: Plac Wolności
Duration: 57 minutes
Free admission

Documentary film (2017), Director: Konrad Królikowski

This documentary explores Poland's post-war housing estates – places that have shaped the lives of millions of people. Through the stories of residents, architects and urban observers, these concrete neighborhoods reveal stories of memory, change, and everyday life. A thoughtful portrait of life between community and solitude, exploring the social and architectural legacy of Poland's modernist housing estates.



 **29 JULY | WEDNESDAY | 10:00 PM**
Teatr Komuna Warszawa:
„M4G1C BLOW” (Poland)
Location: Plac Wolności
Age: 16+
Free admission

M4G1C BLOW is a performance inspired by rave culture and the history of „dopalacze” drugs in Poland. Blending movement, music, and urban narratives, it creates an intense, sensory experience rooted in club culture and contemporary dance. Driven by rhythm, energy, and physicality, the performance immerses audiences in the atmosphere of the night.

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 **5 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY | 9:00 PM**
Teatr KTO: „Peregrinus” (Poland)
Location: Plac Wolności
Age: 13+
Free admission

„Peregrinus” is a travelling street performance inspired by the poetry of T.S. Eliot, following a day in the life of a contemporary individual. Blending physical theatre, choreography and striking visual imagery, it creates a dynamic and energetic spectacle. Balancing humour with reflection, the performance offers a playful yet thought-provoking look at the rhythms and contradictions of modern life.

 **26 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY | 9:00 PM**
HASHIMOTOWIKSA x Waexe:
„Immunokracja” (Poland)
Location: Plac Kolegiacki
Age: 16+
Free admission

„IMMUNOKRACJA” is an interdisciplinary performance exploring contemporary society in a state of tension and division. Combining movement, music, and visual technologies, it creates an immersive experience in which the audience becomes part of the performance. A thought-provoking reflection on community, crisis, and the possibility of rebuilding human connections.



 **27 AUGUST | THURSDAY | 5:00 PM**
Author Talk with Alexander Hacke on the occasion of the launch of „Noise: Distorted Memoirs”
Guide: Janusz Mucha (Gusstaff Records)
Location: Galeria Arsenał, Stary Rynek 6
Age: 16+
Free admission

Published in Polish by Gusstaff Records, „Noise: Distorted Memoirs” is the autobiography of Alexander Hacke – musician, artist, member of Einstürzende Neubauten, and a key figure of the German experimental music scene. The book traces his journey from Berlin's underground scene to international recognition, offering a personal account of a life shaped by music, art, and creative experimentation. Following the author talk, hackedepicciotto (Germany) will perform live at 7:00 PM.

The organiser reserves the right to make changes to the program.



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