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Signal Festival begins. Here are 10 essential tips and information to help you enjoy the festival to the fullest

The 11th Signal Festival is about to kick off. It will present 20 art installations in Prague's city centre, Karlín, Holešovice, Letná and Bořislavka and will offer the largest gallery zone in its history. The festival's dramaturgy is transforming and expanding – visitors can look forward to installations using not only light but also sound, AR, 3D scanning and the latest digital technologies. Tips on places not to miss and practical information are provided by the festival team in ten recommendations. Signal Festival will take place from 12th to 15th October, from 07:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every day. With a Signal VIP ticket, visitors can explore all the installations of the gallery zone from 06:00 p.m., without queuing or waiting. The children's exhibition Signal Playground: Rainbow will be open every festival day from 02:00 p.m.

*"Visitors can look forward to some great installations this year. Personally, I would like to recommend to everyone the immersive installation FLUX 2023 by the Polish creative collective **Ksawery Komputery**, which combines the innovative use of LED technology, visual and audio interaction and the great location of the Baroque Invalidovna House. On the Karlín route, don't miss the Echo video mapping by the world leaders in this field, Japan's **Flightgraf**, who created their projection especially for the facade of the Church of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Karlín. I am also very happy that the Spanish studio **Playmodes** will join us again and will completely engulf Hall 13 of the Holešovice Market Hall with their Horizon installation. This year we have prepared a unique programme for you outside the main festival route. At Bořislavka, Rustonka and Letná we will present satellites, high-quality permanent art in public space, which we will enliven with unique light projections,"* says **Martin Pošta**, director of the eleventh edition of the Signal Festival.

1) Opening ceremony in Karlín

The eleventh edition of the **Signal Festival** will be inaugurated by the video mapping **Echo** by the Japanese studio **Flightgraf**. The project, which was created especially for the Signal Festival on the facade of **the Church of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Karlín**, will connect nature, environment and architecture. The opening will take place on **Thursday, 12th October at 07:00 p.m.** and will be **free of charge**. Visitors can shorten the wait between video presentations with an interactive game by Mercedes-Benz.

2) The popular video mappings will light up two iconic buildings in Prague this year

Visitors will find **two** video mappings on the festival routes this year. For the first time ever, Hungarian artist **András László Nagy** will light up **the City Library building on Mariánské Square**. His projection of *Luminary Glyphs* using artificial intelligence will link the history of writing and modern technology. Both video mappings will be **free of charge** and run every **15 minutes from 07:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

3) The largest gallery zone in the festival's history

The 11th Signal Festival will present the largest ever gallery zone in seven unique locations, developed by a curatorial team led by audiovisual artist **Pavel Mrkus**. In **the playground at**

the Lyčkovo náměstí Primary School and Kindergarten, Invalidovna, Kunsthalle Praha, Hall 13 of the Holešovice Market Hall, the Church of St. Salvator, the Hybernská Campus and the main building of the Museum of the Capital City of Prague in Florenc, visitors can experience unique audiovisual, sound and theatre installations, often created especially for the Signal Festival, including an afternoon exhibition for children. **The Signal Plus ticket** allows access to the gallery zone throughout the festival. **The Signal VIP ticket** is for those who want to experience the Signal Festival without queuing, waiting and with the possibility of entering the gallery zone an hour earlier than others. For more information on tickets, visit signalfestival.com/vstupenky.

4) Interactive installation created by the visitors themselves

Renowned Mexican-Canadian artist **Rafael Lozano-Hemmer** will present ***Thermal Drift***, a unique large-format projection on the playground of Lyčkovo náměstí Primary School and Kindergarten, which will create real-time portraits of viewers based on their own body heat via a thermal camera.

5) Immersive installation that will literally immerse visitors

In addition to the video mappings, a powerful audiovisual experience is promised by the generous installation ***FLUX 2023*** by the Polish collective **Ksawery Komputery**. The interactive work, assembled from 800 metres of double-sided LED strips, will depict the virtual reins of our society in the Invalidovna building. The largest installation of this year, **Horizon**, from the Spanish **Playmodes** collective will literally engulf Hall 13 of the Holešovice Market Hall. Through a unique combination of light, sound, space and perspective, it will take the viewer on an immersive journey beyond the boundaries of physical reality.

6) A combination of theatre, performance and audiovisual art

This year, Signal Festival continues its successful collaboration with the multimedia theatre **Laterna magika**. During this year's edition, the latter will present the theatrical-performative project ***Emotional Memory***, which will combine history with the present and celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of this multi-genre company of the National Theatre. The performance has been prepared by director **Tereza Vejvodová** together with the artistic director of Laterna Magika, **Radim Vizváry**. Thanks to the cooperation with the Museum of the Capital City of Prague, Signal Festival will offer visitors another unique experience - before the official completion of the reconstruction, the second floor of the main building of the Museum of the Capital City of Prague will be open only during the festival. The first part of the Festival will be on the second floor of the Festival building in Florenc, where the performance ***Emotional Memory*** will be on display.

7) Installation for children open during the day

Signal Festival is also thinking of its youngest audience. In the Hybernská Campus it will present the first ever installation designed for children. **Signal Playground: Rainbow**, an interactive installation by Czech creative studio **3dsense**, will offer several different exhibits that can be freely explored by young and old alike. The installation will be open every day of the festival from 02:00 p.m.

8) Signal Festival will light up Letná, Rustonka and Bořislavka

Outside of the main festival route, visitors will be treated to **satellites**. Well-known works of public space art by **Zdeněk Sýkora** (the iconic black and white tiling of the Letná Tunnel's ventilation chimneys), **Jiří Příhoda** (the kinetic object VISTA MARS projecting real footage from the planet Mars) or **Frederic Díaz** (Concrete Layers, referring to the historic trade route) will be brought to life during the Signal Festival with exceptional light and sound projections by leading Czech audiovisual artists.

9) From the club to the gallery. A group exhibition of the best artists from the contemporary art scene.

The group exhibition **ELEKTROSALON: From the Rave to the Gallery** will present the latest trends and technologies in the field of audiovisual art by artists who started as light designers or visual makers in the club or rave scene. **The Chemistry Gallery**, located in Hall 40 of the Holešovice Market Hall, will be the first ever exhibition project of this kind and will feature works by now legendary names of the domestic club and techno scene. The exhibition is curated by **Marek Šilpoch**, who will shift the traditional perception of the salon show into a lively and immersive present.

10) Unmissable light circles and a spectacular projection of coffee preparation. Signal Festival will present partner installations

Signal Festival, in collaboration with the **glo™** creative team, will present the unmissable **glo™ CIRCLE**, a group of five-metre high light circles that will literally set the Sudek Gardens ablaze with colour. On Náměstí republiky Square, in cooperation with **Siemens Home Appliances**, Siemens will present the unique audiovisual installation **Siemens EQube**, a unique result of the combination of abstract man-made art and machine-perfect technology. The authors of the installation are multidisciplinary artist and creative **Alex J. Jindrák** and **Innovate** studio.

Map, tickets and all practical information in one place

Visitors can easily explore **all the festival routes** via the official **mobile app**, where they can also find the **full programme** and other useful information, including the unique **Signal AR** virtual route, which has been developed as part of the 9th Signal Festival in 2021. [The app](#) is free to download for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Signal Festival will take place from 12th to 15th October, from 07:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. every day. The exception this year will be the first-ever children's exhibit called **Signal Playground: the Rainbow**, which will be **open every festival day from 2 p.m.**

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