

## Warm welcome to the first in-person meeting of the UBC Cultural Cities Committee of 2024!

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**The Baltic Sea Culture Summer Meeting takes place from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of June in Espoo, the Chair city of the Cultural Cities Committee for the term 2024–2025.** During the two-day visit we delve deep into the themes of participation, co-creation, and meaningful life through art and culture. The gathering offers us a unique opportunity to get to know each other, share practices on cultural services, and learn from one another.

The programme outline is as follows:

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of June

#### 11.30 Lunch at Rioni Lippulaiva

#### 13.00 Study visit to Lippulaiva Library

Lippulaiva Library, the new regional library of Espoonlahti, offers diverse collections, tools and guidance for searching information in comfortable spaces with character. Located in Shopping Centre Lippulaiva, the easily accessible library has printing and copying services, community kitchen, sewing room, makerspace and a large family area.

#### 13.30 Welcome to Espoo! Meeting and sharing of best practices

#### 14 Keynote speech by philosopher and author [Frank Martela](#)

*What makes life good? How to live? How to make sure that as many as possible can live a meaningful life?* Frank is a philosopher and researcher of psychology working as an assistant professor at Aalto University, Finland, dedicated to finding better answers to these questions.

#### 15.30 Coffee & discussion, Q & A. Sharing ideas

#### 17.30 Tour of Gallen-Kallela Museum

At the Gallen-Kallela Museum, you'll get a glimpse into the life, numerous journeys, and the people encountered by Akseli Gallen-Kallela (1865–1931) through his beloved art. Tarvaspää, designed by the artist himself, is one of Finland's most significant studio villas from the early 20th century. The museum area with its buildings has been designated as nationally significant built cultural environment.

#### 19 Dinner at Lucy in the Sky Restaurant



## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June

### **9.30 Commission meeting at Freja Rooftop, Hotel Matts**

### **11.30 Introduction to Summer Summit Choral Festival from Tapiola Choir**

Tapiola Choir is arranging an international Summer Summit Choral Festival for the second time in Espoo and Helsinki in June 2024. During the festival, many children and youth choirs around Nordic and Baltic countries join together to sing, learn new choral pieces, and make new friends!

### **12 Lunch at Hotel Matts Restaurant**

### **14 Study visit to EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art**

Emma - Espoo Museum of Modern Art is an art museum in Tapiola, Espoo, focusing on Finnish and international modernism, contemporary art, and design. Join us for a tour of the remarkable Collection Kakkonen, featuring over 10,000 art and design treasures. From Finnish ceramic and glass art to international design classics, the exhibition offers a captivating journey through the evolution of Finnish design. We will also explore Tapio Wirkkala's dynamic sculptures and design ethos in exhibition Form, showcasing nature-inspired creativity through nine perspectives.

### **15 Coffee break\***

\*During the coffee break there is an option for another study visit in the next-door museums Leikki and Kruunu. Leikki is a museum dedicated to childhood, toys and play, offering interesting, nostalgic and touching cultural experiences for all ages. Kruunu is the only Nordic museum specialising in watches and jewellery. The mission of the museum is to tell the story of the watch and jewellery industry through a series of changing main exhibitions.

### **17-19 The Concert of children's International Summer Summit Choral Festival**

(organized by Tapiola Choir) at Tapiola School. On Stage over 100 singers from different choirs.

## **19.30 Additional concluding dinner at Tapiola Garden Hotel Restaurant for those leaving on late Friday or Saturday**

The programme schedule is subject to minor changes, but the starting and ending times of the programme are set.

Find more information on practical matters concerning the visit to Espoo from the Practicalities attachment.

Warmly welcome,

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