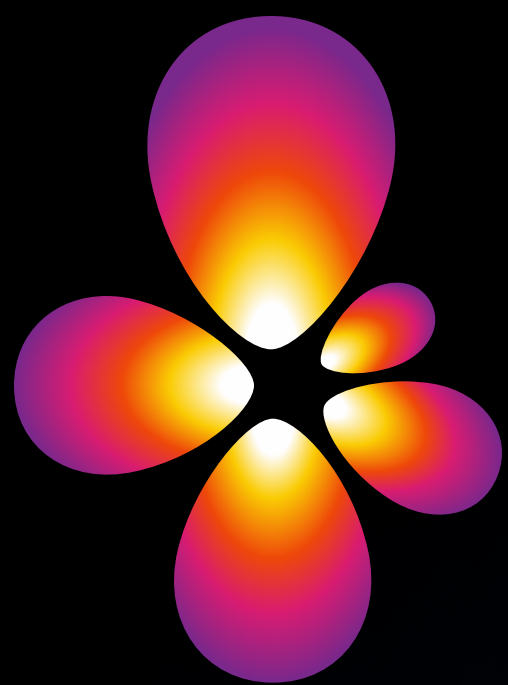




BIAF
2026

Baku
International
Arts Festival

28 OCTOBER - 8 NOVEMBER

**TUESDAY
27 OCTOBER**

OPEN REHEARSAL

15:00 · *Baku Philharmonic Hall*

**FESTIVAL OPENING
CONCERT**

**WEDNESDAY
28 OCTOBER**

MUSIC

20:00 · *Baku Philharmonic Hall*

**FESTIVAL OPENING
CONCERT: A TRIBUTE
TO DMITRI
SHOSTAKOVICH**

Lukas Geniušas — Piano

Tine Thing Helseth — Trumpet

Dmitry Sitkovetsky — Conductor

BIAF Festival Orchestra

Baku State Chamber Orchestra



**THURSDAY
29 OCTOBER**

EDUCATION · CLOSED EVENT

10:30 · *Baku Music Academy*

MASTERCLASSES

Janez Podlesek — Violin

Federico Andres Hood Pérez — Viola

Boris Baraz — Cello

Brendan Lane - Double Bass

PUBLIC TALK

12:00 · *Baku Book Center*

**THE LEGACY
OF DMITRI
SHOSTAKOVICH**

Participants: Dmitry Sitkovetsky,
Zumrud Dadashzade

Moderator: Dina Kirnarskaya

THEATRE

19:30 · *Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre*

THE SEAGULL

Lev Dodin

Maly Drama Theatre
— Theatre of Europe

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

PUBLIC TALK

15:30 · Baku Book Center

PUBLIC TALK WITH LEV DODIN

Moderator: Anastasia Kim

THEATRE

19:30 · Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre

THE SEAGULL

Lev Dodin

Maly Drama Theatre
— Theatre of Europe

MUSIC

20:00 · Nizami Cinema Centre

OH TO BELIEVE IN ANOTHER WORLD

Part I: A film by William
Kentridge for Shostakovich's
Symphony No. 10

William Kentridge

BIAF Festival Orchestra

Dmitry Sitkovetsky — Conductor

Part II: Fikret Amirov / Elmira
Nazirova — Concerto on Arabian
Themes for Piano and Orchestra

Farhad Badalbeyli — Piano

BIAF Festival Orchestra

Fuad Ibrahimov — Conductor

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

EDUCATION · CLOSED EVENT

11:00 · International
Mugham Centre

MASTERCLASSES

Dmitry Sitkovetsky — Violin

Liana Gourdjia — Violin

PUBLIC TALK

15:00 · Gazelli Art House Baku

PUBLIC TALK WITH AKRAM KHAN AND MANAL ALDOWAYAN

Akram Khan — Joining Online

Manal AlDowayan — In Person

DANCE

20:00 · Azerbaijan State
Academic Drama Theatre

THIKRA: NIGHT OF REMEMBERING

Akram Khan Company

Akram Khan & Manal AlDowayan

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

DANCE

13:00 · Heydar Aliyev Centre

SHARON EYAL — INSIDE THE STUDIO

Open Rehearsal and
Conversation with the Artist

THEATRE

19:30 · Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre

BLOODY MARY

Dmitry Krymov

Gesher Theatre

DANCE

20:00 · Azerbaijan State
Academic Drama Theatre

THIKRA: NIGHT OF REMEMBERING

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MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

MUSIC

15:00 · Baku Music Academy

THE TEACHER AND THE STUDENTS

*Works by Dmitri Shostakovich,
Gara Garayev and Arif Melikov*

Nigar Jafarova — Soprano

Farhad Badalbeyli — Piano

Dmitry Sitkovetsky — Violin

Boris Baraz — Cello

Jeyla Seyidova — Violin

Said Mammedov — Violin

Vaxtanq Imanov — Viola

Alexey Milykh — Cello

THEATRE

20:00 · Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre

BLOODY MARY

Dmitry Krymov

Gesher Theatre



**TUESDAY
3 NOVEMBER**

EDUCATION · CLOSED EVENT

11:00 · Baku Music Academy

**MASTERCLASS
WITH DMITRY
SITKOVETSKY**

THEATRE

17:00 & 20:00 · Heydar Aliyev Centre

ALFRED AND VIOLETTA

Rezo Gabriadze Theatre

**WEDNESDAY
4 NOVEMBER**

EDUCATION

15:00 · Heydar Aliyev Centre

**BEHIND THE SCENES
WITH REZO
GABRIADZE THEATRE**

*Backstage Tour · Limited
to 15 participants*

THEATRE

17:00 & 20:00 · Heydar Aliyev Centre

ALFRED AND VIOLETTA

Rezo Gabriadze Theatre

MUSIC

20:00 · Heydar Aliyev Centre

DAVID GARRETT

Crossover Programme

Millennium Symphony



THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

DANCE · OPEN REHEARSAL

19:00 · Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET — OPEN REHEARSAL DANCE

DANCE

20:00 · Azerbaijan State
Academic Drama Theatre

NEW EARTH // BOLERO X

Shahar Binyamini

House of Dance Company
Beer Sheva

Featuring local dancers
from Azerbaijan

DANCE

19:30 · Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre

MASTERS IN MOTION: FORSYTHE / PITE

English National Ballet

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

EDUCATION

11:00 · YARAT
Contemporary Art Centre

CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP

Shahar Binyamini

EDUCATION · CLOSED EVENT

13:00 · Baku Choreography
Academy

DANCE WORKSHOP

Dancers of Les Ballets de
Monte-Carlo

PERFORMANCE

15:00 · Stone Chronicle Museum

TO CARTHAGE THEN I CAME

Romeo Castellucci

Scott Gibbons — Composer

PUBLIC TALK · ONLINE

15:00 · Stone Chronicle Museum

CONVERSATION WITH ROMEO CASTELLUCCI

Romeo Castellucci — Joining Online
Audience Q&A

DANCE

20:00 · Azerbaijan State
Academic Drama Theatre

NEW EARTH // BOLERO X

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Beer Sheva

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SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

PERFORMANCE

15:00 · *Stone Chronicle Museum*

TO CARTHAGE THEN I CAME

Romeo Castellucci

Scott Gibbons — Composer

DANCE

19:30 · *Azerbaijan State
Musical Theatre*

MASTERS IN MOTION: FORSYTHE / PITE

English National Ballet

DANCE

20:00 · *Heydar Aliyev Palace*

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Jean-Christophe Maillot

Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

PUBLIC TALK

13:00 · *Baku Book Center*

PUBLIC TALK WITH PETER FRANKOPAN

Participants: Dmitry Sitkovetsky

Moderator: Anthony Burr

MUSIC

19:00 · *Baku Philharmonic Hall*

FESTIVAL CLOSING CONCERT

Maxim Vengerov — Violin

Evgenia Startseva — Piano

Azerbaijan State
Symphony Orchestra

Fuad Ibrahimov — Conductor