**SAVE THE DATE SPOTLIGHT 2023: SHOWS**

**OF LIGHT, SOUND AND COLOUR AT THE WEEKEND**

**APRIL 21-23, IN BUCHAREST**

Having reached its **seventh edition**, **the open-air visual art festival Spotlight** has prepared, for the weekend of **April 21-23, 2023**, a new series of **multimedia experiences** in **established locations** and **premiere locations** on **Calea Victoriei** and at **ARCUB – Gabroveni Inn.**

The event that awaits, again this year, over 100,000 participants, **Spotlight Festival** is a project organized by the **Capital City Hall**, through **ARCUB - the Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Bucharest**, together with the **Directorate of Culture, Education, Tourism**, with the support of **MONUMENT for - the General Directorate of Landscape Architecture and Public Forum Monuments**.

Since 2023, Spotlight Festival is a **member** of the largest international network of light festivals - The **International Light Festivals Organization**, thus connecting Bucharest with the largest cities in the world that host spectacular new media events in the public space.

**SPOTLIGHT THEME** **– GEOMETRY of The City**

This year's Spotlight edition is called **Geometry of the City** and aims to transform the geometry of the city through three days of light, colour and sound shows. Thus, between **April 21 and 23**, famous buildings in Bucharest come to life through **video mapping**, iconic places are populated by **multimedia installations**, and the city's statues are animated by **light art projections**.

**PREMIERES AT SPOTLIGHT #7 – GEOMETRY OF THE CITY**

For the first time at Spotlight, the **InterContinental Athénée Palace Bucharest Hotel** is **included in the festival circuit** with a **very large light projection**, bearing the signature of one of the most important contemporary artists in Romania, **Roman Tolici**. Also, the **Spotlight map is expanding**, this year, with an **installation in the Historic Center**, on the façade of the **Gabroveni Inn**, **the headquarters of the Cultural Center of the City of Bucharest - ARCUB**.

It is, moreover, for the first time that the **Spotlight** program includes **works made by famous names of contemporary art from Romania** alongside Romanian **street art artists**, **illustrators,** and **sculptors**, who transform iconic places in Bucharest together with **new media pioneers from France, Hungary and Austria**.

**Another new element** in this year's edition of the festival is the **choral music** included in the Spotlight program as an element of **inspiration for a video mapping show**. Spotlight Festival 2023 **marks** the **60th anniversary** **of the National Chamber Choir "Madrigal - Marin Constantin"** with a **video mapping** session on the façade of the **Odeon Theatre**, made by **Mindscape Studio** after a musical fragment performed by the famous vocal ensemble.

**SPOTLIGHT MAP # 7 – GEOMETRY OF THE CITY**

During the weekend of April 21-23, 2023, Spotlight invites the public to explore a city reinvented by new media art through **dozens of light-art installations and projections on Calea Victoriei** and at **ARCUB – Gabroveni Inn**. From the **statue of Mihai Eminescu in the Athenaeum park** transformed into a visual game, to the **Palace of Telephones** scaled by illustrated characters, to the **Odeon Theatre** turned into a playground or the **Kretzulescu park** turned into a flower garden of light, Spotlight – Geometry of the City prepared for the people of Bucharest, a spectacular visual adventure. This year's **Spotlight route** **starts from the intersection of Calea Victoriei with Piaţa Amzei street** and continues along it **to the Military Circle**, with a final stop in the **Historical Center**, at **ARCUB – Gabroveni Inn**.

**SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM – GEOMETRY OF THE CITY 2023 | APRIL 21-23, 2023**

The Spotlight program starts every day of the festival at 19.30 and ends at 23.00. Details about the program and the installations participating in Spotlight 2023 will be available soon on arcub.ro and spotlightfestival.ro.

**"LIVING STATUES" AT SPOTLIGHT - GEOMETRY OF THE CITY**

For the second time in a row, **MONUMENT** **for** - **General** **Directorate** **of** **Landscape** **Architecture** **and** **Public** **Monuments** joins the Spotlight Festival and animates a series of statues on Calea Victoriei through **video mapping** **shows** created by **Les** **Ateliers** **Nomad** as part of the "**Living** **Statues**" program, a campaign initiated by MONUMENT for, which aims to enhance emblematic monuments of the city through a series of artistic reactivations.

**About Spotlight – Bucharest International Light Festival**

Spotlight – Bucharest International Light Festival has reached its seventh edition and is one of the Bucharest events that annually gathers over 150,000 spectators in three days of the festival.

Dozens of art works, installations, architectural lighting systems and video-mapping from Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Finland, the Czech Republic, Poland, France, Austria, and Romania transform iconic buildings in Bucharest such as the Central University Library, the National Art Museum of Romania, Odeon Theatre, National Military Circle, CEC Palace.

Inaugurated in 2016 in the context of the International Year of Light, Spotlight has, over time, brought together hundreds of Romanian and international artists and enjoyed collaborations with the most prestigious profile festivals in Europe (Fête des Lumières - Ville de Lyon, Berlin Lights Festival, Signal Festival in Prague). Since this year, Spotlight is a member of ILO, the largest international network of light festivals - The International Light Festivals Organization.

Event organised by **Primăria Capitalei,** through **ARCUB – The Cultural Centre of the Municipality, and** **Direcţia Cultură, Învăţământ, Turism**

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