

Classical Hugs International Music Festival 2026 – Schedule of Events

The following schedule includes open masterclasses, concerts, trips, orchestra rehearsals. It does not include a schedule of individual lessons, chamber music rehearsals, and practicing. This schedule will be posted separately.

August 12

15:00 – Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus

Arrival and Students' & Professors' Orientation

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

August 13

15:00 – 17:00 - Tallinn – Museum of Theater and Music Instruments

Violin Masterclass – Professor Alexander Markov

Address: Müürivahe 12, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10156, Estonia

18:00 – 19:00 – Tallinn History Museum (Ajaloomuuseum) / Suurgilde Hoone Hall

Opening concert of the festival – “The Magic of Romantic Repertoire”

Michael Bulychev-Okser, Solo Concert - Piano

Address: Pikk trn. 17, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10123, Estonia

20:30 – 21:30 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Chamber Hall

Rehearsal # 1 - Ensemble for Alex Markov's Concert

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

August 14

15:00 – 16:30 - Tallinn – Museum of Theater and Music Instruments

Open Masterclass – Violin – Professor Miriam Davis

Address: Müürivahe 12, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10156, Estonia

18:00 – 19:30 – Tallinn History Museum (Ajaloomuuseum) / Suurgilde Hoone Hall

Opera Gala Concert

Soloists: Michael Bulychev-Okser, Piano; Domenika Zamara, Soprano (Poland/Italy), Maria Vereteina, Soprano Coloratura (Estonia); Aleksej Bljahhin, Baritone (Estonia).

Address: Pikk trn. 17, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10123, Estonia

20:30 – 22:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Main Hall

Dress Rehearsal - Ensemble for Alex Markov's Concert

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

August 15

11:00-15:00 – Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Main Hall

Orchestra Rehearsal # 1 – Strings + Percussion only

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

16:00 – 18:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Chamber Hall

Open Masterclass # 1 – Violin – Professor Mihaela Martin

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

19:00 – 21:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Main Hall

Concert - Alex Markov, Michael Bulychev-Okser & Friends

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

August 16

10:00-14:00 – Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Main Hall

Orchestra Dress Rehearsal – All Orchestra members + soloists.

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

15:00-15:45 – Tallinn – Hopneri Maja

Warm-Up/Sound Check for Students' Concert – all performers who signed up to play:

Pianists, Violin & Cello Soloists with accompanists, Chamber Ensembles

Address: Raekoja plats 18, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10146, Estonia

16:00-18:00 – Tallinn – Hopneri Maja

Students' Concert – all performers who signed up to play:

Pianists, Violin & Cello Soloists with accompanists, Chamber Ensembles

Address: Raekoja plats 18, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10146, Estonia

18:00-18:45 – Tallinn – Hopneri Maja

Warm-Up/Sound Check for Professors - Chamber Music Gala Concert

Mihaela Martin, Frans Helmerson, Michael Bulychev-Okser, Miriam Davis, Yuri Zhislin

Address: Raekoja plats 18, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10146, Estonia

19:00-20:45 – Tallinn – Hopneri Maja

Concert - Professors - Chamber Music Gala Concert

Mihaela Martin, Frans Helmerson, Michael Bulychev-Okser, Miriam Davis, Yuri Zhislin

Address: Raekoja plats 18, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10146, Estonia

August 17

10:00 – 12:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Chamber Hall

Open Masterclass – Cello – Professor Frans Helmerson

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

12:30 – 14:30 - Tallinn – Mustpeade Maja – White Hall

Dress Rehearsal – Classical Hugs Orchestra + all soloists

Address: Pikk 26, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10133, Estonia

14:00 – 16:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Chamber Hall

Open Masterclass #2 – Violin – Professor Mihaela Martin

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

19:00 – 21:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Main Hall

Classical Hugs Orchestra – Concert #1 - All soloists

Address: Pikk 26, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10133, Estonia

August 18

10:00 – 12:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Chamber Hall

Open Masterclass – Violin & Viola – Professor Yuri Zhislin

Address: Mere pst. 5, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10111, Estonia

12:30 – 14:30 - Tallinn – Mustpeade Maja – White Hall

Dress Rehearsal – Classical Hugs Orchestra + all soloists

Address: Pikk 26, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10133, Estonia

19:00 – 21:00 - Tallinn – Mere Kultuurikeskus – Main Hall

Classical Hugs Orchestra – Concert #2 - All soloists

Address: Pikk 26, Tallinn, Harjumaa, 10133, Estonia

August 19

10:45 – Meet at Tallinn Bus Terminal (Tallinna Bussijama) to go to Riga

11:00-15:00 – Bus to Riga, Latvia

15:00 – 17:30 - Arrival – Lunch and Dress Rehearsal at Maritime Museum

Pianists, Violin & Cello Soloists with accompanists, Chamber Ensembles

Address: Palasta iela 4, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvia

18:00-20:00 – Final Concert of the Festival at Riga's Maritime Museum

Pianists, Violin & Cello Soloists with accompanists, Chamber Ensembles

Address: Palasta iela 4, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvia

20:00 – Dinner and departure