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Ieva Bondare invites her talent lovers and gourmets to the Restaurant STAGE 22

Ieva Bondare, in cooperation with [Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga](#) rooftop Bar & Restaurant STAGE 22, has launched a solo art exhibition 'Spettacolo di colori' which will be available from 2 September to 1 December





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September 2, 2020, Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga in cooperation with the artist Ieva Bondare have launched a solo exhibition which is specially designed for the rooftop terrace restaurant STAGE 22, and it will be on view until this year's 1st of December. In her works, Ieva reflects personal impressions and emotions inspired by the interior and unique location of Restaurant Stage 22.

The title of the exhibition, 'Spettacolo di colori', means 'show of colours'. The bright colors used in the restaurant's interiors and paintings can conjure up an exciting color adventure. The view over the Riga roofs and the presence of the National Opera House next to it, which is accentuated through color and mood, will allow the visitors of the restaurant to enjoy their performance. Each work of the artist reveals to the audience the specific sources of inspiration, shows the ability to survive the moment by waving goodbye to summer and welcoming the autumn - as seasonal as it is reflected in the restaurant's menu...

The names of the artworks reveal the names of the basic colors, which everyone can read on the color tubes. The art technique used in the works and the rhythm in which they are painted will reveal the artist's individual handwriting and nuanced art language to the audience.

Riga-born Ieva Bondare earned her magister degree at the prestigious Art Academy of Latvia. She has also studied painting and digital photography at the School of Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her works can be found in private collections throughout the U.S., Japan, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, Russia, Norway, Latvia and Estonia. Bondare's first exhibit, entitled "Moments of Joy" was held in Washington, D.C. in 2011, and since then she has participated in 18 solo exhibitions.

As part of the exhibition, Gokhans Kekec, the Executive Chef of the Bar & Restaurant STAGE 22 invites you to complement the visual enjoyment of art with a refined sense of taste, which will be offered by a 3-course menu created especially for this event.

'Art is also a base of culinary, so I found it very interesting to accept the challenge and bring Ieva's art to the plate. Creating this menu was both a complex and inspiring process that took about two weeks. I was especially attracted by the mysterious feeling of the paintings and the rich taste of colors, which at the same time draws parallels with the eternal love for nature. The purple and green works inspired me to use seafood and famous ingredients from Turkish cuisine such as falafel, greens and pickles,' explains Chef Gokhan Kekec of the restaurant Stage 22.



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Stage 22 offers not only an excellent appetizer and fine dining menu and authentic cocktails, but also a view that cannot be seen anywhere else – by looking at the Latvian National Opera and its square, every guest will feel like on the stage.

Stage 22 has earned recognition not only among local gourmets, but also among the international jury, which has awarded it with the title of the seventh best new restaurant in Riga in 2019.

Restaurant opening hours:

Sunday, Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday, Saturday: 12:00 to 00:00

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