

event	Bombalkanica Festival
dates	21-23.04 2023
locals	Zé da Micha e Beira- Rio, Vila Nova de Gaia

BOMBALKANICA FESTIVAL 21-23.04 2023

Entering its 2nd edition, Bombalkanica Festival returns to Porto from 21 to 23 April 2023. During the 3 days of the festival, Bombalkanica will transform Porto into the centre of Balkan musical culture through concerts, DJ sets, jam sessions and workshops.

In January 2022, Bombalkanica Festival, an event that shines a light on traditional music from and inspired by the Balkan region, was presented for the first time. By exploring the Balkans and neighbouring countries, the festival has opened a cultural umbrella covering 11 countries, with a unique representation focusing on new works and new talents representing traditional music, but also innovations and new musical inspirations.

Bombalkanica has as main objectives the dissemination of culture and music from the Balkan region, inclusion of foreign people living in Portugal and connected to Balkan music and culture and activation of the cultural life in Porto.

The festival establishes itself as a complex channel of culture from the Balkans to Portugal, focusing on music and offering, besides the concerts, several workshops, master classes, jam sessions and other accompanying events.

The first edition of the festival (January 2022) gathered an audience of approximately 500 people during three days of activities such as concerts, DJ parties and workshops. Thanks to the spontaneous promotion also from the public, the festival had participants and artists coming from outside Portugal (France, Belgium, Spain). The numerous public guaranteed the payment of the participating bands, the travel costs of the musicians to Porto and also the payment of the technical team (photographers, sound technicians, logo designer, printing of posters and flyers). We also managed to secure the commission for the spaces used.

Being a music festival, the main effect of Bombalkanica is the promotion and dissemination of Balkan culture and music through concerts, workshops and jam sessions. The goal is to leave the Porto audience with a certain idea, but also with curiosity to look for and listen to more music from the Balkan region. The festival also brings the initiative to create new ways of socializing for the inhabitants and beautify the city with music, as much as promoting the city of Porto.

Bombalkanica has an enormous potential to gather even more public and artists from Portugal and abroad and enrich the city of Porto with musical events, showing its diversity and conviviality among the people from Porto and the people who came to Porto to call it home.

event/ date	21.04	22.04	23.04
concert (opening)	Forro Tsigano	Balklavalhau	Sukarije Trio
concert (main)	Farra Fanfara	Trio Alcatifa	Kumpania Algazarra
masterclass	traditional Balkan music for wind instruments	traditional melodies in modern arrangements	ornamentation in traditional Balkan music
oficina	canto Balcânico	irregular rhythms from the Balkans	traditional Turkish dances
DJ set	DJ Manifiesta	DJ Balskandal	DJ Sapoconcho sem Poncho
jam session	event open for all the musicians	event open for all the musicians	event open for all the musicians