

Renovated Hunyadi Square to Host Free Outdoor Concerts Read more: Renovated Hunyadi Square to Host

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The final touches are being made on the newly renovated Hunyadi Square, a quaint green space in the rather rundown eastern edge of Budapest's 6th district, just in time to host a series of free outdoor concerts starting in late April.

From May to the end of September, the venue will play host to musicians performing everything from classical and folk to jazz and choral music. The opening ceremony, held on Saturday, April 27, will be led by keynote speakers Zsófia Hassay, mayor of the Terézváros district, and András Batta, president of the Liszt Ferenc Music Academy.

The planning of the park's much-needed facelift began in 2009/2010, when a group of local teachers, community activists, NGOs, and artists came together with the Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre (Kincsünk A PIAC és KÉK) to petition for the renovation. In 2012, the net cost for the project was projected to be around 91.2 million Ft.

The park now includes several bike racks, ping pong tables, a basketball court, pavilion, water play area, and children's playground, while plans are under way to plant a community vegetable garden, according to the Terézváros Municipality.

Surrounding and nearby the square are the indoor market hall, built in 1896 and home to several meat, produce, and flower vendors, as well as the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music along Andrásy Avenue and close to Oktogon Square.

More Information:

Terézváros Municipality Website (in Hungarian only)

Opening ceremony: April 27, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Hunyadi tér, 1067 Budapest, Hungary

May Programs:

May 4 Mother's Day celebration with Kalotaszeg music and Szászcsávási dancing with the Üsztürü Band (music can be found under Letöltések, or Downloads) and dance instructor RedQ Juli

May 11 Spirituals and choral works from all over the world featuring the Tóth Aladár Music School Choir

May 18 Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music Brass Ensemble

May 25 Children's Day with the Hummingbird Theatre (children's show and games)

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