

Ratković Poetry Evenings

These evenings are in honour of one who demanded life from literature. One who turned to writing to avoid life making him into a madman. They are in honour of the Great Dreamer of Yugoslav avant-garde. Surrealist. Socio-realist. Bohemian. Diplomat. Native of Bijelo Polje. They are in honour of Risto Ratković – poet, and a poet beyond everything else. He knew everything about poetry. But about life he knew only as much as poetry would destine him to know – a handful of happiness and suffering, enough for three decent lives.

These evenings originated the same way that the person they honour had lived – on the fringes – in Bijelo Polje, in Yugoslav-era Montenegro. Over time, these poetry evenings had been developing, growing, shaping, coming of age, have been left to the mercy of their social context, where they would belong one way or another. Once they had summed up the Balkans. Now they are a point of intersection between continents and poetics. The only idol they worship is a good piece of poetry. The only power they recognise is the power of poetry – to be a reflection or suggestion, to be reality. Poetic reality!

That means – art!

The festival is getting ever closer to its 50th anniversary. That kind of spirit is also felt in the fact that this year, in 2018, we have approached the festival with a greater zest and glee. And why wouldn't we, given this year's line-up? Among them are poets who are very active within Europe and further afield. We are honoured that we can welcome them and prove that this event has always cultivated the beauty of poetic words and their diversity.

Welcome to the 48th Ratković Poetry Evenings!
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48th Ratković
Poetry Evenings

3-5 September 2018
Bijelo Polje

SMALL FAIR OF BIG BOOKS
9:00 a.m. House of Risto Ratković

COFFEE WITH A WRITER
10:00 a.m. "Klik" Café
Writer Božo Koprivica and Vanja Kovačević,
journalist for Radio Television Montenegro

CREATIVE WORKSHOP
11:00 a.m. House of Risto Ratković

GENDER AND HOME
11:00 a.m. "Čamil Sijarić" Library, Godijevo
In conversation: Safet Sijarić and Milorad Durutović

CIRCLES ON THE WATER
Showcase of Fiction Writers
2:00 p.m. "Miodrag Bulatović" Library, Banje Selo
Readings: Laslo Blašković (Serbia), Amar Mula-
begović (MNE), Elvedin Nezirović (BiH), Nedžad
Ibrahimović (BiH), Radoman Čeković (MNE),
Adnan Repeša (BiH) and Kemal Musić (MNE)

STREET REVERIES
5:00 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
Literary portrait of Božo Koprivica.
Presenters include Sinan Gudžević, Balša Brković
and the author, Božo Koprivica

OPENING OF ART EXHIBITION
6:00 p.m. Gallery of the Cultural Centre
Exhibition of art installations by Jusuf Hadžifejzović
(Opening speech: Petar Čuković)

THERE, THE RIVER LIM RUNS DOWN TO THE SEA
(Showcase of International Poets)
7:00 p.m. Great Hall of the Cultural Centre
Readings: Balša Brković (MNE), Boyko Lambovski
(Bulgaria), Elvedin Nezirović (BiH), Erik Linder (The
Netherlands), Gerry Cambridge (Scotland), Fahredin
Shehu (Kosovo) and Guy Helminger (Germany/
Luxembourg)

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 48TH RATKOVIĆ
POETRY EVENINGS**
8:00 p.m. Great Hall of the Cultural Centre
· Town Choir
· Screening of a 15-minute documentary film on
Risto Ratković (No English subtitles available)
· Keynote Speeches: President of the Municipality of
Bijelo Polje, Petar Smolović, and Minister of Culture
of Montenegro, Aleksandar Bogdanović

MUSIC CONCERT OF DJORDJE DAVID
Serbian rock artist and actor

PROGRAMME

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SHOWCASE OF YOUNG POETS
12:00 noon Poets' Park
Town Choir

Launch and showcase of a volume of poetry by
Emina Selimović, winner of the
2017 Ratković Young Poet Award
Presenters: Ksenija Rakočević and the author,
Emina Selimović
Announcement of the runners-up of the 2018
Ratković Young Poet Award and presentation
of the 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-place winners
(Presenters: one jury member and the runners-up
of the 2018 Ratković Young Poet Award)
Presenter: Jusuf Bajramspahić

THE WRITER AND HIS NATIVE TOWN
4:30 p.m. Great Hall of the Cultural Centre
In conversation with the Bijelo Polje-born writer,
Bešir Ljušković
Presenters: Petar V. Arbutina, Jovanka Vukanović,
Murat Ćorović and the author, Bešir Ljušković
Moderation by the actor Slobodan Marunović, who
will also read excerpts from the works of
Bešir Ljušković

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(Showcase of International Poets)
6:00 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
Readings: Lena Ruth Stefanović (MNE), Katica
Kulakova (Macedonia), J. L. Williams (USA/ Scotland),
Joanne Argento (England), Laslo Blašković (Serbia),
Nilton Santiago (Peru) and Ramiz Huremagić (BiH)

**PERFORMANCE OF "HASANAGINICA"
(HASAN AGA'S WIFE)**
8:00 p.m. Ethno Village 'Vuković'

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Writer Dobrivoje Stanojević and Vanja Kovačević,
journalist for Radio Television Montenegro

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11:00 a.m. House of Risto Ratković

PRIMARY SCHOOL POETRY CLASS
10:00 a.m. "Risto Ratković" Primary School
12:00 noon: "Dušan Korać" Primary School
2:00 p.m. "Vladislav Sl. Ribnikar" Primary School
Participants: Blaga Žurić; Slobodan Zoran Obradović;
Velimir Ralević; Bešir Ljušković; Aleksandar Obra-
dović; Munib Sijarić. (Moderator: Dragiša Simović)

A BUTTERFLY EFFECT
1:00 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
Promotion of the book of Tanja Kragujević, last
year's winner of the "Risto Ratković" Award.
(Presenters: Borislav Jovanović and the author,
Tanja Kragujević)

AFTER THE FIRST AWAKENING
3:00 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
Promotion of the book of Balša Brković, last
year's winner of the "Risto Ratković" Award.
(Speakers: Božo Koprivica and the author, Balša
Brković) Moderator: Rafet Mulić

FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT
4:00 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
Promotion of the book "Landing Light"
(Lako prizemljenje) by Don Paterson
Presenters: Tanja Bakić, Peter McCarey
and Gerry Cambridge

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7:00 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
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(Scotland/ Switzerland); Tanja Kragujević (Serbia);
Tatyana Danilyants (Russia); Vladimir Martinovski
(Macedonia) and Eugeniusz Kasjanowicz (Poland)

"RISTO RATKOVIĆ" POETRY PRIZE-GIVING
8:30 p.m. House of Risto Ratković
Explanation of jury's decision, announcement of
the winner and presentation of the award