

*Though medieval towns were ... small, they were self-contained worlds. They were hubs of diverse trading and cultural traditions and they proved that the whole world could be shrunk to the cozy dimensions of single places.*

L. Benevolo

## INVITATION

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to the **PRO URBE Heritage Night** tour and the **PRO URBE Forum** to be held in **Jarosław, Poland** on 14-15 September 2019, Saturday and Sunday – during the Benedictine Fair reminiscent of the old local fairs (jarmark) of European significance

Invited honorary patrons: Piotr Gliński, Polish Minister for Culture; Miklós Kásler, Hungarian Minister responsible for Culture; Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, and Elżbieta Witek, Marshal of the Polish Sejm

**HERITAGE NIGHT TOUR**, 14 September 2019, Saturday, 19h-21:30h

Meeting point: Well Chapel of the Dominican Church in Cegialniana Street

Special evening sightseeing tours including multidisciplinary art performances and intriguing light effects are popular across Europe, especially in France (Nuit du Patrimoine). The goal of this event is to bring this type of cultural programme to this region. Quality musical and literary pieces related to the built heritage and colourful dances further enhance the responsiveness of the town's residents and visitors to the old architectural values and the history of the place (settlement, buildings and urban fabric). And no doubt, this is the best guarantee for heritage preservation.

This year's Heritage Night Tour will feature some interesting moments of the Polish-Hungarian historical and cultural relations many of which were linked to Jarosław, as well as fragments of the town's unique history, which manifests in its architecture.

Participants will be greeted by Katalin Korompay, main organiser of the Heritage Night, project manager of PRO URBE Civil European Forum.

**HERITAGE FORUM**, 15 September 2019, Sunday 14:30h

In the Rákóczi Bastion of the Benedictine Abbey, Benedyktynska Street 5

The Forum is to take place the next afternoon in the round room on the first floor of the Rákóczi Bastion of the Abbey. Present will be the local participants in the Heritage Night tour and others. The agenda will be a discussion of the architectural heritage of Jarosław. It is meant to be an exchange of ideas, occasionally the thrashing out of even conflicting views, and the sharing of experiences. Participants will be given the opportunity to present a brief slide show of their respective heritage sites.

Anna Butrym will act as moderator. The event will be greeted by László Bouquet, President of PRO URBE Civil European Forum.

### **PRO URBE Civil European Forum**

European pilot project initiated in Budapest in 2018

Civil organisations have joined forces to create PRO URBE Civil European Forum, whose goal is to contribute to the strengthening of society through cultural heritage, to stand up as a leader in the protection of the individual heritage elements, and to make the matter of heritage itself a priority. The program of the Forum is to create an open forum for collective thinking and discussions about the limitless diversity and immeasurable richness of urban built heritage in Europe, making all knowledge, lifestyles, values, cultural customs, collective and individual memories, skills and community sentiments from every nook and cranny of Europe a piece of mutual experience and understanding. At the same time, it aims to bring together the deepest cultural roots of the images of the countries, regions, cities and other places.

The programmes are organized by the Foundation for Budapest World Heritage (Foundation which initiated the PRO URBE European Civil Forum in the European Year of Cultural Heritage), the Jarosław Centre for Cultural and Christian Education, the Arkady Society for Construction and Restoration and several local cultural organizations.

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