For many generations, Umeå has been an obvious arena for powerful expression. This is also where sharp contrasts meet and turn into new energy: climate research and queer blogs; indigenous culture and the latest trends; video games and football festivals; soft-voiced narrators and hardcore. Side by side and in constant development. This is because our region likes electric and border-crossing meetings. Thus, we are now demonstrating to the whole of Europe that Umeå has exactly the creative and cultural driving force that the world needs more of.

Welcome!
COLLABORATIONS IN THE NORTHERN ROOM

During the Capital of Culture year, Umeå is collaborating with the four most northern Swedish counties, as well as Sápmi (the Sami region that covers northern Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia). This northern room becomes a natural part of a European dimension and promotes border-crossing cultural meetings and long-term collaborations.
Inspired by the Sami calendar, the Capital of Culture year programme has been divided into eight seasons. Read more about each season and its events on umea2014.se.

Umeå (Ubmeje in Sami) is a part of SÁPMI (the lands inhabited by the Sami people) and the history, culture, occupations, religion and languages of its indigenous people. The Sami calendar year is a way of crystallising the year’s changes and focusing on what is important in each phase.

The season jump-starts with Swedish Winter Sports Championships Week, week 4. After that the OPENING WEEKEND follows, 31 Jan – 2 Feb, with parties, shows and activities for three whole days. Thereafter The Sami Chinese Project (dance performance), Sune Jonsson Centre of Documentary Photography, and theatre and comedy group Klungan. The guitar museum opens, Ögonblicksteatern challenges with The Boy, the Girl and the Wall. Eugen Onegin and one of 8 season concerts will be given at NorrlandsOperan. Bildmuseet makes room for surrealism and 8 Sami artists begins. Umefolk combines with the Folk and World Music Gala, glass art is linked together with Sami tradition/Japanese butoh dance in Rock Art in Sápmi. And this is just a selection – read more on umea2014.se.
Early spring is lit by Sami week (Ubmejen Biejvieh) and Snow castle winter tale. The exhibition Made in Sápmi asks questions about the tradition of knowledge, change and identity. The second season concert is a work by Mirjam Tally and the season’s major art project is named Convoy. The European dance festival Spring Forward comes to Umeå, horror theatre Horror&Art is held at Profilteatern, Giron Sami Teáhter is a part of Rock Art in Sápmi and NorrlandsOperan’s children’s choir meets a yoik children’s choir. Literature festival, Umeå Open, storytelling festival, 12 points jazz and Fair City themed space. This is just a sample from the complete program – read more on umea2014.se.
30 Apr – 19 Jun, Gijrra. The Season of Returning.

2,000 children write books. Bildmuseet is filled with Chinese art. Inta Ruka’s photos are presented at Västerbottens museum and at Galleri Andersson/Sandström we see Année Olofsson’s photographs. **Nortland Passion** – an innovative theatre adventure, is performed in a circus tent. The season concert is an interpretation of Refused’s final record and the district Umedalen offers an adventure game. A contest in discovering new rock art takes place and the findings will be presented in an exhibition. Free performing arts practitioners meet in **Unlimited! European OFF Meeting**, young girls can participate at the **Crossing Boarders Camp**. Giant concert **Crescendo**, **Festival Normal**, **Umeå Kulturnatt** (Umeå culture night), music festival for young people and performing arts festival **MADE**. Read more at umea2014.se.

During the season when Umeå is at its brightest the entire city is dressed in flowers with the Bloom project. Sami artist Liselotte Wajstedt screens film at Bildmuseet, an international choir festival is organised – A Choral Midsummer Light’s Dream. The world’s top design scientists gather and in the season concert arena sports mixes with art music. Umeå’s bus square transforms into a social garden and cultural seniors meet for a giant picnic. An exhibition on the Sami art of healing, a musical – with lyrics by Mikael Niemi – is performed in the River Stories project and those who want to dance in the bright summer night can do so during the Tango Festival. This is just a selection – read more on umea2014.se.
The Season of Contemplation.

For the first time ever the music festival $U \times U$ is organised, by the people – for the people. NorrlandsOperan makes history with a unique version of Strauss’s $ELEKTRA$ through a collaboration with the Catalan performing arts group La Fura dels Baus. A summer theatre by Kulturcentrum will incorporate acrobatics, fire and dance. Artists will occupy camping sites with the Art Camp project and the artist Carola Grahn will produce a new audio piece for Bildmuseet. A metal festival will be held at the Vindeln river and Umeå will host festivals for folk music and blues. The Holmön Song Festival has its 20th anniversary. Also: Swedish Beach Tour, the National Athletics Championships and a football festival. Read more on umea2014.se.
Contemporary circus, street artists and variety fill the city during the sixth season. Chamber music is seasoned with rock and jazz in a festival. With schools starting up again the Fair City project will focus on the education of the future. A Chinese culture festival, Umeå Fashion Week, Street Art and the arts festival Survival Kit will deal with local and global survival. At Nolia in Umeå you will find a Weaving Fair of international interest. Also Lycksele will host an exhibition of Sami treasures. Take part of the updated program on umea2014.se.

FrostByte – a big LAN event for computer gamers of all ages. Umeå Jazz Festival is held and they also arrange the season concert in collaboration with Umeå’s symphony orchestra. The MOVE Film Festival will fill the theatres. The Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie is one of the main characters in the NorrlandsOperan world premiere of Blanche and Marie. The human rights days will be arranged in Umeå and the Sami artist Joar Nango explores architectural environments. Children’s rights and the UN day are highlighted through collaboration with BRIS, Kulturverket and Fair City. G14 directs attention towards gender research and equality. Get the whole picture: umea2014.se.
21 Nov – 29 Jan, Tjaktjadalvve.
The Season of a Journey.

Pop up is the music festiaal celebrating pop music. Architects, artists and real estate businesses explore how the city centre can be lit up during the festival Umeå Autumn Lights. The Piteå chamber opera performs the newly written church opera called Keys to the Heart. The season concert offers a dance piece with live music, created by choreographs Héla Fattoumi and Eric Lamoureux. Väven is inaugurated – a house of culture, a creative block and an entirely new meeting spot for border-crossing culture. During the last season of the Capital of Culture year we celebrate the continuation of life and prepares for the future with the party FUTURE FLOWS THROUGH US. Read all about the activities at umea2014.se.
INITIATIVES 8 SEASON CONCERTS | 8 SAMI ARTISTS
8 X ART | CHALLENGING POWER | UMEÅ URBAN FORUM | TRÁHPPIE – SAMI HERITAGE HOUSE
UMEDALEN'S SCULPTURE PARK | THE GLASS HOUSE GUITAR MUSEUM | ROCK ART IN SÁPMI | RIVER STORIES | THE STORYTELLERS' COUNTY | SKI
UMEÅ2014 | CULTURE TRAIN | CULTURE FOR SENIORS
FAIR CITY | FAIR GAME | FAIR OPERA | CULTURE ON CAMPUS | THE CITY – THE NOMO DACO DANCE COLLECTIVE | HONORARY CITIZEN STIEG LARSSON MIRROR EUROPE | THE BIRDS SHOW THE WAY
GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER – SKUGGTEATERN OPERA IN THE SHEEP HOUSE – HÄLJE GÅRD
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Some themes recur every season. Other more extensive projects permeate the year in the form of developing projects that aim to create engagement, participation and culture driven growth.

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FESTIVALS

● UMEFOLK | WINTER CITY

● HORROR&ART | THE SPRING FORWARD FESTIVAL

UMEJEN BIEJVIEH – SAMI WEEK | 12 POINTS JAZZ

LITTFEST | HOUSE OF METAL | UMEÅ OPEN | STORY-TELLING FESTIVAL

● KULTURNATTA | 2 DAYS IN UMEÅ

MADE | FESTIVAL NORMAL ● MIDNIGHT LIGHT TANGO

FESTIVAL | A CHORAL MIDSUMMER LIGHT’S DREAM

● HOLMÖN SONG FESTIVAL | BLUES FESTIVAL | FOOTBALL FESTIVAL | U x U | ROCK OUT WILD ● FOOD FEST

SURVIVAL KIT – ART FESTIVAL | CONTEMPORARY

CIRCUS | CHINESE CULTURE FESTIVAL | UMEÅ

FASHION WEEK ● JAZZ FESTIVAL UMEÅ

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL | FILMFESTIVAL

● UMEÅ AUTUMN LIGHTS | POPUP ETC
HOW DO YOU GET HERE?

**BY AIR:**
- Umeå Airport, only 3.5 kilometres from the city centre.
- Many daily flights to and from Stockholm.
- Several direct flights from cities in Europe.

**BY RAIL:**
- 6.5 hours from Stockholm.
- High-speed trains to and from Örnsköldsvik and Sundsvall.
- Trains to and from Vindeln, Vännäs, Lycksele, Kramfors, Härnösand, Luleå, Kiruna and Narvik.
- Two central railway stations: Umeå C in the city centre and Umeå East near the university and the hospital.

**BY BUS:**
- Daily coaches from Stockholm.
- Daily coaches south, west and north from Umeå.

**BY SEA:**
- Daily ferry traffic between Umeå and Vaasa (Finland).

**BY CAR:**
- The E4 motorway links Umeå with Europe.
- The E12 leads to Norway and Finland.
- The E4 north takes you to Tornéa, Finland.

**CYKLING AND WALKING:**
- Walking paths along the river.
- More than 200 kilometres of popular cycling routes (bikes are available for hire).

**WHERE TO STAY IN UMEÅ:**
If you would like to stay in Umeå you have plenty of options:
- Hotels
- B&Bs
- Hostels
- Campsites
- Rooms and flats
- Chalets
- Visitors’ marinas

Read more about accommodation in the official tourist guide of the Umeå region: www.visitumea.se.

Welcome!

Stay with a resident?
WE ARE BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The city is expanding. It is getting smarter, bigger and more sustainable. Meeting places, work, life, culture... We are taking Umeå not just into 2014, but far into the future.

On the shores of the Umeälven river, we are erecting Väven, an iconic building designed by the world famous Snøhetta firm of architects. Väven’s rooms will offer Umeå’s residents and visitors a multitude of cultural meeting points. These include a museum, music, art, crafts, dance, a hotel and restaurants. The opening ceremony for the building is being held in Capital of Culture year 2014.

The city’s new pedestrian subway near the central rail station features Europe’s largest work of art in glass. Our eastern rail station shines bright and “sparkling” below the University Hospital. Glass walls play their part here too, along with a timber laminate shell and an art-adorned interior. Umeå Airport is getting a facelift and its air services are being developed. Like life-giving arteries in a body, the expanded road network and the Bothnia Line railway connect all parts of the city. They give it strength, drive its pulse.

Our magnificent riverside has been enriched by the Umeå Arts Campus and its creative, absolutely world-class courses. This area is now also home to Bildmuseet, one of the country’s most interesting windows on contemporary visual expression and art. Bildmuseet has both a national and an international character.

Music is an important part of culture in Umeå. In the heart of the city, with a guitar museum, café and restaurant that form part of a house of music, there is Scharinska, a vibrant music scene. A scene that is becoming ever more attractive to local and international performers.

In fact, the whole city centre is undergoing a transformation. New shops, offices and hotels are putting down roots in Umeå. Time, life and the city’s people are all nourishing this expansion. Umeå is changing, it is growing – and we are building for the future.
Umeå is a proud, progressive city in an integrated and multifaceted Europe. The development of the city is fuelled by participation and co-creation, and is characterised by curiosity and passion.

Culture is essential to the growth and openness of any community and it is human creativity which shapes the future. For many years, we have worked intensely on building a cultural city that has this outlook as its driving force.

MARIE-LOUISE RÖNNMARK, MAYOR AND CHAIRWOMAN OF THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE COMMITTEE.
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