

## **World Art Nouveau Day – June 13, 2026 – Oradea, Romania**

On June 13, 2026, Oradea Heritage marks World Art Nouveau Day through an extensive edition dedicated to the international theme “Women of Art Nouveau,” transforming the city into a living cultural journey where heritage, education, contemporary art, and urban interventions engage in dialogue throughout the entire day. The program brings together free access to the Darvas-La Roche House, exhibitions, guided tours, lectures, creative workshops for children and adults, film screenings, concerts, participatory installations, and immersive experiences designed to rediscover Oradea’s Art Nouveau heritage through the lens of femininity, creativity, and cultural memory.

From painting, stained glass, ceramics workshops, and educational activities to thematic tours, lectures, and cinema screenings, the event offers a complex exploration of the Art Nouveau universe, highlighting both the city’s architectural legacy and the symbolic role of feminine presence within the imagination of the era. The evening continues with live music, jazz, performative interventions, and an extensive route of light installations and video mapping that animate some of Oradea’s most emblematic spaces—from the Black Eagle Passage and Moskovits Palace to Poynar House, Regina Maria Theatre, and the banks of the Crișul Repede River.

Through this edition, Oradea Heritage proposes not only a celebration of Art Nouveau heritage, but an immersive cultural experience in which the city becomes a stage, gallery, and space for reflection on the relationship between architecture, art, community, and the feminine figure as a source of inspiration. World Art Nouveau Day 2026 thus reaffirms Oradea as one of Europe’s capitals of Secession heritage, where past and contemporary expression meet in a spectacular celebration of beauty and imagination.

Programme:

**10:00 am – 6:00 pm – free admission** for visitors – Darvas-La Roche House

**10:00 am – 6:00 pm – exhibition** “In the Body of the House: The Layers of Dwelling from Brâncuși to Ghenie”

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm, 5:00pm – 8:00pm – Painting workshop** on Libertății Street – banks of the Criș River, behind the Darvas-La Roche House

**10:00 am – 13:00 am – Stained Glass Workshop**, Darvas-La Roche House, interior

**10:00 am – 11:00 am – Lecture: “The History of the Black Eagle Palace”** with Deodáth Zuh – Black Eagle Palace

**10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm – Guided tours** of the Art Nouveau palaces. Meeting point: entrance to the Black Eagle passageway from Unirii Square

**11:00 am** – “The House with Buttons” – **children’s workshop** with Romina Popa. Darvas-La Roche House, ground floor conference room

**11:00 am** – **Guided tour** of the Black Eagle Palace

**12:00 am, 1:00 pm – Screening:** “L'acte d'habiter”. Black Eagle Cinema

**12:00 am** – **Guided tour** of the Art Nouveau palaces – guided in Hungarian. Starting point: entrance to the Black Eagle Passage from Unirii Square

**1:30 pm** – **Launch of the board game** “The House with Buttons” - Darvas House, dining room (1st floor)

**2:00 pm** – “The House with Buttons” – **workshop** for adults. Darvas House

**3:00 pm – 6:00 pm** – **Ceramics workshop** with Vinicius Leş. Garden of the Darvas-La Roche House

**3:30 pm / 5:30 pm** – **Screening** of the film “Seraphime.” Black Eagle Cinema

**3:00 pm** – **Guided tour** of the Art Nouveau palaces in English. Starting point: entrance to the Black Eagle passageway from Unirii Square

**2:00 pm** – **pop-up concert** – Art Nouveau Choir

**4:30 pm** – **Photography tour** with Remus Toderici

**5:00 pm** – **Darvas Talks** with Matthew Rampley (Brno/Birmingham). Darvas-La Roche House, conference room

**8:00 pm** – **Jazz concert: Sorvina** – The stage behind the theater

**9:30 pm** – **light, water and music installation** with Mischa Blanos concert, banks of the Crişul River, amphitheater area near NOCA

**10:00 pm – 1:00 am** – **Light installations**

- *Ornament în mişcare* - Black Eagle Passageway (en. Ornament in Motion)

- **În fața muzei** - Moskovits Palace (en. Facing the Muse)
- **Vals în umbre** - Deutsch K.I. Glassware Shop (en. Waltz in Shadows)
- **Nocturnă pe Criș** - Riverbank by New Oradea Contemporary Art (NOCA) (en. Nocturne on the Criș)
- **Casa care visează** - Poynar House (en. The House That Dreams)
- **Aura Reginei** - Statue of Queen Mary (en. The Queen's Aura)
- **Chemarea Muzelor** - Frieze of the Queen Mary State Theatre (en. Call of the Muses)

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