

## PROGRAM

# OLALA Innichen

29-31 July 2026

All performances take place in the center of Innichen.

## Wednesday, 29.07.

15:00-18:00

### APAKIPALA (ESP) - "Pirene"

Pirene invites Olala visitors to discover the fascinating landscapes of the Pyrenees in a playful way - on a marble run. Peaks, valleys and hidden caves become part of a mysterious world of tracks that calls for skill, curiosity and participation. Each interaction feels like a small mountain ascent. Inspired by complex marble machines, this interactive installation combines art, mechanics and craftsmanship to create a unique experience for the whole family, with games available at different levels of difficulty.

18:00-18:30

### Compagnie Zalatai (FR) - "Bal(les)"

Bal(les) tells the story of two artists who speak different languages in the world of circus. Ukrainian juggler Alexander Koblikov sends balls from foot to foot, hand to hand, foot to hand and beyond. His juggling possibilities seem endless and culminate in juggling nine balls. Meanwhile, French acrobat Charlotte de la Brétèque climbs a 20-metre aerial apparatus, wraps herself into knots and figures, and then drops in free fall to just a few centimetres above the stage floor. As the performance unfolds, the two slowly move closer to each other and combine their skills.

18:30-19:00

### Coquelicot BallOons (FR) - "Olala Mascot"

A very special walking act awaits visitors: for the first time, an Olala mascot will roam the streets. The costume was created by the French group Coquelicot BallOons, who masterfully use the art of balloon weaving to bring lovable characters to life. The artwork is not permanent, but it is highly sustainable: the balloons are made of 100% latex and are fully biodegradable. Catch the mascot with your phone camera and post it on social media with #catchtheolalamascot.

## Thursday, 30.07.

15:00-18:00

### Drums on Fire (AUT) - "Participatory Circus"

Step right into the ring, Olala audience! For 35 years, Olala has presented the best circus artists from around the world - and now visitors can try for themselves what it feels like to be an acrobat, or perhaps a clown. Drums on Fire offers a large collection of materials for exploring circus skills. Balancing? Go ahead! Juggling? No problem - with balls, clubs, rings or scarves. Diabolos or devilsticks? Help yourself. Soap bubbles? The bigger, the more spectacular! Walking on stilts? Maybe a very different challenge from high heels. Here the focus is not on watching, but on joining in and having fun.

17:00-17:30

### Gras van de Buren (NL) - "Matchfixers"

The sports town of Innichen gains another sporting event today: volleyball matches will be played in P.-P.-Rainer Street, on Michaelsplatz and on Pflögplatz. The game begins - when and where is up to you. Rules are overrated, and the court is defined spontaneously depending on the location. Game, set and match - Olala!

18:00-18:45

### DADO (CAN/GER) - "The DADO Show - Classic"

He should not be confused with the Hunchback of Notre-Dame, although the Canadian hunchback clown shares not only a visual resemblance but also the same warmth and kindness. In his show of improvised chaos, he always has the audience laughing, generously shares the stage with the youngest guests and proudly presents his self-invented instruments, including musical chickens and a bagpipe hat. For 25 years, DADO has toured the world as "the hunchback uncle", winning hearts with non-verbal stand-up comedy beyond language and culture.

19:00-19:30

### Gras van de Buren (NL) - "Matchfixers"

The Matchfixers return and once again turn the streets and squares of Innichen into a spontaneous volleyball court full of surprises.

20:00-20:30

### Curious Bubbles (ITA) - "Puppy Parade"

Curious Bubbles presents the original circus art of balloons on a gigantic scale. Colourful balloon dogs dance cheerfully through the streets, playfully involve visitors and spread good vibes. In the evening, they glow in bright colours, adding a special splash of colour to the festival.

**Friday, 31.07.**



15:00-16:00

### Directie & Co. (NL) - "Play Crowd"

Have you always wanted to be part of an Olala performance? Here is your chance. Become part of an energetic crowd and let yourself be drawn into an extraordinary experience. Through headphones, whispered instructions guide participants step by step into a lively choreography full of surprises. At first people approach cautiously, but soon everyone is dancing, laughing and improvising together. Play Crowd shows impressively how much can happen when people come together and open themselves to the moment. Silent Disco was yesterday - Play Crowd is today!

17:00-18:00

### Directie & Co. (NL) - "Play Crowd"

Another opportunity to become part of this interactive performance: put on the headphones, join in and create a surprising choreography together with the group.

**18:00-18:30**

### **Teatro C'Art (ITA) - "Felici per Sempre"**

Felici per Sempre - happily ever after - that is how it should be, at least for a newly married couple. In real life, however, things are not quite so simple, as the duo from Teatro C'Art proves. Instead of heading straight off on their honeymoon, their vintage car breaks down in the middle of the street, confronting the young couple with their first unexpected setback as husband and wife. The search for a solution unfolds somewhere between clowning, physical theatre and acrobatics. The key to success is finding a solution together and repairing the old car - like life itself - through mishaps, separations, wrong decisions and moments of happiness.

**18:30-19:00**

### **Shalton Theatre (NL) - "Crickets"**

These colourful, nature-loving creatures are nimble and curious as they move around on jumping stilts. Thanks to their friendly and playful character, they quickly become audience favourites. But watch out: with their long antennae they keep trying to make contact with the audience, and with their quick tongues they are always hunting for the next "treat".

**19:30-20:30**

### **Sidral Brass Band (ESP) - "Red Wine Cabaret"**

The twelve-piece brass band from Catalonia brings musical energy to the streets during Olala week. For more than ten years, the musicians have entertained festival audiences around the world, spreading pure joy. The sounds of classic brass instruments such as saxophones, trumpets, trombones and tubas will be heard throughout Innichen and invite everyone to dance along. Sidral Brass Band stands for high-quality street music mixed with theatre and circus elements, inspired by the culture of their homeland - red wine included.

**20:30-21:00**

### **Puppetman Łukasz Puczko (POL) - "The Muchomors"**

When Łukasz Puczko led his marionette dog Burek through the streets of Innichen last year, passing the Collegiate Church inspired his newest project. The Muchomors are living fairytale giants from another world, emerging from the twilight of the forest. Handmade with artistic precision, the figures - between two and 3.2 metres tall - move with slow, graceful majesty. Olala is delighted to present these mysterious giant puppets in Innichen, in a setting that could hardly be more fitting: the mystical woods and the stories of the giant Haunold seem to wander all the way into the town centre.