

PRESS RELEASE

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# Discover Georgia at the versatile arts festival Europalia in Amare



Every two years, Amare collaborates with the Europalia Festival based in Belgium to present a versatile artistic program focusing on a country. This year the arts festival is all about Georgia! The rich program will start in October 2023 with performances, concerts, literature, workshops and lectures. Amare is proud that it is the only Dutch partner to present this international festival.

## Enchanting Georgian polyphonic singing

The tradition of polyphony, or polyphonic singing, is very different from our Western polyphony. It unites Georgians and is a common thread throughout the festival. Renowned Georgian choirs, such as the impressive 30-piece Georgian State Chamber Choir, can be heard on several evenings in Amare. In a broader sense, the festival shows the country's culture beyond the clichés. It gives a contemporary twist to vibrant traditions and a voice to Georgian women, among others.

## Nino Haratischwili stages *Supra – A Feast*

Author, playwright and director Nino Haratischwili, best known for her bestseller *The eighth Life (for Brilka)*, presents *Supra – A Feast* on Sunday, 12 November. The premiere of her contemporary version of the traditional Georgian 'supra': a meal accompanied by speeches and songs. The supra largely emerged within a male, patriarchal tradition. Haratischwili will explore this tradition from a female perspective, in an interactive collaboration with actresses and singers.

### Workshops and lectures

The festival offers various workshops and lectures. For example, the renowned Georgian musicologist and singer Nana Mzhavanadze will join in The Hague especially for the festival. She is an important driving force behind the preservation and revival of the polyphonic heritage.

### Program Georgia Festival in Amare

Sat 21 Oct / 15:00 & 19:30 / Amare Studio

Pirosmani: the Van Gogh of Georgia (8+) – Poti Valerian Gunia Professional State Theatre

Sat 28 Oct / 20:15 / Concertzaal

A night of Georgian Polyphony – Three renowned Georgian choirs

Sat 11 Nov / 20:00 / Nieuwe Kerk

Pankisi Ensemble with support act Ensemble Sakartvelo

Sun 12 Nov / 19:00 / Nieuwe Kerk

Nino Haratischwili stages contemporary version of the traditional Georgian 'supra'

Sat 9 Dec / 20:00 / Nieuwe Kerk

Georgia's youngest musical promise – pianists Tsotne Zedginidze and Sandro Gegechkori

For more information and tickets, visit [www.amare.nl/georgiefestival](http://www.amare.nl/georgiefestival).

### About Amare

Amare is the new home for culture, education, events and meetings on Spuiplein in The Hague. A brand new building with concert halls, a theater hall, studios, teaching and rehearsal rooms, catering and much more. The Amare Foundation is responsible for the management and programming of this largest cultural building in the Netherlands, which is also the home of the Residentie Orchestra The Hague, Netherlands Dance Theater and the Royal Conservatory. A stage from, for and through the city. In addition to performances and concerts, Amare also has an important events and conference function.

### Note for editors

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