



**International Symposium**  
*Scenography Expanding. On Spectatorship*  
**Riga, February 25-27, 2010**

**Practical information**

**LOCAL CURRENCY**

Local currency in Latvia is Latvian lat (LVL). Exchange rate: 1 EUR – 0,70 LVL. Please withdraw or exchange local money already in the airport because you cannot pay in Euros in Riga. There are several exchange offices and cash machines inside the airport.

**TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT**

Public transport

The cheapest way to get from the Riga International Airport to the city centre is by **bus No 22** which leaves airport every 12-15 minutes and costs 60 santims (around 1 EUR). The bus stop is located outside the airport, across the parking-lot in front of the exit. Tickets can be purchased from the bus driver inside the bus. Payment – only in cash and only in local currency! The bus brings you close to the Old City and Central Bus/ Train station.

airBaltic Airport Express

For more comfortable getting to/from Riga airport, airBaltic offers shuttle bus service – **Airport Express**. The bus serves the route between Riga Airport and several hotels at Riga city centre. Buses depart every 30 minutes in front the airport exit and cost 3 Lats (around 5 euro). Tickets can be purchased from the bus driver. Payment only in cash and only in Latvian Lats.

We recommend Airport Express for those staying at Albert Hotel (getting out at Monika Centrum Hotel on the corner of Elizabetes and Pulkveža Brieža str. and some 5-10 minutes by walk).

Taxi

Taxis to the city centre cost around 15 euro. We suggest using Baltic Taxi services.

**SYMPOSIUM VENUE**

The Symposium will take place in the Small hall of the New Riga Theatre, Lāčplēša street 25.

Please check the location on Google maps:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=L%C4%81%C4%8Dpl%C4%93%C5%A1a+25,+Riga&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=47.301626,93.076172&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=25+L%C4%81%C4%8Dpl%C4%93%C5%A1a+ielā,+Riga,+1011,+Latvia&z=16](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=L%C4%81%C4%8Dpl%C4%93%C5%A1a+25,+Riga&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=47.301626,93.076172&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=25+L%C4%81%C4%8Dpl%C4%93%C5%A1a+ielā,+Riga,+1011,+Latvia&z=16)

## WHERE TO STAY?

### **Albert Hotel (\*\*\*) – Symposium official hotel**

Dzirnavu street 33

We suggest booking your room at Albert Hotel. The Hotel is situated in 15 minutes walking distance from the New Riga Theatre and offers a special rate for Symposium visitors: single room – 40 EUR, double room – 45 EUR (breakfast, wireless internet access, parking and all taxes included).

You can book Albert Hotel by sending an email to the following address:

[internet.sales@alberthotel.lv](mailto:internet.sales@alberthotel.lv). In space for subject please type **Prague Quadrennial / room request** – this will guarantee the special price.

You can also book the room sending your request to New Theatre Institute of Latvia - [gundega@theatre.lv](mailto:gundega@theatre.lv)

Please check hotel's website: [www.alberthotel.lv](http://www.alberthotel.lv) and walking route to the New Riga Theatre: [http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s\\_d&saddr=33+Dzirnavu+ielā,+Rīga&daddr=L%C4%81%C4%8Dpl%C4%93%C5%A1a+25,+Rīga&hl=en&geocode=FYQeZQMdPe9vASl\\_r3Rlz8\\_uRjGMe2Y6-uDWbA%3B&mra=ls&dirflg=w&sl=56.953821,24.117651&sspn=0.016007,0.045447&ie=UTF8&ll=56.956715,24.11862&spn=0.008003,0.022724&z=16](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=33+Dzirnavu+ielā,+Rīga&daddr=L%C4%81%C4%8Dpl%C4%93%C5%A1a+25,+Rīga&hl=en&geocode=FYQeZQMdPe9vASl_r3Rlz8_uRjGMe2Y6-uDWbA%3B&mra=ls&dirflg=w&sl=56.953821,24.117651&sspn=0.016007,0.045447&ie=UTF8&ll=56.956715,24.11862&spn=0.008003,0.022724&z=16)

### **Alternative choices within a walking distance to Symposium venue**

#### **Hotel Bergs (\*\*\*\*) from 180 EUR**

Bergs Bazaar

[www.hotelbergs.lv](http://www.hotelbergs.lv); 10 minutes walk or one stop by tram No 6.

#### **Nordic Hotel Bellevue (\*\*\*\*) from 80 EUR**

Raiņa Boulevard 33

[www.nordichotels.eu/lat/nordichotelbellevue](http://www.nordichotels.eu/lat/nordichotelbellevue); 20 minutes walk or 3 stops by tram No 6.

#### **Domina Inn Hotel (\*\*\*\*) from 60 EUR (if you book at least two nights)**

Pulkveža Brieža street 12

[www.dominahotels.com/eng/riga\\_hotel\\_latvia\\_domina\\_inn/](http://www.dominahotels.com/eng/riga_hotel_latvia_domina_inn/); 25 minutes walk through Art Nouveau district.

#### **Radi & Draugi (\*\*\*) from 51 EUR**

Mārstaļu street 1

[www.draugi.lv](http://www.draugi.lv); situated in the Old Town. 20 minutes walk or 3 stops by tram No 6.

#### **Clarion Collection Hotel Valdemārs (\*\*\*) from 45 EUR**

Kr. Valdemāra street 23

[www.valdemars.lv](http://www.valdemars.lv); 15 minutes walk.

#### **Laine (\*\*\*) from 45 EUR**

Skolas street 11

[www.laine.lv](http://www.laine.lv); 10 minutes walk.

#### **Krišjānis un Ģertrūde (b&b) from 30 EUR (breakfast included)**

Kr. Barona street 39

[www.kg.lv](http://www.kg.lv); 5 minutes walk.

#### **KBhotel (b&b) from 29 EUR (breakfast included)**

Kr. Barona street 37

[www.kbhotel.lv](http://www.kbhotel.lv); 5 minutes walk.

## **WHERE TO EAT?**

Please keep in mind that most of the cafes and restaurants close their kitchen at 23:00!

### **Teātra restorāns**

Lāčplēša street 25

The Theatre Restaurant is located in New Riga Theatre, next door to the Symposium venue. Good choice of soups, salads and main courses.

[www.teatrabars.lv/restorans/index.html](http://www.teatrabars.lv/restorans/index.html)

### **Osīriss**

Kr. Barona street 31

We recommend to lunch at Osīriss cafe in 2 min. walking distance from the New Riga Theatre. Osīriss has been a meeting point for the city's creative intellectuals since the 90ies. Good food for reasonable price.

[www.anothertravelguide.com/eng/europe/latvia/riga/destinations/restaurants/osiriss/](http://www.anothertravelguide.com/eng/europe/latvia/riga/destinations/restaurants/osiriss/)

### **Galerija Istaba**

Kr. Barona street 31a

A tiny shop selling jewellery, decor, books and hosting a bar / cafe, run by the most popular Latvian chef Mārtiņš Sirmāis, who has built a reputation for designer catering feasts that are beyond quirky and border on the bizarre. Opens at 12:00. 3 minutes walk from the New Riga Theatre.

### **Tikai karotes**

Kr. Barona street 31

If you are looking for quick and cheap lunch, go to soup restaurant Tikai karotes. They offer soups only, but the choice is great and portions – large. 3 minutes walk from the New Riga Theatre.

[www.karotes.lv](http://www.karotes.lv)

### **Restaurant Rama**

Kr. Barona street 56

Vegetarian canteen of Latvian Krishna society. Good choice of Indian and local vegetarian dishes. Self-service. After lunch you can have a cup of coffee and croissant at the French bakery **Cadets de Gascogne** just around the corner on Ģertrūdes street. 5 minutes walk from the New Riga Theatre.

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