



## Who we are

We are a non-profit organization composed of a new collective with mixed background including civil society, environmentalist, art and business with the aim of organizing art activities to engage the public. Since its inception in June 2011, Tirana Ekspres has attracted around five thousand participants from 16-75 years old. It is the only cultural space that, without institutional support and self-financed, has attracted the attention of national media, high profile intellectuals and the international communities in the country. It has so far organized fifteen exhibitions of different disciplines with artists and academics from Germany, Italy, Kosovo, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, etc. It has organized more than thirty musical performances where many local artists have had a chance to perform, and the public of Tirana has had the chance to experience shows from DJs and bands from Belgium, FYROM, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, the Netherlands, Spain, USA, etc.

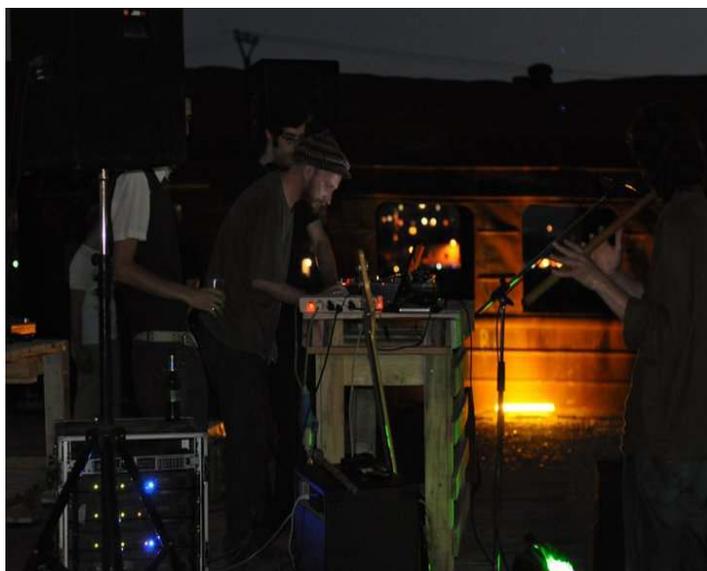
Over 5,000 visitors attended the activities of Tirana Ekspres in a year



40 visual art exhibitions have been open to the public



Over 60 bands, national and international musicians, DJs and orchestras have performed on our premises



Over 30 video and film projections



Such great success, from a newly formed organization, is dedicated to the great implementation capabilities of Tirana Ekspres, where the technical know-how and logistical organization intertwine with a deep knowledge of the Albanian emerging culture, its demographical changes and new social formations. At the same time, the activities of Tirana Ekspres have managed to have a great impact with very low cost through the volunteering support of its creative network (photographers, video-makers, performers, etc). Tirana Ekspres aims at creating social and cultural structures to improve the quality of life of communities in Albania.

Tirana Ekspres went 'green' in 2012 launching the campaign The Rodon Cape guards, a voluntary mission which aimed at cleaning one of the most beautiful areas in Albania. Unfortunately this natural resort is very polluted to a large degree due to the pollution of the rivers that cross through Tirana. After five cleaning actions during August-December 2012, involving more than 100 volunteers and collecting tons of trash, this campaign continues to be part of Tirana Ekspres' priorities. In addition to environmental initiative, Tirana Express has supported other causes such as the International Day against discrimination, etc.



One of the new projects Tirana Ekspres will introduce in 2013 the nations days. We aim at promoting diversity, open-mindedness and tolerance by exposing the culture of different countries/ civilizations/ nations in various events. We believe that cultural exchange contributes to mutual understanding between societies and peoples. Understanding other cultures can prevent prejudice and hate. Cultural exchange also enriches our own lives by inspiring new forms of artistic expression and providing fresh insights that broaden our horizons.

## **PROMOTION**

Our activities have echoed in the wider public through the media and alternative forms of communication. We try to use all traditional forms of promotion such as press / media / direct marketing / etc. However a special importance is given to the interactive promotion on the Internet and social networks. Thus, there are several thousand followers of Tirana Ekspres on Facebook, and the official web site is being updated with the most recent activities.

<http://www.facebook.com/Tirana.Ekspres/>  
<http://www.tiranaekspres.com/en/>

The engagement in major social issues is another focus of Tirana Ekspres. This commitment is

**Our collaborators:**

The Academy of modern music  
“Hollywood”  
The Academy of DJs in Tirana  
Tirana Art lab

TICA- Tirana Institute of Contemporary arts  
Loja CBC (Tetovo, FYROM)  
Stacion (Prishtina, Kosovo)  
Qendra Multimedia (Prishtina, Kosovo)

**Our Supporter:**

Austrian Embassy in Tirana  
British Council Albania  
Italian Embassy in Tirana  
Italian Institute of Culture

Swiss Embassy in Tirana  
US Embassy in Tirana



**Rote Fabrik në Zyrh**  
<http://www.rotfabrik.ch/de/home/>



**The cable factory in Helsinki**  
<http://www.fi/en/factory>



**Melkweg in Amsterdam**

<http://www.melkweg.nl/>



**WUK in Wien**

<http://www.wuk.at/>



**REX Cultural Center në Beograd**

<http://www.rex.b92.net/en.html>

**COOPERATION PROPOSAL**

Confident that our capital produces positive energy and the potential that it has to be transformed in such a center, Tirana Ekspres requires collaboration with you to develop a welcoming and supportive climate for art and cultural activities in Tirana.

**Our goal is to cultivate, promote and support civic coexistence through active participation in cultural activities. We want to promote a contemporary city with all its dynamics through art and creativity. Our goal is to make Tirana Ekspres an open forum of thought and creativity by:**

- Setting up and implementing comprehensive projects;
- Serving as a center for all groups, for organization of artists and creators in the capital;
- Providing informal education in many disciplines of contemporary art (and not only) for the young people;
- Bringing attention to the important social issues through art.

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