Istanbul - 2010 Capital of Culture

Istanbul is celebrating its European Capital of Culture status with a rich calendar of events reflecting the city's extraordinary 10,000 year heritage. Hundreds of artistic and urban projects and contemporary artistic events and festivals will take place throughout the city. Istanbul will also welcome international summits and symposium attended by experts, celebrities and leaders from around the world.

Seven internationally acclaimed artists, including Romo Salvadori, George Lappas and Sophie Calle, are being invited to Istanbul to live, work and produce art together with young Turkish talents. A further highlight will be the city's 12th international puppet festival which will feature performances by acclaimed puppet theatre groups from across the world.

Other exciting events include "A story for the city: Constantinople - Istanbul", which will feature a "Cheng" performance by world famous musicologist, Professor Robert Lubiwie. The Museum of Innocence, inspired by the novel of the same name by the Turkish Nobel Prize Winner, Orhan Pamuk, will also offer a poetic and documentary representation of the culture and daily life of Istanbul starting from the 1950s and including films, photos, ephemera and memorabilia.

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