

CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS (The Republic of Karelia)

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| WINTER | Inter-regional festival of amateur theater groups "The Open Door" | Suojarvi, Suojarvi region, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | "The Open Door" festival aims at promoting comprehensive development of theater art and upgrading skills of festival participants. In February, amateur theater groups, members of theater studios and clubs from this region and the Republic of Karelia take part in this festival. | — |
| | The festival of young opera stars "Opera Vita" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | The number of young opera-goers searching and finding values is growing today. However, not every spectator can afford capital theaters, and every capital theater can afford tours around the country. That's why theaters exchange with artists inviting them to take part in their performances. Musical theater of Karelia has put into practice for long time this method of acquainting our audience with opera and ballet artists from different theaters of Russia. The festival of young opera stars "Opera Vita" is one of those projects. Festival organizers plan to invite young stars of world opera for performances of the Musical theater and stage the gala concert of the opera classics with participation of guest artists. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mrteatr.ru • vk.com/mrteatr • vk.com/event188652525 |
| | VI open regional contest of young artists in Kem' | Kem', Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | The contest programme is on the terms of reference. | vk.com/public202109088 |
| January | District vocal-choir festival "Winter fairy tale" | Lahdenpohja, Lahdenpohja district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in January | The festival is held in two stages: the first stage goes in educational organizations. The second stage (final) goes in the assembly hall of the Art school. All participants are awarded with diplomas; directors of educational organizations, art trainers of soloists and ensembles are awarded with letters of gratitude for training their participants of the District vocal-choir festival "Winter fairy tale" Administration of the art school has got the right to award special diplomas and prizes. | — |

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| January | III National contest of performing art of children and youth named in honor of Georgy Sviridov | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | Contest audition is held in "Solo, instrumental and vocal art" in nominations of "fortepiano", "bowed instruments", "academic solo singing". Art achievements of winners and laureates are presented in the final concert. | vk.com/ sviridovkonkurs |
| February | Festival of the brass music in Kondopoga | Kondopoga, Kondopoga district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in February till 2019, in 2019 in November, on the National Unity day | Very symbolic idea of the festival is to unite in solidarity the church and laic choirs, people of different religions towards peace, kindness, understanding and love. Kondopoga brass music festival meets with support of people attracted to popularization of enlightenment, conservation of ethic and national cultural aspects, and involves new choirs from different parts of Karelia. | vk.com/ event179667872 |
| | Holiday-festival of the dance "the Magic shoe" | Suojarvi, Suojarvi region, Republic of Karelia | Annually in February | Holiday-festival of the dance "the Magic shoe" is held annually. Choreographic groups, solo artists of different ages, with different performances, from many cities and settlements of Karelia take part in this regional Holiday-festival of the dance. | vk.com/suoart |
| | International Finn-Ugric Folk Culture festival "Kanteletar" | Kostomuksha, Republic of Karelia | Annually in February | Finn-Ugric Folk Culture festival "Kanteletar" holds very special place. It is held annually in Kostomuksha since 2000. Karelian people have saved, taken care, and kept unique traces of their national identity, history and culture till our time. | vk.com/kscdrug |
| | Open regional contest of children's choirs "Wonderful country Sweet-voice" named in honour of G. Teratsujants. | Petrozavodsk | Once in 2 years in February | Festival participants are junior choirs from Petrozavodsk, Karelia and guests from Russia (more than 200 participants). The festival programme contains the following contests: audition of participants, art meetings with composers creating music for children's choir, muster classes, round tables for directors and teachers of children's choirs, gala-concert of the festival. | shkolaiskusstv.ru |

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| February | District festival of folklore and folk crafts "Winter evening, raschinai pochinki" | Lahdenpohja district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in February | Dancing, theater, instrumental teams and solo artists and experts of decorative and applied arts that keep and promote folklore traditions take part in this festival. Winter "pochinki" festival is held in Lahdenpohja children's art center since 2012. During this period, the festival became popular among children drew public attention. The format of Winter "pochinki" festival has changed and become more entertaining. Choir songs, folk dances games, contests and theatrical performances will take place in the festival. Every guest will gets in the ancient atmosphere, take part in master classes on handicrafts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> centrdt-children.ru/images/CENTER/DOC/ Metod_Shkatulka/ Zimnyaa_ vecheriva_ Olhovich_LG.pdf; vk.com/album38182227_259961186 |
| | Open regional festival-contest of young soloists of estrade songs "Young stars" | Sortavala | Annually in February | Contest is held in four nominations. Participants are at the age of 6-18 years old. The panel of judges consists of musicians, tutors. Winners shall be awarded with titles like grand-prix, laureate, diploma winner. | vk.com/ club76222470 |
| SPRING | "VARPUSET LEIKITÄH" (sparrow games) | Loukhi district, Republic of Karelia | | The festival has formed the panel of judges for choosing the winner. Profile experts and organizers are members of this panel. Results of the contest will be announced on the 17th of April 2021 at the end of the festival "VARPUSET LEIKITÄH" (sparrow games). | vk.com/ event195416169 |
| | T-ART | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years in spring or autumn | The festival is held as a viewing of performances with review of the professional jury, master-classes for participants, opening and awarding ceremonies. | vk.com/t_art_ptz |
| | V City Festival of young musicians of orchestra music instruments | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | Festival-concert in 2 parts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> svirms.krl.muzkult.ru vk.com/sviridov_ptz |
| | III Open regional contest of ensem- ble art of children and youth | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in two years | Contest auditions on Ensemble art go in the following nominations: "fortepiano ensemble", "Instrumental ensemble" (mixed ensembles), "Vocal ensemble", "ensembles of bowed string instruments"; performance of art achievements of winners and Contest laureates shall take place in the final online-concert. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> svirms.krl.muzkult.ru vk.com/ konkursansanbleiptz |

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| SPRING | International contest of musi- cians of folk instruments "Charm of singing strings" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in two years, in spring | Contest is held for several age groups in nominations: soloists, ensembles, orchestras of folk instruments; in nominations without age limits: Accompanist's art, instrumental music, and tutor's skills. Contest audition for nominations: ensembles, and soloists in groups of up to 9 years old run within 1 round; for groups 10 – 12 years old and tutors (without age limits), and all other age groups it runs within 2 rounds. | vk.com/ ocharovanieptz |
| March | Sport event of ice fishing "Avdeevskaya roach" | Avdeevo village Pudozh district, Republic of Karelia, Kupetskoe lake | Annually in March | Event programme includes: theatrical performance, sport ice fishing, contests and draw games, traditional fish meals, tea from the samovar, awards to winners in nominations. | vk.com/ club144079761 |
| | International festival of the folk music named in honor of V.F. Pjallinen | Kalevala settlement, Kalevala district, Republic of Karelia | Every last Saturday of March in uneven years in Kalevala, in even years in Kostomuksha | The Festival is held in the local Culture club of Kalevala. | — |
| | The National contest – festival of choreographic and singing art "Cloudberry" | Sortavala, sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Twice in a year (in March and November) | Over 1000 participants arrive to Karelia for this contest "Cloudberry". Karelia always welcomes guests and young artists who come to enjoy nature and try to get one more unknown song or to see one more unknown traditional karelian dance; this is a bright unique, remarkable project! It has got recognition of many participants from different cities of our motherland! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • horeograf.spb.ru/ moroshka • vk.com/ soyz_choreograf |
| | Festival "Shining of the North" | Loukhi district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in March | Festive ceremony of the opening, handicraft fair, master classes on folk dances of Karelia, folklore programme with circle dances, gala-concert of festival participants, awarding and close ceremony, that is the programme of the festival. | vk.com/ ssevernoe_ptz |

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| March | National contest of the performance prowess of tutors and accompanists from children' music schools, art schools and specialised secondary schools | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | Contest auditions on nominations: solo, instrumental and vocal performance; ensemble performance; professional-accompanist' performance; young accompanist nomination, performance of arts of the winners and laureates of the contest in the final concert. | — |
| | National choir assembly "Laulu" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | The story of the children's choir assembly "Laulu" (the song in the translation from Finnish) started in 1989. The aim of the assembly is conservation and development of traditions of children's choir singing in the Republic of Karelia, revealing and maintenance of the best children's choirs, talented accompanists. Every choir assembly is more than 500 participants and performance of the best choirs from the whole Russia. 18 regional festivals of the choir art have been held with the support of the Ministry of Culture of Karelia and Ministry of education and youth of Karelia and administration of Petrozavodsk. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muzhor.krl.muzkult.ru/assambleya/ • vk.com/laulu |
| | Festival – contest of the chamber music "Let's fill the hearts with music" in the framework of the international festival movement "Together" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years, in March | Young musicians, students from music and art schools, secondary and high music schools take part in this festival. The age of participants varies from 6 to 23 years old. Instrumental ensembles with different staffs up to 9 people (bowed-string, folk and brass), fortepiano ensemble, and vocal with fortepiano are the participants. Professional jury awards laureates of different age groups and nominations with diplomas. The programme contains different activities like contest auditions, gala-concerts, thematic concerts, master classes, art meetings. | shkolaiskusstv.ru |

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| March | National Olympiad on solfeggio | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years, in March | Participation in the Olympiad facilitates enhancement of art activities of students, development of intellectual and awareness abilities of children. Olympiad tasks are formed according to demands of the programme of the subject "solfeggio" additional pre-professional educational programmes in music art and general educational programmes of the art trend in children's music and art schools. Olympiad promotes guidance counseling owing to succession in music and art schools, and departments of theoretic disciplines in profile educational institutions of culture and art, creates conditions for experience exchange, art communication between trainees and trainers. | shkolaiskusstv.ru |
| | Republic contest of the performance prowess "Open Format" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually in March | Since 2012 the school festival "Art initiative" has been held in the department of general esthetic education of the "children's music and choir school". After the VI festival in 2016 the "Art initiative" transformed into the city contest of the performance prowess "Open Format". In 2017 the contest enhanced its borders and moved to the republic level. Over 100 participants from children's music and art schools of the Republic of Karelia take part in the contest. 595 participants at the age of 8-17 years old from children's music and choir school, music and art schools of Petrozavodsk, Olonets, Kem, Segezha, Kondopoga, Kostomuksha, Belomorsk, Suojarvi, Medvezhegorsk, Sortavala, Prjazha, Ladva, Shuja, Chalna, Nadvoitsy, Essoila have taken part in the contest within 5 years. | muzhor.krl. muzkult.ru/ Otkryti_format |
| | Open regional festival-contest of theater groups "Let's make the good" | Sortavala, Sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in March | The contest is held in 5 age categories. Participants perform art works in different genres. The jury panel of musicians, tutors and producers evaluates the works and awards winners with titles: grand-prix, laureate and diploma winner. | vk.com/ club76222470 |

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| March | Interdistrict festival contest of the folk art of elder people "Age is not a barrier for art" | Segezha, Segezha district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in March - April | Solo artists and vocal and dancing groups may take part in the Interdistrict festival contest of the folk art of elder people "Age is not a barrier for art". There are the following nominations and genders: solo singing, choir and ensemble singing, vocal duets and trio, choreography, instrumental gender, art of declamation, handicrafts. Age of the participants is 50 and elder. | vk.com/ mby.rckd.seg.karjala |
| April | Festival "Dances without rules" | Sortavala, Sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | — | — |
| | Festival of the children's and youth choreographic groups "Dancing Klondike" | Segezha, Segezha district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | The festival exists 17 years. Festival participants are children and young people at the age of 5 – 18 years. Participants perform their arts and exchange experience. Participation is free of charge | vk.com/ mby.rckd.seg.karjala |
| | Festival of theater groups "Theater wagon" | Segezha, Segezha district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | The festival exists 17 years. The groups perform both stage plays and miniatures. During the festivals participants exchange experience, make master classes. The age of participants is not limited. | vk.com/ mby.rckd.seg.karjala |
| | Festival of songs, dances and instrumental performance "Waltz of the Victory" | Nadvoitsy, Segezha region, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | War songs sound in the festival; the artists perform choreographic art and play instrumental music of the war theme. | vk.com/ club116330847 |
| | Festival "The Price of Victory" | Haalalampi village, Sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | The Festival "The Price of Victory" is held in the framework of activities devoted to the Day of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War. The aim of the festival is to raise interest of students to the national history in general and to the Great Patriotic War particularly. The festival runs in two rounds: the first round goes in schools, and the second round – in the culture center in Zaozerny settlement. Participants may sing songs, make theatrical performances, stage plays, and declaim prose or poems. Individual and group participation is allowed. | vk.com/club33371973 |

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| April | "Shuya stars" | Shuya settlement, Prionezhsky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | The Festival-contest is held in 2 rounds (the selective round and the final concert). Repertoire of artists is as follows: songs, dances, music, poems, prose (soviet, Russian, foreign etc.), the nominations are vocal, choreography, declamation art, playing musical instruments. | vk.com/shuja_dk |
| | District festival – contest of the choreographic art "Stars of the dance" | Muezersky settlement, Muezersky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in April | Contest programme includes dancing performances with theatrical elements | — |
| | International children's and youth music and theater festival "Golden Keys" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 3 years, in April | The festival "Golden Keys" is a meeting place for children's and youth theater groups from Russia and foreign countries. Music premieres, synthesis of arts, innovations, special atmosphere. Acquaintance with unique culture, traditions and nature of Karelia through marathon of theater performances, contest of schizzo, master classes, press clubs, exhibitions of children's art works. | shkolaiskusstv.ru |
| | National children's and youth contest of the chamber and instrumental music "The Wand of maestro" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years, in April | Two rounded advanced contest of the performance prowess. Compulsory programme contains 2 multifarious plays, one of them belongs to the Baroque epoch composer, or the play with an ancient music before the Classicism epoch; the second round offers concerts for soloists with orchestras. The contest gathered many participants from Russia and foreign countries and proved itself as a high professional competition. The Jury consists of culture experts. The most remarkable feature of this project is the work of the graduate from the children's music and choir school Nikolay Saratovsky the outstanding pianist and tutor of the international level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muzhor.krl.muzkult.ru/volshebnyaya_palochka • vk.com/club181587954 |
| | Festival of amateur theaters | Kalevala, Kalevala district, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years by even years, the third Saturday of April | The festival lasts 3 days by running performances in the culture center of Kalevala, there are also held fairs and master classes. | vk.com/kalevalacult |

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| April | XV open school festival contest for students of the fortepiano course “I play on the grand piano” | Kem', Republic of Karelia | Annually | The contest programme is held in accordance with the regulations. | kemmusic.ru |
| | The Zonal festival of fortepiano music “Snowdrop” | Pitkaranta district (in one of the towns of the Northern Ladoga area: Pitkaranta, Suojarvi, Sortavala, Olonets, Lahdenpohja), Republic of Karelia | Annually in April or May | The Zonal festival of fortepiano music is held annually in one of the towns of the Northern Ladoga area. In 1991, the musical school of Pitkaranta organized this festival. Young pianists from Ladoga area and from Petrozavodsk and Lodeinoe Pole take part in this festival. School tutors, and teachers from the Petrozavodsk musical college named in honor of K.E. Rautio form the jury panel. The programme contains master classes, round tables for teachers, concerts of the students from the Petrozavodsk college and conservatory. Sightseeing tours and visits to museums are offered to the festival participants in order acquaint with neighbor cities. | — |
| | The zonal festival of the choir music “Ladoga dawning” | Pitkaranta district (in one of the towns of the Northern Ladoga area: Pitkaranta, Suojarvi, Sortavala, Olonets, Lahdenpohja), Republic of Karelia | Annually in April or May | In 2020 the festival celebrated jubilee. Regular festival participants are choirs from musical schools of Pitkaranta, Sortavala, Olonets. Over the years the choirs from musical schools of Lahdenpohja and Lodeinoe Pole and art palace of Kondopoga, senior and junior choirs of Il'insky settlement, Laulu and Tellervo choirs from Petrozavodsk took part in this festival. This Festival helps to upgrade the performance quality of children's choir musical schools and motivates choir art among children and adults. | — |
| | The zonal festival of folk instruments' players “Ladoga” | Pitkaranta district (in one of the towns of the Northern Ladoga area: Pitkaranta, Suojarvi, Sortavala, Olonets, Lahdenpohja), Republic of Karelia | Annually in April or May | Children from schools of Pitkaranta, Sortavala, Olonets, Suojarvi, Lahdenpohja, Il'insky, Vartsila participate in the festival. Regular festival participants are orchestras of Russian folk instruments from schools of Pitkaranta, and Olonets. The audience of different cities enjoy the sounds of button accordion, accordion, domra, balalaika, guitar, kantele. Many times the music of the composer Viktor Kramarenko the teacher musical school of Pitkaranta was performed in the festival. This festival raises great interest among people of The Northern Ladoga towns. | — |

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| May | Dance festival | Kalevala settlement, Kalevala district, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years by even years in the first week- end of May | Festival is held in the following directions: classical dance, folk-stage adopted dance, folk dance (performance of a dance in tradition of any nationality), modern dance, ballroom dance. | vk.com/kalevalacult |
| | "Kondopoga dawning" | Kondopoga district, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years in May (Kondopoga), in November (Jamsa) | <p>Festival contest of the amateur art and amateur music performing "the binding line of the alive art"</p> <p>1. Festival nominations</p> <p>1.1. Instrumental solo art (fortepiano, bowed-string, folk, brass and percussion instruments);</p> <p>1.2. Instrumental group art (ensembles, orchestras of different staff);</p> <p>1.3. Vocal art – Estrada vocal (soloists and ensembles of max. 12 persons); - folk vocal (soloists and ensembles of max. 12 persons);</p> <p>1.4. Declamation art (this nomination implies the district contest "love you my land");</p> <p>1.5. Visual art (this nomination implies the contest "the pearl of land of the Karelians"); the contest of professional prowess "Kondopoga dawning" named in honor of the composer Gennady Vavilov.</p> <p>1. Contest nominations</p> <p>1.1. "Singing well spring" two compositions of Vavilov with the total length max. 6-8 min. for junior age group and 10-12 min. for an art master group;</p> <p>1.2. music art (soloists) – fortepiano, bow-string instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass-viol) – folk instruments (button accordion, accordion, guitar, struck string); brass and percussion instruments; two multifarious compositions with the total length 6-8 min. karelian composers are preferable, and also own settings and arrangements. For junior age group and Art-master group – 10-12 min.</p> <p>1.3. Musical group art (orchestra, ensemble of different staff, fortepiano ensemble, accompanists, chamber class) two concert items with total max. length 8 min. folk songs or karelian compositions are preferable.</p> <p>1.4. vocal art of choirs, ensembles, soloists (academic vocal) two multifarious compositions with the total length 8 min, folk songs or karelian compositions are preferable.</p> | vk.com/club88912884 |

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| May | I Republic online festival of children's musical art "New generation about the great victory" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | Festival – concert, where participants perform one composition at option, relevant to the festival theme. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> svirms.krl.muzkult.r vk.com/novoe pokolenieovelikoi pobede |
| | I national festival of children's musical art "Small sparkles" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | Contest audition as per nominations: solo performance (fortepiano, string and bow instruments, academic solo singing, button accordion, accordion, domra, balalaika, flute); ensembles – duets, trio (ensemble staff at option), presentation of art achievements of festival laureates in the final concert. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> svirms.krl.muzkult.ru vk.com/sviridov_ptz |
| | International festival of arts "Onego-classic" | Petrozavodsk, Kondopoga, Republic of Karelia | Annually | The festival gathers extra class artists, outstanding masters of art, on the stage of the Karelian state philharmonic hall and offers to audience original interesting programmes full of rare styled combinations of non-standard instrumental ensembles, favorite and new music for Karelia. Petrozavodsk successfully keeps the rate of one of the music capitals of Russia and this spring festival on the lake shore of Onego definitely strengthens this tradition. | — |
| SUMMER June | Festival "The Pomor shore" | Sumsky Posad, Belomorsk district, Republic of Karelia | Annually 26-27 of June in the day of St. Eliseus Sumsky | Festival is held two days in the historic part of the village on the riverbank of Suma. The first day: performances of art groups, handicraft fair; the second day: church and regatta. | vk.com/ anokvartal |
| | Folklore event " By the lake Kupetskoie" | Avdeevo vil. Pudozh district, Republic of Karelia | Once in two years, in June | Singing old songs of Pudozh land, sagas, fairy tales of local singers, acquaintance with life and household of Avdeevo villagers through house utensils, handicrafts' fairs, cookery trade, master classes, folk and modern songs and dances. | vk.com/ club144079761 |
| | I interdistrict festival of the academic music and bell art "Musical Lahdenpohja" (successor of the annual interdistrict bell ring festival "The Bell") | Lahdenpohja, Lahdenpohja district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in June | Exhibition performances and experience exchange with relevance to the tasks of the festival. | — |

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| June | Republic festival of children's and youth puppet theaters "Kuklantida" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years, at the beginning of June. It was held in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 | <p>Republic festival of children's and youth puppet theaters "Kuklantida" is a contest and thematic festival showing the level of amateur puppet theaters in Karelia. It differs from other children's theater festivals by the organizer, the professional theater. Initially two Ministries of Culture and Education have established this festival. Though the Ministry of Education of RK refused to support the festival about 20 years ago, the festival keeps positioning itself as an educational center for children from districts of Karelia.</p> <p>The regular participants – theater groups "Aurinko" from Rugozero, "Balaganchik" from Vartsila, "Rodnichek" from Kalevala, "Dobry Dom" from Sortavala, etc. realized importance of theaters promoted by children and year by year they impress spectators, colleagues and jury with their imagination and art energy. Ministry of Culture of RK maintain the festival to the best of its ability. In the years when the festival does not have any money, the theater-organizer and participants cover its expenses. In 2019 owing to grant support of the Ministry of Culture "Kuklantida" invited 95 persons from districts of Karelia and secured them proper accommodation and meals. In the years when the festival does not have any money, theaters come on their own expenses and pay accommodation themselves. Mostly they come for one day to make the performance and get critical resonance. The theater groups cannot take part in master classes and this fact impoverishes the festival. Master classes are always practical, they demonstrate to children and theater directors the main techniques to use these offered methods with children themselves.</p> <p>Traditionally the programme consists of three-four days, 5-6 performances a day then professional analysis by the jury and master classes on puppetry (puppet driving), stage movements, stage declamation, plastic art, etc. the theatricalized opening begins the festival and at the end the theatricalized close and awards. Arriving children are offered the cultural programme.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vk.com/ club87340841 • facebook.com/ groups/ 1265029726948410 |

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| June | International festival of rural humor "Kindasovo" | Kindasovo vil. Prjazha district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in June | The festival is held in several places of the village Kindasovo. Theatricalized show, concerts, and happy ticket drawing happen in the central place. Event starts in the morning and ends in the evening. Number of guests varies from 700 to 1500. | vk.com/kindascity |
| | Republic festival of the Karelian pie kalitka | Sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually second Saturday of June | The festival of karelian pie is a gastronomic festival. It is the annual summer, funny tasty and cosy like home event, dedicated to national karelian pie – kalitka, it is held in the hotel complex Piipun Piha in Sortavala since 2014. Guests take part in master classes on baking pies, making souvenirs, playing karelian gorodki (kuukka), they can purchase handicrafts, watch folklore groups of Karelia, support participants of the culinary contest "Kalitka kalitochka" that happens among catering companies and city organizations in two nominations : Firm recipe" and "The smallest kalitochka". The peculiarity and pride of the festival is that all pies are made by hands by cooks of the restaurant Piipun Piha and café Relax without semi-products. Historically traditional karelian pies have produced in Carryaway in Sortavala district since 1971. This year we celebrate the 50 anniversary of this tradition. Annually the festival welcomes guests from Karelia, Russia, Finland and widely highlighted in regional and federal mass media. Aims and tasks of the festival are conservation and promotion of karelian culture and traditions, conservation of national identity of Karelian citizens, for guests it is acquaintance with culture and traditions of karelians through gastronomy, promotion of active life. | — |
| | National festival contest of the children's pop song "On the shores of Ladoga" | Sortavala, Sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in June, July | The contest is held in two nominations: children's pop singing and an orthodox spiritual song. Participants are at the age of 6 – 18. Musicians and teachers represent the jury. Contest participants are awarded with titles grand-prix, laureate, diploma winner. | vk.com/ club76222470 |

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| July | Festival of the ethnic music "Sommelo" | Kalevala, Haikola, Kalevala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually, first weekend of July. Sometimes spring Sommelo is held in March | Every year the festival has got a new theme, and this theme defines the participants. Activities include different concerts, courses, public lectures, and art fairs. | sommelo.net/ru |
| | Festival "Pyhä Päiväine" | Shoksha, Prionezhsky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in the second Sunday of July | The aim of the festival is to conserve, and transfer the history, traditions, ceremonies, celebrations, music and household of the small motherland to the new generation, local Vepsian people and guests of the festival. | vk.com/ club59919789 |
| | International art festival | Kostomuksha, Republic of Karelia | Annually in July | Karelia has got great traditions, authentic folk music history, it enhances its cooperation, joins the general cultural process. International art festival became an peculiar visit card of Kostomuksha. Conserving for many years its high art level the festival is progressing moving towards renewal of genre frames and widening its art boundaries. | vk.com/kscdrug |
| | Festival "The Russian song – the soul of folks" | Krasnoborsky, Pudozh district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in July | The Festival "The Russian song – the soul of folks" unites the fans and artists of the Russian song. The festival is held in the village day. Participants present the programme, the performance of the ensembles should not last longer than 15 minutes, for soloists not more than 2 songs. The programme must have folk song folklore or performance of fragments of folk events, ceremonies. | vk.com/ public196129689 |
| | Kizhi regatta in Velikaya Guba | Velikaya Guba vil. Medvezhegorsky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually | Boat racing is "Kizhi regatta in Velikaya Guba" and participants may try their strength and skills in steering. | vk.com/mkycoy |

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| July | International organ festival Grande Orgue | Palace of arts, Kondopoga, Republic of Karelia | Annually | The festival is held in the unique in Russia hall with two stand-alone organs. Solo and ensemble concerts of organ music run during the festival. In the concerts, the organ music sounds in combination with other music instruments and vocal and individual light accompaniment. There are arranged late evening concerts. Except well-known compositions of XVI-XX centuries, the festival reveals new music including national music compositions. | — |
| August | International festival "Singing stones" | Kolatselga, ore park "Tulmozero", Prjazha district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in august | Festival is held on the main stage and other locations of the Ore park. Number of visitors varies from 150 to 250. | vk.com/tulmozeree |
| | Village event "The day of Zaonezhje" | Tolvuja, Medvezhegorsky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in august | The event is held in three villages of Zaonezhje (by order), Tolvuja, Shunga and Velikaya Guba. | vk.com/ public173991057 |
| | Military and historic festival "Osudareva doroga" | Povenets, Medvezhegorsky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in august | Reconstruction of historic events, concert programme. | vk.com/ hram.povenec |

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| August | International festival of the folk music "Kantele" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 4 years, in August | International festival of the folk music "Kantele" has the aim to revive, develop and promote national string instruments. In 2018 International festival of the folk music "Kantele" lasted 10 months and had 3 important rounds. The contest on creation of the new composition for the music symbol of Karelia started in January. 18 professional composers and amateur authors from different regions of Russia and Finland took part in it. From 25 to 30 of June, in Karelia there was held an international ethno session of junior artists playing on traditional instruments of Barents region countries "Kantele CAMP"; junior musicians at the age of 16 – 24 years old from Komi Republic, Archangel, Nenets autonomous region, Karelia and Finland took part in it. Ethno-session has got a success, experienced tutors from Karelia and Finland trained young musicians to extemporize and smoothly join the sounds of folk and modern music instruments. The project resulted in the joint music programme performed in Petrozavodsk on 25-27 of October, there were also held final festival activities like a contest of junior musicians of national string instruments and a gala concert of participants. Festival founders are the Ministry of Culture of Russia, Ministry of Culture of Karelia. Organizers are the center of folk art and cultural initiatives of Karelia, Foundation of support and development of cultural initiatives, Partners are the State Russian House of Folk Art named in honor of V.D. Polenov, Council of the Barents Euro arctic region, National ensemble of song and dance of Karelia "Kantele". | vk.com/kantelefest |
| | International music festival "Music wave" ("Muuzikkualdo") | Olonets, Bolshaya Selga, Vidlitsa, Olonets district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in August | There is a tradition that festival participants perform on the stages of Olonets district, residential establishment in Vidlitsa, village day in Bolshaya Selga, city park in Olonets. The final festival event the main concert is held in the art center of Olonets. | — |
| | Music festival "Ruskeala Symphony" | Rock park Ruskeala, Sortavala district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in August | Music festival "Ruskeala Symphony" is symphony of music and nature. The Festival appeared owing to initiative of Arthur Parfenchikov, the head of the Republic of Karelia in 2017. This event became the case in cultural and tourist life of Russia; immediately it was listed in the Top 15 regional events of Russia. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • olon-rayon.ru • vk.com/olon_rayon • vk.com/ctd_olonets |

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| AUTUMN | International theater festival “Lift. Karelia. Young theater” | Petrozavodsk, Olonets, Republic of Karelia | Once in 4 years | The theme of the festival is reflected in the subtitle “Young theater”; this is the theater of young people, for young people and about young people. The poster unites performances with the age limit from 6+ to 18+. “Lift proposes multilayer approach to what is to be done to make theater interesting for teenagers and youth. More than a half of festival performances are staged on the modern dramaturgy. Thus the festival “Lift. Karelia. Young theater” allows to see the outlines of real changes that happen in us, in the mirror of one of the most public important arts – the theater. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liftkarelia.ru • vk.com/liftkarelia |
| | International contest of young journalists “21 century. Time and we” | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 3 years | Youngsters and teenagers from Russia and foreign countries at the age of 12 – 22 years old take part in the contest. The Contest is held in one round (by correspondence). Participants present written art works in different mass media genres (review, correspondence, report, interview, article, essay). | shkolaiskusstv.ru |
| September | Festival contest “Upwards! Meet the dream” | Novaya Vilga, Prionezhsky district, Republic of Karelia | Annually from September to November | Festival contest is held in two rounds (selective and final concert). Participants are evaluated by two categories vocal and dance. Every category is divided into three age groups. | vk.com/ clubprionegocultura |
| October | Festival of the vendace | Voknavolok, Kostomuksha city district, Republic of Karelia | Annually in October | Festival of vendace it is new bright festival presenting and maintaining traditional karelian fish craft by using traditional and innovative activity formats. Except contest rounds the festival presents music culinary and craft activities. | vk.com/centrsreda |
| November | International festival contest of fortepiano music of Barents region countries “Northern Light” | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years, in November | The contest is held in 5 nominations: fortepiano solo, fortepiano ensemble, accompanists' prowess, (with illustrator for younger than 18 years old). Extemporization (any music instrument, vocal, individual or group extemporization). | vk.com/ ssevernoe_ptz |
| | Festival of the children's music art “The Russian soul” dedicated to the National Unity Day | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | Festival concert. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • svirms.krl.muzkult.ru • vk.com/sviridov_ptz |

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| November | Blitz fest "Rock time" | Kostomuksha, Republic of Karelia | Annually in November | Rock time – festival in Kostomuksha is for real fans and followers of the rock music. For those whose hearts are eager to enjoy the autumn rock festival the greatest event of the year. The big stage of the cultural center "Druzhba" welcomes Kostomuksha musicians, guests from Karelia and other regions of Russia. | vk.com/rockvkoste |
| | International choir festival contest "Vivat boys!" named in honor of Sofia Os'kina | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | The choir festival "Vivat boys!" was held very first time in 2004. It was initiated by the municipal choir of boys "Vivat" of the music choir school. This festival was established by the administration of Petrozavodsk and named in honor of Sofia Os'kina – the excellent tutor, Honored Cultural Worker of Russia, Honored artist of Karelia, laureate of the national award. For the years of existing, the festival made a great contribution to choir movement in Russia. Nowadays it is the only choir festival in the North-west Russia where every participant may perform his results, share experience, receive professional assistance from masters and discuss important issues of choir education of boys and youngsters. Every year the number of participants and geographical spread grow (28 choirs and vocal ensembles took part in the IX Festival, totally 545 persons). Many excellent choirs have participated in the festival, they are from the whole Russia, from Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Ekaterinburg, Kaluga, Velikiy Novgorod, Izhevsk, Chelyabinsk, Novaya Ladoga, Orel, Kirovsk, Kem', Obninsk, Archangel, Zelenograd, Velikie Luki, Kostroma, Ufa, Vologda, Mytishi, Zheleznodorozhny, Murmansk, Mirny, Polarnye Zori, Ivanovo, Konakovo, Rjazan', Kasimov, Vladimir, Kemerovo, Apatity, Petrozavodsk, Sortavala, Pitkaranta, Segezha, Medvezhegorsk, Kondopoga, and also foreign choirs and ensembles from Finland (Oulu), Belorussia (Minsk), Estonia (Narva). Forms of the festival contest get upgraded. Except contest auditions of choirs and ensembles, jury members and leading accompanists of Russia and foreign countries arrange master classes, solo concerts, vocal contest "Bravo Maestro", round table for choir masters, sightseeing tour for participants, sport events for choirs and ensembles, and football match of joint teams. Scientific and practical conference on choir prowess and children's multimedia conference have held for choirmasters. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muzhor.krl.muzkult.ru • vk.com/club309624 • e-mail: vivatfest@yandex.ru |

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| November | Republic contest of musicians on folk instruments "Petrovskie samotsvety" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | In 2016 the folk music instruments' department of the "Junior music and choir school" opened the City open contest of musicians on folk instruments "Petrovskie samotsvety". In 2018 the contest "Petrovskie samotsvety" enhanced its boundaries and moved to the republic level. Every year about 80 trainees from junior music schools and art schools of Karelia participate in the contest. Within 5 years 441 trainees from junior music schools and art schools of Petrozavodsk, Olonets, Kem', Segezha, Kondopoga, Belomorsk, Suojarvi, Medvezhegorsk, Prjazha, Shuya, Chalna, Nadvoitsy, Essoila, at the age of 7 – 17 years old have taken part in the contest. In 2020 the geographical spread enhanced and participants from Apatity Murmansk region, Tikhvin, Leningradskaya oblast' took part in this contest. | muzhor.krl.muzkult.ru/samotsvety |
| | Open republic vocal contest "Singing bird" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Annually | The contest is held in two nominations academic and pop vocal. In the pop nomination, there are categories a song from a movie or cartoon, musical, a pop song in Russian, a pop song in the foreign language – jazz. Number of nominations is not limited. Grand-prix of the nomination of the pop vocal is awarded to the participant who has performed in 2 and more nominations and categories (if a soloist or an ensemble have performed minimum 2 different compositions in different nominations of the academic vocal, or categories of the pop vocal). | vk.com/pticapevchaya |
| December Festivals without binding to any season | International festival contest of junior pianists "The world and Music. Russia and Poland" | Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | It was established in 2010. This was the first contest of instrumental music in the history of the junior music and choir school and it appeared by the 200 anniversary of the birthday of the great Polish composer Frédéric Chopin. Within 10 years, partners of the festival contest have been General Consulate of the Republic of Poland in St. Petersburg, Music school of the I and II grade named in honor of M. Karlovitch, in Katowice (Republic of Poland), Petrozavodsk state conservatory named of A. Glazunov. For 10 years 572 soloists and 133 fortepiano ensembles from Poland, Estonia, Belorussia, Tadzhikistan, Karelia and many cities of Russia have taken part in the contest. The age of participants is from 6 to 19 years old. | vk.com/club3669076 |

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| December Festivals without binding to any season | IV municipal contest of junior pianists of Kem' | Kem', Republic of Karelia | Once in 2 years | Upgrade of performance prowess of trainees from the fortepiano department. | kemmusic.ru |
| | Barents ecological film festival | Petrozavodsk | Annually | See objectives. | — |
| | International festival of arts "the white nights of Karelia" | Petrozavodsk | Annually | Bright music programmes, well-known names, outstanding masters of world culture, top professional level and spirituality make this festival not only the most important, significant event in cultural life of Karelia, but one of the most interesting festivals of Russia. | — |

