

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL – BLAME IT ALL ON CHAMPAGNE!

DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN THE ESTONIAN NATIONAL OPERA AND BALLET

Hosts: **Karis Trass, René Soom**
Conductors: **Lauri Sirp, Martin Trudnikov**
Stage Director: **René Soom**
Designers: **Kristjan Suits, Reili Evart**
Lighting Designer: **Rasmus Rembel**
Choreographer: **Marina Kesler**
Chorus Master: **Martin Trudnikov**
Soloists: **Kadri Raalik, Karis Trass, Kadri Nirgi, Tanja Mihhailova, Raivo E Tamm, Reigo Tamm, Heldur Harry Põlda, René Soom**
Estonian National Opera Orchestra and Choir, Estonian National Ballet

On the final evening of the year, the Estonian National Opera and Ballet open its doors to an enchanting masquerade ball. In a single night, the elegance of the Viennese waltz and the Budapest csárdás come together!

PROGRAMME

Opening waltz at 19.30. Doors open at 18.30, with entry through the Estonian National Opera foyer. Welcome drinks served until 19.20. Cafés and bars open from 18.30 to 01.00. The building closes at 01.30. Box office open from 11.00 to 21.30

18.30–19.20 Welcome drink and cold buffet in the **Estonia Restaurant**. Advance reservations required.

19.00–21.15 Welcome drink and cold buffet in the **Pizzicato** café. Bar is open. Advance reservations required.

19.00–19.30 **Tõnu Naissoo** sets the mood at the piano in the **White Hall**.

19.00–19.30 **The Mikk Kaasik Trio** performs in the **Blue Hall**, featuring Mikk Kaasik on piano, Felix Verlin on bass guitar and Henri Paul Pukk on drums.

19.30–20.00 **Opening waltz** and dancing in the **Estonia Concert Hall**, with music by the Orchestra of the Estonian National Opera and Ballet, conducted by **Martin Trudnikov.**

20.00–20.40 **Tõnu Naissoo** sets the mood at the piano in the **White Hall.**

20.00–20.20 **The Mikk Kaasik Trio** performs in the **Blue Hall**, featuring Mikk Kaasik on piano, Felix Verlin on bass guitar and Henri Paul Pukk on drums, while magician Meelis Kubo adds a touch of magic to the evening.

20.00–21.00 Hot buffet at the **Estonia Restaurant**. Advance reservations required.

20.30–21.00 **Dancing** in the **Estonia Concert Hall**, with music by the Orchestra of the Estonian National Opera and Ballet, conducted by **Martin Trudnikov**.

21.00–21.20 **Tõnu Naissoo** sets the mood at the piano in the **White Hall.**

21.00–21.20 **The Mikk Kaasik Trio** performs in the **Blue Hall**, featuring Mikk Kaasik on piano, Felix Verlin on bass guitar and Henri Paul Pukk on drums.

21.30–22.40 **New Year's Eve concert performance: "Blame It All on Champagne!" in the Theatre Hall.**
Who will kiss at midnight? Who will tell the most convincing lie? Who will dance as if their heart were breaking? In a single night, the elegance of the Viennese waltz, the passion of the Budapest csárdás and the sparkling energy of the Parisian cancan come together. As the orchestra strikes up and champagne corks fly, an unforgettable night begins!

22.40–01.00 Preordered **sweet snacks** in the **Estonia restaurant**. Advance reservations required.

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22.50–23.40 **Dancing** continues in the **Estonia Concert Hall** as the **Estonian Dream Bigband** takes to the stage, led by Siim Aimla.

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23.00–23.30 **DJ Heldur Harry Põlda** wins hearts with disco hits at Café **Colombina**.

23.55–00.00 Welcome in the New Year in the Estonia Concert Hall. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

00.20–01.00 The disco continues at Café Colombina with **DJ Heldur Harry Põlda** on the decks.

The ball menu has been created by Alo Stamm, Head Chef of the Estonian National Opera and Ballet.