

RUNGE SOMMER 2027

MAY TO OCTOBER 2027

Full programme for the 250th birthday
of Philipp Otto Runge



THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AT A GLANCE

2026 — THE PRELUDE

23 July to 31 October: touring exhibition “... und grüße gelegentlich ...” (... and give my regards when you can ...) (Rungehaus) · 1 September to 31 March 2027: papercutting competition “Aus Papier Welten schneiden” (Cutting out Worlds from Paper) · 22 September: 3rd public forum on the programme of the Rungesommer 2027 (Civic Hall) · 26 September: bridge festival marking 30 years of the Peene bridge, with a light show, a lantern boat parade and the unveiling of the love lock sculpture “Wir Zwei” (We Two) · 29 September: press event of MV Tourismus GmbH (German-Swedish Chamber of Commerce, Stockholm) · 3 October: Open Day with an information stand and hands-on activities (Representation of the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania to the Federal Government, Berlin) · 10 October: 5th Manufakturtag – Handwerk zum Anfassen (Crafts Day) (Museum of Town History) · 31 October: theatre performance “Von dem Machandelboom” (The Juniper Tree) at Halloween (Tierpark Wolgast / zoo) · 12 November: musical reading “... und bleib bewundernd stehen” (... and pause in admiration) (Runge-Saal of the Hamburger Kunsthalle) · December: puppet theatre Kasperline “Von dem Fischer un syner Fru” (The Fisherman and His Wife) (Museum of Town History)

2027 — THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR

2 May

Opening of the new permanent exhibition
Rungehaus

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Launch of “Buntes Band”: a digital town trail with colour-coded themed routes
Old Town

8 May

Opening of the 1st temporary exhibition: Henning Wagenbreth and Sophia Martineck
Rungehaus

8 May

Presentation of the results of the papercutting competition “Aus Papier Welten schneiden” (Cutting out Worlds from Paper)
Rungehaus

22 May to 24 July

37th Landeskunstschau (art exhibition of the federal state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania)
Church Square School

29 May

Participatory concert for children “Buttje, Buttje in de See” (Flounder, Flounder in the Sea)
Hall of the Wolgast-Anklam music school

June

Play about Philipp Otto Runge, “Das Wesen der Farben” (The Nature of Colours)
Fireplace Room, Historic Town Hall

5 June

“Runge's Fliegende Farbenkugel” (Runge's Flying Colour Sphere) – A historical re-enactment
Runge Square

26 June

Opening of the three-part special exhibition “Der Traum vom Ganzen – Philipp Otto Runge in Wolgast” (The Dream of Wholeness), with a concert
Museum of Town History · St Peter's Church

26/27 June

1st Festival Weekend with a children's programme, music, dance, theatre and much more
Runge Square · Town Harbour · Rungehaus · Museum of Town History · Old Town · Am Fischmarkt · Town Hall Square

23 July

Official ceremony for the 250th birthday of Philipp Otto Runge · presentation of the “Zeiten” cycle · festive public dinner · symphonic ballet “Von dem Fischer un syner Fru” (The Fisherman and His Wife) · interactive presentation of the Runge comic
Runge Square · St Gertrud's Chapel · Ship Hall at the Town Harbour · Am Fischmarkt

23 to 25 July

2nd Festival Weekend: children's programme, theatre, concert, light show and much more
Runge Square · Town Harbour · Rungehaus · Museum of Town History · Old Town · Am Fischmarkt · Town Hall Square

24 July

Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night)

Old Town · Town Harbour · Am Fischmarkt · Town Hall Square

19 to 21 August

Fabmobil – a mobile future workshop on tour

Runge Square

21/22 August

3rd Festival Weekend: children's programme, Robert Lillinger's composition for string quartet, inspired by Runge's "Zeiten" cycle, literature, live bands and much more

Runge Square · Town Harbour · Rungehaus · Museum of Town History · Old Town · Am Fischmarkt · Town Hall Square

September

Concert as part of the Usedom Music Festival

St Peter's Church

20 September

Children's festival

Old Town

9 October

6th Manufakturtag – Handwerk zum Anfassen (Crafts Day)

Museum of Town History

15–17 October

Wolgast Symposium "Romantik : Religion : Revolution"

Museum of Town History · Rungehaus

31 October

Theatre performance "Von dem Machandelboom" (The Juniper Tree) at Halloween

Tierpark Wolgast (zoo)

Vorpommersche Landesbühne: Hafenfestspiele Wolgast 2027, from 19 June to 21 August 2027, every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

EXHIBITIONS

Four formats shape the exhibition year. The new permanent exhibition at the Rungehaus opens new perspectives on the life and work of Philipp Otto Runge. Alongside it stands the three-part special exhibition, with original works as changing “birthday guests”. Contemporary interpretations and workshop formats on the many sides of Runge’s work complete the programme.

2 May

New permanent exhibition, Rungehaus

Runge’s birthplace itself becomes the narrative. On a circular route, visitors can immerse themselves in the world of the early Romantic painter. Interactive and immersive exhibition rooms invite them to rediscover the singular work of this universal artist and visionary. For the first time, the complexity of Runge’s art is conveyed in an intuitive and accessible way.

2 May

Launch of “Buntes Band”, Old Town

At the same time as the permanent exhibition, the digital town trail with its colour-coded themed routes opens. Five routes connect authentic places in the old town. All of them start at the Stadtinformation (tourist information).

from May

Temporary exhibitions, Rungehaus

Works by invited artists, together with group exhibitions and workshops.

8 May**Henning Wagenbreth and Sophia Martineck, Rungehaus**

A joint exhibition by the Berlin illustrators and comic artists.

8 May**Results of the papercutting competition, Rungehaus**

The competition “Aus Papier Welten schneiden” (Cutting out Worlds from Paper) runs from 1 September 2026 to 31 March 2027 and is open to everyone. The award-winning works can be seen at the Rungehaus from 8 May.

22 May to 24 July**37th Landeskunstschau (art exhibition of the federal state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania), Church Square School**

For the anniversary, this exhibition format is being staged in Wolgast for the first time. The finish takes place on 24 July, the day of the Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night).

26 June**Three-part special exhibition “Der Traum vom Ganzen – Philipp Otto Runge in Wolgast” (The Dream of Wholeness), Museum of Town History**

In three modules, selected original works from Hamburg and Greifswald are welcomed as “birthday guests” under the guiding themes of love, faith and hope. Alongside Julius von Ehren’s copy of the portrait of Runge’s parents, the works on show include “Bildnis der Wilhelmina Sophia Helwig” (Portrait of Wilhelmina Sophia Helwig) and “Petrus auf dem Meer” (Peter on the Sea). The special exhibition brings together Runge’s family ties, his religious art and his Romantic view of the world into a single whole.

FESTIVALS AND HIGHLIGHTS

5 June

“Runge's Fliegende Farbenkugel” (Runge's Flying Colour Sphere), Runge Square

A historical re-enactment – a labour of love by the Wolgast Philipp Otto Runge Klub.

26/27 June

1st Festival Weekend, Runge Square, Town Harbour, Rungehaus and Museum of Town History

On Saturday a children's concert, “Das Wesen der Farben” (The Nature of Colours) by Parktheater Edelbruch, and in the evening Boogie Trap, rock 'n' roll from Greifswald. On Sunday HagStone, “classic meets pop” from Wolgast. Children's programme. A regional market with crafts and local cooking, where you can join in or simply linger.

23 to 25 July**2nd Festival Weekend, the birthday: official ceremony, Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night), Runge Square, Am Fischmarkt, Town Hall Square, Old Town, Town Harbour**

23 July 2027 – the 250th birthday of Philipp Otto Runge, around which the whole Rungesommer is built. Experience a Romantic Gesamtkunstwerk in St Gertrud's Chapel, a festive public dinner, a symphonic ballet in the Ship Hall at the Town Harbour, dance and music on Runge Square, and the interactive premiere of the Runge comic as the crowning finale. For the anniversary, the traditional Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night) on 24 July becomes part of the birthday weekend. Museums and artists open their doors and turn the old town itself into a museum for one evening.

21/22 August**3rd Festival Weekend, Runge Square and Am Fischmarkt**

The Fabmobil – a mobile future workshop on tour; “Die kleine Meerjungfrau” (The Little Mermaid) by Theater Phoebus; indie music with Elfi, and Linski with modern pop and soul; the murder-mystery dinner “Von dem Machandelboom” (The Juniper Tree) and much more.

September to October**Drawing to a close**

A concert as part of the Usedom Music Festival. 6th Manufakturtag – Handwerk zum Anfassen (Crafts Day). The Wolgast Symposium “Romantik : Religion : Revolution”. The fairy tale “Von dem Machandelboom” (The Juniper Tree) as a play at the Tierpark Wolgast (zoo).

1ST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

26/27 June 2027

Saturday

From 10 am

Children's programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square and Am Fischmarkt

11 am

Children's musical "Die Frau und ihr Fischer" (The Woman and Her Fisherman), children of the Montessori music school, Greifswald, stage on Runge Square

1 pm

Hands-on activity: children's challenge "The Fastest Papercutting Chain", Am Fischmarkt

3 pm

Children's rock 'n' roll from Berlin, stage on Runge Square

6 pm

Opening of the three-part special exhibition "Der Traum vom Ganzen – Philipp Otto Runge in Wolgast" (The Dream of Wholeness), Museum of Town History

7 pm

Romantic concert by the Wolgast-Anklam music school

9 pm

Boogie Trap, rock 'n' roll from Greifswald, stage on Runge Square

Afterwards

New Romantic Party

Sunday**From 10 am**

Children's programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square and Am Fischmarkt

11 am

ASB-Tanzmäuse from Wolgast, stage on Runge Square

Midday

Zumba Kids und Teens from Wolgast, stage on Runge Square

1 pm

Fairy-tale reading with Benjamin-Lew Klon, Rungehaus

2 pm

Choral concert by the Wolgaster Vokalisten, stage on Runge Square

3 pm

Children's theatre "Hase und Igel" (The Hare and the Hedgehog) (Figurentheater Puppenstolz), stage on Runge Square

5 pm

HagStone from Wolgast, stage on Runge Square

2ND FESTIVAL WEEKEND

23 to 25 July 2027

Friday — the 250th birthday

From 1 pm

Children's programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square and Am Fischmarkt

1.45 pm

Musical welcome by Markus Thalheimer on the harp, stage on Runge Square

2 pm

Official ceremony with guests from politics and research, art and culture, stage on Runge Square

3 pm

Harp concert by Markus Thalheimer, stage on Runge Square

3.30 pm

Musical reception for the guests from the twin town of Wedel, by the trombone choir of St Peter's Church, stage on Runge Square

4 pm

Art installation "Zeiten" by Andree Volkmann, with a concert by Sophia Maeno and Romy Petrick, St Gertrud's Chapel

5.30 pm

Festive public dinner with musical accompaniment, a "Runge-Kartenshow" by the actor Matthias Engel and a ballet ticket raffle, Runge Square

7.30 pm

Symphonic ballet “Von dem Fischer un syner Fru” (The Fisherman and His Wife) (Deutsche Tanzkompanie), Ship Hall at the Town Harbour

Between 7.30 and 10 pm

DJ music on Runge Square

10 pm

Interactive presentation of the Runge comic by Sophia Martineck (Kollektiv Eigenklang), Runge Square

Afterwards

New Romantic Party

Saturday — Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night)**From 3 pm**

Children’s programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square, Am Fischmarkt and Town Hall Square

3.30 pm

Runge play “Das Wesen der Farben” (The Nature of Colours) (Parktheater Edelbruch), Fireplace Room, Historic Town Hall

From 4 pm

Finissage of the 37th Landeskunstschau (art exhibition of the federal state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania), Church Square School

5 pm

Official welcome to the Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night), Town Hall Square stage

From 5 pm

Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night) programme at various locations in the old town and at the Town Harbour

5.30 pm

Hands-on activity for children: "Jagd nach dem Goldenen Butt" (Hunt for the Golden Flounder) – a treasure hunt around the Wolgaster Kulturnacht (Culture Night) venues, start: Am Fischmarkt

6 pm

Die Guten, live music and entertainment from Rostock, stage on Town Hall Square

9 pm

Puppet theatre "Von dem Fischer un syner Fru" (The Fisherman and His Wife) (Engeltheater), quay at Am Fischmarkt

11 pm

Interactive light show with Runge motifs (Kollektiv Eigenklang), Town Hall Square

Afterwards

New Romantic Party

Sunday**From 1 pm**

Children's programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square and Am Fischmarkt

2 pm

Katja Aujesky and Band, melancholic pop from Berlin, stage on Town Hall Square

4 pm

Voice & Sound Collective, pop and soul from Stettin and Greifswald, stage on Town Hall Square

6 pm

Murder-mystery dinner "Von dem Machandelboom" (The Juniper Tree), staged by Max & Ellen and the Wolgast youth theatre group, Town Hall Square

3RD FESTIVAL WEEKEND

21/22 August 2027

Saturday

From 10 am

Children's programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square, Am Fischmarkt and Town Hall Square

10 am to 4 pm

Fabmobil – a mobile future workshop on tour, Runge Square

From 11 am

Stilt-walking act by Figurentheater Puppenstelz, Runge Square and Am Fischmarkt

Midday to 2 pm

Hands-on activity: slam poet Lars Ruppel with a fairy-tale writing workshop, Rungehaus

3 pm

Children's theatre "Die kleine Meerjungfrau" (The Little Mermaid) (Theater Phoebus), stage on Runge Square

5 pm

Presentation of the results of the fairy-tale writing workshop, stage on Runge Square

6 pm

Slam poet Lars Ruppel, stage on Runge Square

7 pm

Fiete, guitar and voice from Bröllin, stage on Runge Square

8 pm

Elfi, indie music from Berlin, stage on Runge Square

9 pm

Linski, modern pop and soul from Hanover, stage on Runge Square

Afterwards

New Romantic Party

Sunday**From 10 am**

Children's programme, hands-on activities, regional and craft market, food and drink offerings, Runge Square, Am Fischmarkt and Town Hall Square

Midday

Children's theatre "Von dem Fischer un syner Fru" (The Fisherman and His Wife) (Parktheater Edelbruch), Am Fischmarkt

2 pm

Children's concert to sing and dance along to (Theater Phoebe), stage on Runge Square

4 pm

Robert Lillinger's composition for string quartet, inspired by Runge's "Zeiten" cycle, Fireplace Room, Historic Town Hall

6 pm

Runge play "Vom Wesen der Farben" (The Nature of Colours) (Parktheater Edelbruch), Am Fischmarkt

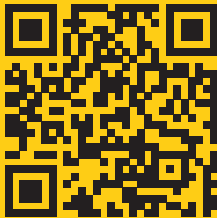
Fabmobil – a mobile future workshop on tour, from 19 to 21 August 2027, 10 am to 4 pm, on Runge Square

ALL DATES

ALWAYS CURRENT

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