**Opening Ceremony in the Theatre**

Start: 5:00 p.m.  
Duration: 90 minutes  
Hosts: Leonora Surian Popov and Edi Ćelić

1. “**Our Beautiful Homeland**”, Croatian national anthem  
Performed by the vocal group **Putokazi**

2. “**Nije dobro**”, song  
Performed by **MR.LEE & IVANE SKY**

3. Speech by Mayor of Rijeka, **Vojko Obersnel**

4. G. F. Händel: “**Dopo notte**”, aria from the Baroque opera “**Ariodante**”  
Performed by: **Diana Haller** (mezzo-soprano) and the **Rijeka Symphony Orchestra**; conductor: **Kalle Kuusava**

5. Speech by the Director of Rijeka 2020, **Emina Višnić**

6. Ivan pl. Zajc: “**Nikola Šubić Zrinjski**”,  
finale of the opera “**To battle, to battle!**”  
Performed by: **Kristina Kolar** (soprano), **Domagoj Dorotić** (tenor), **Robert Kolar** (baritone), the **Rijeka Opera Choir and the Rijeka Symphony Orchestra**; conductor: **Zoran Juranić**

7. Speech by the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County Prefect, **Zlatko Komadina**

8. “**Lace**”, a sequence from the ballet on Pag lace by choreographer, **Maša Kolar**  
Performed by: **members of the ballet ensemble of the CNT Ivan pl. Zajc**

9. Speech by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, **Andrej Plenković**

10. “**Song of Imbolc**”, poem  
Performed by: Irish poet **Moya Cannon**, accompanied by **Kathleen Loughnane** on the harp

11. Speech by the outgoing President of the Republic of Croatia, **Kolinda Grabar Kitarović**

12. Zoran Juranić: “**An Opera after Kamov**”, Prologue to the Opera  
Performed by: **Diana Haller** (mezzo-soprano), **Rijeka Opera Choir and the Rijeka Symphony Orchestra**; conductor: **Zoran Juranić**

13. Video message by **EU Commissioner for Culture**, **Mariya Gabriel** and awarding of the European Capital of Culture title;  
The title will be presented to the Mayor of Rijeka, **Vojko Obersnel** by the Vice-President of the European Commission for Demography and Democracy, **Dubravka Šuica**

14. From “**Ode to Joy**” to “**Rijeka Dearest**”  
based on the works of **Ludwig van Beethoven** and **Damir Badurina**, arrangement by **Frano Đurović**  
Performed by: **Kristina Kolar** (soprano) and the **String Quartet of the Rijeka Symphony Orchestra**

15. “**My City**”  
Performed by: **RiVal Group**