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Workcamp Parquet lands in Hungary: spread the word!

Workcamp Parquet is an international project focused on promoting the tradition of artisan work of the parquet maker. An idea born to pass on the knowledge of the trade and the passion for manual work, with a charitable purpose. Thirty-five artisans from all over the world will meet this year, in early September, for a common project: the free restoration of the parquet floor of the Baroque bishop's palace in Györ, Hungary



The eighth edition of Workcamp Parquet will be held in Györ, Hungary. A total of 35 parquet artisans, 'volunteers', from all over the world, will meet this year for the eighth time and, for about a week, they will try their hand at the restoration project of a historic parquet free of charge, putting their art and one's passion available to all those who want to admire it: "Linguistic skills are not necessary – explain the organizers – but craft skills certainly are".



The craftsmen will create by hand, directly in the historic rooms of the baroque bishop's palace of Györ (above a historic photo), a traditional wooden floor; in two other rooms of the building, the existing parquet will be smoothed with a scraper and then waxed, because even the restoration methods used must respect the techniques used at the time of the floor (1743 - 1783).

Many cultures, united by the "universal language" of craftsmanship



How can such a large number of craftsmen, who speak different languages, in such a limited space, carry out a common work for an entire week? The methodology is tried and tested: each participant has to produce 6 pieces of parquet individually by hand, based on existing historical patterns, and then fix them to the historical substrate with nails.

A unique masterpiece will be created: **150 parquet panels** handmade, individually, by

masters and aspirants from Australia, USA, Great Britain, Canada, Netherlands, Finland, Romania, Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Spain, Portugal and of course Hungary.

But the Workcamp Parquet project is much more, it is a unique platform for the exchange of practical knowledge and know-how on traditional techniques and also a way to pass on a craft which is a real art. The real richness is the many languages and cultures that meet, united by the passion and the "universal language" of parquet craftsmanship, understandable to all.

Watch the videos of the Hungarian project (https://www.workcamp-parquet.cz/2023-hungary/)

A rich and articulated program (not just restoration)

This year, attendees will enjoy an **attractive program of seminars and workshops**, which will include live talks from some of the event's partners, such as the Domotex trade fair (Germany), the federal monument office Kartause Mauerbach (Austria) and the National Wood Floor Association (USA).

The fulcrum of the Workcamp Parquet week has always been the **deepening of the specificities of the art of parquet in the countries where the event takes place**. This year, specialist seminars are scheduled in Hungary on the following topics:

- Types of wooden floor coverings (Dr Csilla Csiha, University of Sopron, Hungary)
- Wood protection against fungi (Rezső Babos, Pannon Protec, Hungary,

- company specializing in the protection of wooden structures, including outdoor floors)
- The history of wooden floors in Austria (Martin Kranl, Wiener Parquet KG, Austria, forensic expert in the field of wooden floors, intermediary, parquet restorer and master floorlayer)
- What happens under the floor? (Eng. Marek Polášek Ph.D., Czech Republic, expert in wood and development of new products and technologies)
- Fundamentals of wood anatomy (Giovanni Sonzogni, Pavimor, Italy, and René Caran, Parquet Renspol, Czech Republic)

How to support the project?



As part of the Hungarian week, the wooden floor of the bishop's palace in Györ will be restored free of charge, for charity, which would not be possible without the personal commitment of the 35 parquet architects participating in the project. Some of them will close up shop for a week, taking a vacation, many will embark on a long journey, all will make their time and professionalism available to build a common work for the future.

It is also possible to support the project by purchasing a parquet board, thus becoming part of the history of the Bishop's Palace of Györ: the buyer's name will in fact be written on the back of a tablet of the castle's parquet. Click here for the form (https://www.workcamp-parquet.cz/sponsorregistration-2023/)

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