

FESTIVALS

The Valley of Arts, held each summer in six tiny villages north of Lake Balaton, hosts an all-



arts festival.

Exhibitions, concerts, performances, talks, readings and

movie screenings take place in a series of ad hoc, temporary venues (the gardens of local pubs, crossroads, church ruins, disused quarries). *July 25–Aug. 3. In Kapolcs, Vigántpetend, Taliándörögd, Öcs, Pula and Monostorapáti. See www.kapolcs.hu*

Screeching tires are the order of the day at the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix. This year the course has been slightly modified, with the aim of making a more enjoyable race. *Aug. 22–24, Hungaroring, Mogyoród. Tickets: www.tex.hu*

Folk arts and crafts are on display over the weekend of the national August 20 holiday in and around Buda Castle. Authentic artisans gather from across the country to display and sell their goods and demonstrate their traditional crafts for the crowds. *Aug. 16–20. Buda Castle, Dist. I*

The Pest embankment between the Széchenyi Chain Bridge and Erzsébet Bridge is also taken over by the crowds for a few days around the national holiday. A series of concerts, children's programs and other entertainments await visitors down by the river. *Aug. 17–20, Pest embankment between Erzsébet Bridge and Chain Bridge*