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Look at the titles of the texts. What do you think each text will be about? Then read the texts.

UKRAINIAN TEENS: CULTURE AND OPPORTUNITIES

GOGOLFEST – UKRAINE'S AMAZING ART FESTIVAL



GOGOLFEST is an annual international festival of contemporary art in Ukraine. It was founded in 2007 by Vladyslav Troitskyi and is named after the famous Ukrainian writer, Mykola Hohol. The festival shows many kinds of art, including theatre, music, film, literature, and visual arts.

The festival is famous for its creative ideas and unusual places, such as old factories, open-air spaces, and even underground shelters. It has been held in many cities, including Kyiv, Mariupol, Kherson, Dnipro, and Vinnytsia.

In 2024, GOGOLFEST returned to Ukraine after a break because of the war. For the first time, it took place in Zaporizhzhia. The festival was also chosen as one of the top five European festivals by the EFFE Awards, from more than 700 candidates. GOGOLFEST continues to be an important platform for contemporary artists and a lively cultural event in Ukraine.

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KONTENTA – MOBILE STUDIOS FOR UKRAINIAN TEENS

Kontenta is a project by the Cultural Platform of Zakarpattia, supported by UNICEF and the German government. It creates mobile audio-visual studios in cities across Ukraine. Teens can record songs, mix music, make podcasts, shoot videos, and broadcast live shows using professional tools.

In 2024, 20 studios opened in cities including Kyiv, Lviv, Kharkiv, and Uzhhorod. Kontenta helps young people develop skills, express emotions, and connect with others. These studios give teens a safe and creative space to learn, collaborate, and share their ideas.



Discuss the questions.

1. What do you find most interesting about *GOGOLFEST* or *Kontenta*? Why?
2. How do festivals and creative projects help young people or communities?
3. Which activities from these projects would you like to try? Explain.
4. Do you think creative events like these are important for culture and society? Why or why not?