

# The many events on Floating Stage in Dubai Festival City

Client: Dubai Festival Centre

Designer and builder: Marina Housing Oy, Finland

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Year of completion 2008

**The Floating Stage in Festival City Dubai has been operating for almost a year and many different events have been arranged on it.**

The Floating Stage is located in Festival Centre, a large entertainment center in the heart of Festival City. In Festival Centre various events are organized throughout the year and the Floating Stage is one of the most popular venues. Music and movie festivals have been arranged and many bands and DJs have performed on the stage. The Floating Stage has proven to be versatile and suitable for many different events.

The Marinetek (Marina Housing parent company) pontoons are concrete/EPS heavy duty pontoons. The Floating Stage floats on two pontoon units, which are connected by stainless steel bars. The structure is modified from normal marina pontoon structure for use in floating houses. The mooring of the floating house is made by flexible Seaflex anchoring system that allows the building to move with the water level. Inside the pontoons water and septic tanks are installed.

The structure of the houses is steel. The steel skeleton is hot-dip galvanized so that it will endure the harsh conditions. The facades are covered with aluminum composite panel.

The architecture of the Floating Stage is inspired by a bow of a boat. A large white fabric canopy, resembling a sail, provides protection from the sun. The 35 sqm stage itself is located on the second floor. On the water level is the backstage with a shower room and technical spaces.

All the upcoming events on the Floating Stage can be found on Festival Centre website

[www.festivalcentre.com](http://www.festivalcentre.com)

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