

SLOVAKIA FOLK 2012

INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL for children, youth and adult folklore ensembles and choirs

19 – 22 July 2012

Bratislava, Slovakia

Dear friends of folklore music and dance,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the International Folklore Festival **SLOVAKIA FOLK 2012** that will take place from 19 to 22 July 2012 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

The Slovak capital Bratislava opens its arms to welcome folklore music, dance and instrumental ensembles to its beautiful historical centre. We invite singers, folk dancers and musicians to enrich the wonderful atmosphere of Bratislava Music Summer by their songs, dances, traditional music and spontaneous performances. Folk groups and choirs can join the festival either as non-competitive ensembles participating in all the performances of the festival, or as competitive groups.

The festival will take place under the auspices of Bratislava City Magistrate and will be managed by Bratislava Music Agency.

Application deadline: 15 April 2012

Festival participants:

The International Folklore Festival SLOVAKIA FOLK 2012 is open for children, youth and adult folklore groups:

- Vocal and vocal-instrumental ensembles with folklore repertoire
- Choirs
- Dance folklore ensembles with live music or recorded music
- Instrumental folklore ensembles, bands and orchestras

The minimum number of participants in the group is 6 performing persons.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

A - Choirs

Folksong a cappella:

A0: Children's choirs up to 12 years

A1: Children's choirs up to 16 years

A2: Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos and altos)

A3: Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos, altos, tenors, bassos)

A4: Adult choir

A5: Vocal ensembles 6 – 9 singers

Folksong with instrumental accompaniment:

A11: Children's choirs up to 12 years

A6: Children's choirs up to 16 years

A7: Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos and altos)

A8: Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos, altos, tenors, bassos)

A9: Adult choirs

A10: Sacred, secular, spiritual, gospel music

B - FOLKLORE GROUPS

B0: Children folklore groups up to 12 years

B1: Children folklore groups up to 16 years

B2: Youth folklore groups up to 25 years

B3: Adult folklore groups

B4: Folklore vocal ensembles, 6 – 9 singers

C – FOLKLORE DANCE GROUPS

C0: Children folklore dance groups up to 12 years

C1: Children folklore dance groups up to 16 years

C2: Youth folklore dance groups up to 25 years

C3: Adult folklore dance groups

D – FOLKLORE ORCHESTRAS

D0: Children folklore orchestras up to 12 years

D1: Children folklore orchestras up to 16 years

D2: Youth folklore orchestras up to 25 years

D3: Adult folklore orchestras

D4: Folklore instrumental ensembles, 6 – 9 musicians

The performance time limit for choirs and folklore groups is 15 minutes; a piano is available.

The time limit for dance ensembles is 15-18 minutes.

The time limit for orchestras is 20 minutes.

Repertoire can be participant's own choice.

Diplomas

Each participating ensemble will be awarded a diploma for participation and a festival souvenir prize by the International Folklore Festival Art Committee.

An international jury comprising of distinguished professionals will judge the competition on the following criteria:

A/ choice of works and programme arrangement

B/ technique and interpretation

C/ artistic impression

With maximum of 100 points, the medals will be awarded as follows:

Diploma for participation up to 59,99 points

Bronze certificate 60,00 - 74,99 points

Silver certificate 75,00 - 89,99 points

Gold certificate 90,00 - 99,99 points

Grand Prix according to jury's decision, min. 97 points

Technical equipment

The organisers shall provide the following equipment for the performances:

- Piano (participants will bring other types of instruments on their own)
- 6 microphones
- CD player

Registration fee

The registration fee for competitive groups is 200 EUR for one contest category (150 EUR each further category). Registration fee for non-competitive participation is 150 EUR.

The registration fee is not paid back in the case of cancellation of the application.

PRELIMINARY FESTIVAL PROGRAMME:

Thursday 19.7.2012

- Arrival of participating ensembles
- Opening of the festival
- Official welcoming ceremony for conductors and group leaders by the city representatives in the Primatial Palace

Friday 20.7.2012

- Music folklore performances in Klarisky Concert Hall, historical city centre
- Competition SLOVAKIA FOLK 2012
- Music and dance folklore performance at Hviezdoslav square, historical city centre
- One-hour Bratislava sightseeing tour with professional guide
- One-hour Danube sightseeing cruise

Saturday 21.7.2012

- Music folklore performances in Klarisky Concert Hall, historical city centre
- Competition SLOVAKIA FOLK 2012
- Music and dance folklore performance at Main square, historical city centre
- Festival parade of participating ensembles in the streets of Bratislava Old Town
- Gala program performances and final diploma ceremony
- Dinner reception for conductors, group leaders and city representatives

Sunday 22.7.2012

- Music folklore performances in Klarisky Concert Hall, historical city centre
- Music and dance folklore performance at Hviezdoslav square, historical city centre
- Departure of participating ensembles

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES

- 20 min. performance in Bratislava historical centre – Hviezdoslav square
- 20 min. performance in Bratislava historical centre – Main square
- Festival parade performance in the streets of Bratislava Old Town
- Saturday gala program performance
- Optional: individual 45 min. Performance on Sunday 22.7.2012

Organisers reserve the right to make and use audio and/or video recordings of the festival performances.

Concert venues

- Klarisky Concert Hall
- Hviezdoslav square
- Main square
- Primatial square

Application

Application deadline is **15 April 2012**.

Application shall be enclosed with the following:

- Completed application form
- Program of competition performance (name, author and length of compositions/performed pieces)
- Program of non-competitive performances (name, author and length of compositions/performed pieces)
- Brief curriculum of the ensemble and of its leader/conductor
- Photo of the ensemble and of the leader/conductor
- Audio/video recording of the ensemble
- A copy of money order or bank transfer confirming payment of the registration fee

ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD:

Each choir including the conductor, accompanying people and bus drivers shall pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food.

Package:	4	3	2	1
Hotel Category:	Hotel *** (in centre)	Hotel ***	Hotel **	Hostel
Price per person:	220 EUR	199 EUR	145 EUR	95 EUR

The package price includes:

- 3x night and breakfast in hotel
- guidance during the whole stay
- Bratislava sightseeing tour
- welcoming ceremony by the city representatives
- public performances in Bratislava historical centre
- final ceremony and gala programme
- information material

Package 4 Hotel * in Bratislava city centre**

3x night/breakfast in twin bed rooms in a *** hotel /additional fee of 101 EUR for a single room/

Package 3 Hotel ***

3x night/breakfast in twin bed rooms in a *** hotel (additional fee of 60 EUR for a single room)

Package 2 Hotel **

3x night/breakfast in two star hotels - 2 rooms with a shared bathroom, WC, 2-3 beds/ (additional fee for a single room)

Package 1 Hostel

3x night/breakfast in hostel accommodation, 4-bed rooms with a shared bathroom, WC, (additional fee for a single room)

The organizers reserve the right to arrange accommodation of the participating groups.

Important dates:

15 April 2012 – application deadline

15 May 2012 – deadline for the 1st payment for accommodation and board (50% payment)

21 June 2012 – deadline for the final payment for accommodation and board

Bank transfer details:

Holder of account: Bratislava Music Agency

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