

ОХРИДСКИ**ХОРСКИ**ФЕСТИВАЛ OHRID**CHOIR**FESTIVAL

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Competition Concert 1, Friday 27.08.2010

10.00 Children's Choir Omnes Latvia

10.15 Vuk Karadžić Serbia

10.30 Smiltė Lithuania

10.45 Break

11.00 Ave Musica Ukraine

11.15 Stellatus Hungary

11.30 Oriana Ukraine

Competition Concert 2, Friday 27.08.2010

12.00 Girls' Youth Choir Onmes Latvia

12.15 April Russia

12.30 Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities Choir Poland

12.45 Vox Humana Romania

13 00 Break

13.15 Männerstimmen Basel Switzerland

13.30 Cantica Nova Italy

13.45 Oplenac Serbia

Competition Concert 3, Saturday 28.08.2010

10.00 Chamber Choir of Pécs Hungary

10.15 Lviv State Music College Ukraine

10.30 Consonanza Poland

10.45 Break

11.00 Mistika Bulgaria

11.15 Rozkvet Slovakia

11.30 Shtaslivetsa Bulgaria

Competition Concert 4, Saturday 28.08.2010

12.00 Sound Choir Romania

12.15 Te Deum Lithuania

12.30 Thracian Lyre Bulgaria

12.45 Vox Animi Romania

13.00 Break

13.15 Bel Canto Lithuania

13.30 Labyrint Czech Republic

13.45 Vardar Macedonia

14.00 Golden Years Croatia

Folk Concert 1, Friday 27.08.2010

18.00 Dobri Hristov Bulgaria

18.10 Children Singers Divisi Spain

18.20 Thracian Lyre Bulgaria

18.30 Lviv State Music College Ukraine

18.30 Rozkvet Slovakia

Folk Concert 2, Friday 27.08.2010

19.00 Labyrint Czech Republic

19.10 Consonanza Poland

19.20 Vox Humana Romania

19.30 Mozaik Serbia

19.40 Männerstimmen Basel Switzerland

19.50 Rilski Zvutsi Bulgaria

20.00 Molende DR Congo

Pop Concert, Saturday 28.08.2010

18.00 Children Singers Divisi Spain

18.10 Mozaik Serbia

18.20 Cantica Nova Italy

18.30 Rozkvet Slovakia

18.30 Shtaslivetsa Bulgaria

Folk Concert 3, Saturday 28.08.2010

19.00 Ave Musica Ukraine

19.10 Cantica Nova Italy

19.20 Mistika Bulgaria

19.30 Warsaw School of Social

Sciences and Humanities Choir Poland

19.40 Cappela Polifonica Romania

19.50 Stefka Blagoeva Bulgaria



Concert od Sacred Music 1, Sunday 29.08.2010

10.00 Consonanza Poland

10.10 Children Singers Divisi Spain

10.20 **Dobri Hristov** Bulgaria

10.30 Ave Musica Ukraine 10.40 Vox Humana Romania

10.50 Girls' Youth Choir Onmes Latvia

Concert od Sacred Music 2, Sunday 29.08.2010

11.20 Männerstimmen Basel Switzerland

11.30 Ars Viva Russia

11.40 Chamber Choir of Pécs Hungary

11.50 Lviv State Music College Ukraine

12.00 Golden Years Croatia

12.10 Rilski Zvutsi Bulgaria

Concert od Sacred Music 3, Sunday 29.08.2010

12.40 Children's Choir Omnes Latvia

12.50 Oriana Ukraine

13.00 Mistika Bulgaria

13.10 Rozkvet Slovakia

13.20 Sound Choir Romania

13.30 Te Deum Lithuania

Concert od Sacred Music 4, Sunday 29.08.2010

14.00 Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities Choir Poland

14.10 Stellatus Hungary

14.20 Lira Maria Radna Romania

14.30 Stefka Blagoeva Bulgaria

14.40 Molende DR Congo

14.50 Vardar Macedonia

Расе	Choir	Category	Type	Competition	Folk	Sacred	Pop	Place	Country
4	Children Singers Divisi	A	4		J	J	J	Valencia	Spain
5	Children's Choir Omnes	A	4	J		J		Riga	Latvia
6	Dobri Hristov	I	4		J	J		Varna	Bulgaria
7	Smiltė	I	4	J				Kretinga	Lithuania
8	Vuk Karadžić	I	4	J				Kikinda	Serbia
9	April	В	9	J				Gatchina	Russia
10	Ave Musica	В	×	J	J	J		Odessa	Ukraine
11	Girls' Youth Choir Omnes	В	9	J		J		Riga	Latvia
12	Mozaik	В	Ŷ		J		J	Požarevac	Serbia
13	Oriana	В	9	J		J		Odessa	Ukraine
14	Stellatus	В	×	J		J		Szeged	Hungary
15	Ars Viva	С	×			J		Moscow	Russia
16	Bel Canto	С	×	J				Vilnius	Lithuania
17	Cantica Nova	С	×	J	J		J	Milazzo	Italy
18	Capella Polifonica	С	×		J			Arad	Romania
19	Chamber Choir of Pécs	С	×	J		J		Pécs	Hungary
20	Consonanza	С	×	J	J	J		Wrocław	Poland
21	Golden Years	С	×	J		J		Velika Gorica	Croatia
22	Labyrint	С	×	J	J			Prague	Czech Republic
23	Lira Maria Radna	С	9			J		Lipova	Romania
24	Lviv State Music College	С	×	J	J	J		Lviv	Ukraine
25	Männerstimmen Basel	С	3	J	J	J		Basel	Switzerland
26	Mistika	С	9	J	J	J		Dobrich	Bulgaria
27	Molende	С	×		J			Kinshasa	DR Congo
28	Oplenac	С	×	J				Topola	Serbia
29	Rilski Zvutsi	С	×		J	J		Dupnitsa	Bulgaria
30	Rozkvet	С	×	J	J	J	J	Priedvidza	Slovakia
31	Shtaslivetsa	С	×	J			J	Sofia	Bulgaria
32	Sound Choir	С	×	J		J		Bucharest	Romania
33	Stefka Blagoeva	С	3		J	J		Plovdiv	Bulgaria
34	Te Deum	С	×	J		J		Kaunas	Lithuania
35		С	×	J	J			Pazardjik	Bulgaria
36	Vardar	С	×	J		J		Skopje	Macedonia
37	Vox Animi	С	×	J				Sighișoara	Romania
38		С	×	J	J	J		Sfantu Gheorghe	Romania
39	Warsaw School of Social		×	J	J	ı		Warsaw	Poland

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José Vicente De Sousa Marin - conductor Gema Morales - pianist Madalina Morariu - teacher of singing

Folk Concert

Title Composer Tutiramai A. Ritchie Sereno

Aizu Bandaisan Danza Negroide

Con El Vito Negrito Trasnochador Nginesi Ponono

Arr. Eduardo López Chavarri Arr. H. Ishimaru

Timo-Juhana Kyllönen; G. Nuñez

Arr. Ramón Medina E. Serrano; Arr. V. Tabbush Arr. Markus Detterbeck

Lyrics

Trad. Maori-Waiata Pop. Valencia Japanese folksong Negro folk

Pop. Andalucia-Spain Pop. Venezuela Trad. Zulu



Pop Concert

Title Composer Lyrics Con La Fuerza De Mi Alma R. Fritscher Reloj Sincopado L. Anderson; Arr.- José V. De Sousa. Puedes Oirme **Bob Chilcott** Paraiso R. Cayabyab Cantares J. Serrat; Arr. D. Barberá A. Machado

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Composer Lyrics Webbe, Samuel Agnus Dei Text of the liturgy christens Ave María X. Sarasola Text of the liturgy christens Let It Shine Arr. Kari Allan Pollanen Popular religious text Adiemus K. Jenkins Text of the liturgy christens Ave Maria J. Busto Text of the liturgy christens Ave María Saint-Saëns, C. Text of the liturgy christens Soon I Will Be Done Arr. José V. De Sousa Popular religious text

The Xiquets Cantors Divisi from Valencia, Spain belongs to the famous Divisi Choral school, where

L every year more than two hundred voices are trained in five different choirs, three for children and two for adults. The group visiting Macedonia this time is formed mainly of children between ten and seventeen years old, along with the support of several female voices, also from the adult Divisi choirs. During its twenty years of life, XCD has performed concerts all over Spain and other countries, such as Italy, Switzerland, France, Portugal, Romania and Taiwan,



among others. XCD does not apply any selection criteria, accepting any person who is willing to sing—it is the responsibility of the teachers and conductors to model every voice to obtain the best from every singer. All musical styles are a part of the repertory of XCD.

Children's Choir Omnes

Riga, Latvia



Aija Kukule - conductor Olga Gorbačova - piano accompaniment Inese Sarkane - choirmaster



Competition Concert

Composer Title Lyrics Funny counterpoint A. Banchieri **ABC** V. A. Mocart Elegiia V. Nikolovski Traditional Macedonian The Crokodile P. Plakidis V. Lūdēns In the clock hause Austriņa Hallo, Pinokio! I. Paura J. Osmanis Where are you my billy goat? R. Pauls Latv. folks

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Composer
Gloria, The second part of Messe Breve L. Delibes

The children's music studio "Omnes" was founded in 1999. The name reflects the aims of the group—to develop the musical hearing and vocal faculties of every child irrespective of the quality of their natual-born musical gifts and their level of development when they join the choir. In the spring of 2002, the choir was formed by the conductor and artistic director of the studio Aija Kukule. Today there are thirty-five singers aged nine to fifteen in the choir. The repertoire is quite varied—from the classics to modern Latvian and European choral music.

In 2005 the choir participated in the ninth Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration and in the international project Eurotreff (Germany). The choir has participated in several international choir competitions: Tallinn, Estonia (2003), the fifty-second European Children and Youth choir festival in Belgium (2004), Italy (2006), Budapest, Hungary (2007), Coralis in Barcelona, Spain (2007) where it

was the competition winner, The Singing World in St Petersburg, Russia (2008), and Silver Bells in Daugavpils, Latvia (2009). They have also released four CDs.





Irena Kolarova-Taushanova - conductor Bilyana Eneva - piano accompaniment





Title	Composer	Lyrics
Malki momi	Dobri Hristov	-/
Marzelivite babi	Dobri Hristov	kanon
Se ojenil Cucul yonak	Petar Dinev	/
Hvarlila moma yabalka	Marin Goleminov	-
Moma kosi	Marin Goleminov	-
Hrabreci	Georgi Dimitrov	Atanas Dushkov

Concert of Sacred Music

Title	Composer
Slava Otcu	Yoan Kukuzel
Vo razdelenie	Anonim. XIV
Tebe poem	Dobri Hristov
Agnus Dei	Samuel Webbe
Jesus bleibet meine Freude	J. S. Bach
O, Salutaris	Jose de Sousa

The children's choir "Dobri Hristov" along with the Municipal Children's Complex of Varna was established between 1952-1953. The conductors, D.Resnenski, L.Dushek, Tz. Petrova, Iv. Dimitrova, Z. Milkova and I. Kolarova, are linked with the 58 years of the choir's artistic biography.

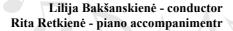
In accordance with the new international trend for the development of children singing, the three compositions of the Children's Choir (Preparatory, Transitional and Concert) include about 80 girls from 6 to 13 years old. The Children's Choir "Dobri Hristov" of Varna has a rich concert life including participation in municipal and national festivals and is a holder of diplomas from International Festivals in Belgium, Switzerland.France and Italy.

Irena Nikolova Kolarova-Taushanova was born in 1958 in the town of Popovo. She graduated from the School of Music, "Dobri Hrsitov", in Varna in the piano class of Miryana Savova and from the Academy of Music at the Bulgarian State Conservatory in Sofia with a specialty of Choir Conducting with Prof.

Stoyan Kralev. She worked as a rehearsal pianist and conductor in different choir formations. Since 1995 she has been the conductor of the Children's Choir "Dobri Hristov" with the Children's Complex-Varna. The last several years she is a part-time lecturer with Varna Free University.









Competition Concert

Title
Ave Maria
Donkey of The Kara Kum
Ciudrele
The goatling gave a jump
The school of little mice
Rum-dum-dum

Composer Robert Schumann Bronius Kutavičius Leonidas Abaris Banga Balakauskienė Onutė Narbutaitė Dragan Shuplevski Lyrics
Liturgical
Sigitas Geda
Aleksandras Šidlauskas
Folk song
Sigitas Geda
Traditional Macedonian

The junior choir "Smilte" is a young artistic group from the Arts School of Kretinga, Lithuania. All its members love singing and care about the traditions of Lithuanian choir culture. Lilija Bakšanskienė leads the choir. The choir participants are exclusively piano students of Kretinga Arts School. It is a typical amateur group, aiming at universal musical participants and cooperation. The choir performs in different festivals in Lithuania, in the celebrations of the town and school, and in Lithuanian Song Festivals. The choir is proud of the gold medal they won in 2009 in the competition of choirs in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

Lilija Bakšanskienė was born in 1966. She studied choir conducting at the Lithuanian National Academy of Music and Theatre. Since 1990 she has been a concertmaster in the University of Klaipėda. Since 2002 she has been a teacher at Kretinga Arts School, and since 2006 she has been a conductor of the choir "Smiltė".

Kretinga is an old town in western Lithuania near the Baltic Sea. The town is rich in historical and cultural heritage. In the very old centre of the town, there is a fascinating Fransiscan church complex and monastery, dating back to the seventeenth century.





Vuk Karadžić

Kikinda, Serbia

Biljana Jeremić - conductor Stevan Jeremić - solo vocal



Competition Concert

Title
A mia mamma
Air-Thema der Blacksmith Variationen
Two pewits
Srpska kraljevska suguba jektenija
Pesna na šturčeto
Muva

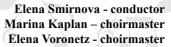
Composer
Anonymous
G. F. Hendl
Joost Termont
M. Govedarica
Trajko Prokopiev
E. Erno
Lyrics
Edward Thomas
Iz liturgije Sv. Jovana Zlatoustog
Milka H. Prodanova
Tamko Sirato Karoly

The choir has been in existence for more than ten years, taking part in many International choir festivals. It has been declared the best children's choir in our country and its conductor as the best conductor in the category of children's choirs. This year in May, the choir took part in the European Music festival in Neerpelt, Belgium and won the second prize. Last year the choir was in the choir festival in Bad Ischl, Austria, where it won the bronze medal. All the members of the choir are looking forward to coming to the Ohrid festival since they were there a few years ago and had many great memories of spending time in this beautiful town.

The conductor, Biljana Jeremic, is now working at the teacher-training School in Sombor, lecturing on methods of music teaching. At the moment she is in graduate studies defending her dissertation—the influence of choir singing on the development of musical abilities.









Competition Concert

Title God, bless my soul Immer Leiser wird mein Schlummer Kupalinka Izbyanaya Think about me in the spring night

Lenka Habanera Salada

Composer Ippolitov-Ivanov Russian folk song Brahms

Byelorussian folk song U. Falik A. Petrov

Petre Bogdanov Kochko Spanish folk song

Lyrics Sacred lyrics Russian folk lyrics

Byelorussian folk lyrics

Kiro Gligorov Spanish folk lyrics

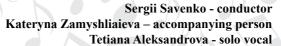
The "April" Choir consists of choral music school graduates. "April" acts as supplemental edu-Lacation at the MOU "School #8" in the town of Gatchina, in northwestern Russia. The group learns a comprehensive vocal technique from D. E. Ogorodnov. The Artistic Director of the choir school is V.D. Ogorodnov. Collectives of this music school repeatedly become winners of Regional and International competitions. This collective was formed in 1998 by Elena Smirnova, Elena Voronez, and Marina Kaplan. It has visited many countries in Europe such as the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Spain, the Netherlands, and others. It has received awards at the choral festivals in Germany (2003), Spain (2005), the Netherlands (2007), Spain (2008). Additionally, they have won the following competitions: 1st degree at the International Festival-competition "Voices Unlimited", Veldhoven, the Netherlands (2007), 1st degree at the International Festival-competition "Okras sounds of the world", St. Petersburg, Russia (2008), 2nd degree at the International Festivalcompetition "Moscow sounds", Moscow, Russia (2008)

Smirnova Elena studied as a choir conductor at the Rimsky-Korsakov St Petersburg State Conservatory, and at the St Petersburg State Institute of the Arts. Since 1998 Elena has been working in the musical school "April".

Under Smirnova's direction, many choirs and ensembles have been laureates at regional and international festivals and competitions.







Competition Concert

Title Composer Lyrics
Glory to the Father and Son D. S. Bortnyanskiy Mercy of the world G. S. Lazarevskiy Session V. Kalistratov students's
By streets under the snow N. Iosinao U. Naoi

Zhelka moma Dragan Shuplevski Traditional Macedonian Behind our barn Volodymyr Zubitskiy Traditional Ukrainian

Folk Concert

 Title
 Composer
 Lyrics

 Oi, u poli zhito
 Sergii Orfeev
 Traditional Ukrainian

 Zhelka moma
 Dragan Shuplevski
 Traditional Macedonian

 Oi, dub, duba
 Mykola Rakov
 Traditional Ukrainian

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Composer
Glory to the Father and Son Praise God Atanas Badev
Mercy of the world G. S. Lazarevskiy

The student choir "AVE MUSICA" was founded in the Christian Humanitarian-Economic Sciences University in 2007 by Savenko Sergei, student of A.V. at the Odessa State Musical Academy. He is a conductor, choirmaster, teacher, and winner of Ukrainian and international competitions. The choir



actively takes part in the creative life of the University. It the seventh International Festival-Contest "Constellation of the Sea—Sun, Youth, Beauty", Odessa (2008) and took part in the sixteenth Ukrainian Festival of Sacred Music "From Christmas to Christmas" Dnepropetrovsk (2009). The choir includes spiritual, classical and modern choral music, as well as folk song interpretations in its repertoire.



Girls' Youth Choir Omnes

Riga, Latvia



Aija Kukule - conductor Olga Gorbačova - piano

Competition Concert

Title
Concone
Pale Moony
Towards the sun thunder's colts ran
The Yellow
Uspivanije na bolnoto dete

Composer
D. Hilton
Jāz. Mediņš
A. Kontauts
Arr. by St. Hatfield
P. Bogdanov - Kochko
Blazhe Koneski

Concert of Sacred Music

*Title*Missa brevis - Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus

Composer G. Pelēcis

The girls' choir "Omnes" comes from Riga, the capital of Latvia, located on both sides of the Daugava River near the Baltic Sea. The choir was founded as a vocal group in 2007 for girls who have grown past childhood but wish to continue to perform music together. This unit grew into a chamber choir in 2009. Nowadays there are sixteen girls aged fifteen to twenty in the choir.

Omnes has an active concert Schedule—from Christmas and Easter concerts to charity events and television programs. The choir has a broad repertoire that ranges from sacred music, through gospel and pop sounds to traditional folk music and modern Latvian and foreign composers.

As children the girls took part in several international choir contests and toured in Estonia, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Hungary and Russia and participated in four CD recordings. As a

youth group they won the first degree diploma of the International Sacred music Competition "Silver bells" in 2009.

Conductor Aija Kukule is a well-known musician in the genre of popular music. She is a laureate of numerous international contests and has recorded a great number of songs. She was awarded with the highest Latvian prize for musicians.



Marta Blagojević – solo sopran





Jelena Milenković – solo vocal Danilo Milojković, Mladen Ničić – guitar Miroslav Jankech, Momir Marijoković – accordion Filip Savić, Nenad Nikolić, Katarina Janićević – percussion Aleksandar Jankech – alto saxophone Ilija Rajković – piano

Folk Concert

Title	Composer	Lyrics
Katyusha	Matvei Blanter; arr. I. Rajković	M. Isakovsky
Where are you darling?	Davorin Jenko; arr. I. Rajković	B. Radičević
Macedonian girl	arr. Ilija Rajković	Traditional

Pop Concert

TitleComposerLyrics(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me)Gary Jackson; arr. Ilija RajkovićCarl SmithHigher and HigherGalt MacDermot; arr. Ilija RajkovićJames RadoSomething got a hold of mePearl Woods; arr. Ilija RajkovićEtta James

The ensemble "Mosaic" was founded in November 2006, starting with 15 members and growing to 60 performers. The Ensemble works under the management of two school professors: Ilija Rajković and Mladen Ničić.

The members of the Ensemble have been participating in festivals and this has given them an opportunity to stand out not only as singers, but also as successful scene performers. The latter was crucial for the Ensemble's choice of genre. World traditional music is a domain in which most of the performers are at ease. It was the diversity of the repertoire and the large number of songs from different nations that in

October 2009 led to naming the Ensemble Mosaic

The Ensemble has performed mostly in Požarevac, but also in towns across Serbia and outside state borders. All of the performances served as an experience builder and confidence boost for the Ensemble, which led to the highest marks for their performance in the First Ohrid Choir Festival in 2008. In 2007, in Valjevo, the Ensemble was awarded their first official price for the artistic enrichment of the festival.



Their performance at the Central St. Sava Academy held in Sava Centre in 2010 was one of the most important in their career.



Youth Female Choir Oriana

Odessa, Ukraine

Shpak Galina - conductor

Competition Concert

Title
By Lord's power
Bukovina resting
Girl going to water
Fields
Lord, why have you left me?
The Secret

Composer Lyrics
Dmytro Bortniansky From mass
Anatoliy Kos-Anatolsky Folk
Dragan Shuplevski Folk
Pylyp Kozytsky Folk
Ganna Gavrylets Psalm
Tomislav Zografski Blazhe Koneski



Concert of Sacred Music

Title
Lets celebrate Joseph
How can I leave You, Lord
Force of Angels come
Canon

Composer Lyrics
Paul Chesnokov Stichera
Mykola Lysenko Psalm
Edited by Galyna Shpak Stichera of St. Sofia, church hymn

Ditrikh Bukstehude Church hymn

The female youth choir Oriana is an amateur choir based at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Odessa, and has existed since 2008. Folk songs, classical choral works and sacred music are included in the choir's repertoire. Over the years Oriana has taken part in more than twenty choral events.

Awards:

- 2008 International Competition "Constellation of the Sea", first prize,
- 2009 International Competition "South Palmira", first prize,
- 2010 Seventh Ukrainian festival "Dnepr Easter Hymns", first prize.

The choir conductor is Galina Shpak, graduated from Odessa State Musical Conservatory. She works as assistant professor of choral conducting in the Conservatory and conductor of the student choir of

the Odessa State A.V. Nezhdanova Musical Academy. In 2009 with the "Nova Odeska opera" she toured in Holland, Belgium and Spain as conductor of the new production of the opera "Don Giovanni" (Mozart). More than 25 years she also leads different church choirs. At the present time Galyna is the conductor of male choir in Odessa St. Panteleimon abbey.

Odessa is a major tourist, cultural and industrial center in southern Ukraine, with a population of one million people. It was founded in 1794 by Empress Catherine II.





Youth Mixed Choir Stellatus Szeged, Hungary

Szilvia Balázs - conductor

Enikő Jordanov - solo vocal



Competition Concert

Title Composer Lyrics Viva la musica Erőd Iván Aide brala moma Gligor Smokvarski Traditional Macedonian Il est bel et bon Pierre Passereau Biblical text: Mt 27,46 Èli! Eli! Deák-Bárdos György El chant dels ocells arr. Pau Casals - Oriol Martorell Traditional Catalan Calixto Alvarez Lacrymosa

Kodály Zoltán

Concert of Sacred Music

An Alleluia Super-Round

Evening song

Title	Composer	Lyrics
Rorando coeli	Jan Campanus Vodnansky	9 /) \
Jubilate	Halmos László	from Psalm 99
Jesu Rex admirabilis	Giovanni Pierluigi Da Palestrina	St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Adoration	Kodály Zoltán	Szedő Dénes

William Albright

The members of the Stellatus Youth Mixed Choir are between fifteen and nineteen years old from the Vántus István Secondary School of Music in Szeged, Hungary. The students specialize in playing classical instruments or singing. This year the choir won the Gold Diploma and Certificate of Merit at the national "Young Choirs' Qualifying Concert". The repertoire of the choir contains various pieces by masters from the renaissance to the contemporary period.

Szeged is located on the banks of the river Tisza in the southern region of the Great Hungarian Plain and is called the "town of sunshine". The symbol of Szeged is the Cathedral, also called the Votive Church, which was built in gratitude to God, when—after the destruction of the great flood in 1879—the town



could be rebuilt and reborn with the help of some European capital cities.

Traditional Hungarian

Szilvia Balázs graduated in 2002 from the Secondary School Music Teacher and Choir Conductor Department of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest. She teaches solfeggio and music theory, and conducts the choir in the Secondary Music School in Szeged.



Lubov Zvyagintseva, Dmitry Shmelev - conductors Konstantinova, Muravina, Saliy, Kotkin, Pivovarov, Rogovoy, Sokolov, Ushakov - soloists





Concert of Sacred Music

Title

Neither the tomb no Death

The wise thief

Of thy Mystical Supper

Hail, o Virgin Birth-Giver of God

Let God arise

Praise the name of the Lord

We sing Thee

Composer

S. Rachmaninov

P. Dinev

A. Lvov

S. Rachmaninov D.Bortnyanskiy

D. Hristov S. Rachmaninov Lyrics

The Collect-Hymn of the Dormition Exapostilarion on Great Friday Troparion on Great Thursday

All-night vigil,op.37,No. 6

Stanzas for Easter Ps.134:1 and 135:1

from Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom op. 31

The chamber choir "ARS VIVA" (Moscow) and the creative association "VIVAT"—associations of cultural and business cooperation with Italy—were created in 1999 as men's and mixed choirs. The choir is very active, performing in concerts and participating in festivals in Russia, Austria, Germany, Spain, Poland, France, the Czech Republic and Italy, where in 2000 it won the international competition "MUSIC WORLD". The choir has diplomas from festivals in Russia, Italy, Spain.

The choir repertoire includes spiritual and secular music from the fifteenth to the twentieth century from Russia and countries worldwide, as well as Russian, Ukrainian and Cossack songs. The men's and women's choir groups have independent repertoires. Depending on the program, the choir includes between twenty-four and fifty singers.

Art director and director - Valery Manin

Chorus masters and conductors - Lubov Zvyagintseva, Dmitry Shmelev

Lubov Zvyagintseva - the choir master and conductor, composer, musicologist, arranger, music critic, sound producer, journalist, ethnographer. She has cooperated with the "ARS VIVA" choir since 2001. She graduated from the Kirghiz State Institute of the Arts. She has a number of Russian awards, and now works at the Moscow University of Culture and Arts.

Dmitry Shmelev - the choir master and the conductor of the creative association since 1994, graduated from the Moscow Institute of Culture.







Artūras Dambrauskas - chief conductor and artistic director Raminta Gocentienė; Simona Vitkauskienė - assistants to the chief conductor and artistic director

Competition Concert

Title
On the high hill
Kiitkem sudamest Mariat
Psalm 43, Op. 78, No. 2 "Richte mich, Gott"
Numeration
Rum dum

Composer
Donatas Zakaras
Urmas Sisask
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartoldy
Jonas Tamulionis
Dragan Shuplevski

The mixed choir "BEL CANTO" was established in the autumn of 2009, and unites more than fifty singers, who have extensive experience in various choirs in Lithuania. It brings together people whose desire is to have quality leisure time and enjoy one of the most pleasant activities—singing. Their goal is to sing different styles of music and work with various other groups, present high quality musical projects and participate in competitions and

festivals in Lithuania and abroad.

"BEL CANTO" made its official Vilnius debut in February 2010 with a sell-out concert called "Bel Canto Choir: singing hope, passion and love..." at St. Catherine's Church. However, the choir's first public appearance took place in November 2009, barely three months after it was established, at the seventeenth International Festival of Sacred Music, and the Fifth Sacred Choral Music Competition Cantate Domino in Kaunas, where Bel Canto won second place in the Grand Prix category.



In 2010 "BEL CANTO" plans to present its first CD album "Choir Bel Canto: singing passion, hope and love...". The album will feature songs from the choir's Vilnius debut concert of the same title, which took place in February 2010 in Vilnius, and will present its second solo concert in Vilnius in early November.



Francesco Saverio Messina - conductor

Competition Concert

Title Matona Mia Cara Se Per Havervi, Oime

Denes Nad Makedonija To The Mothers In Brazil Composer Orlando Di Lasso Morten Lauridsen

Todor Skalovski Lars Jansson

Lyrics

Vlado Maleski



Folk Concert

Title Rosa Got Married Tongue Twister

And You Are Still Sleeping Come Back To Sorrento

Composer

Sicilian Traditional Sicilian Traditional Sicilian Traditional Neapolitan Traditional

Concert of Sacred Music

Title

The Water Flea Lullabye

Don't Worry, Be Happy

Composer

Angelo Branduardi

Billy Joel

Bobby McFerrin

The vocal ensemble "CANTICA NOVA" was founded in Milazzo in 1989 by Francesco Saverio Me-1 ssina. The Ensemble's repertoire of choral polyphonic music is almost exclusively sung "a cappella". From the start, their concert activity concentrated on the study of Renaissance music and the search for the vocal qualities that most represent this style. Thereafter, they developed a wide repertoire including contemporary, international folk and pop music. They took choral singing courses with Werner Pfaff and Gary Graden. In 2004 they recorded their first CD, "Vento di Emozioni".



Saverio Francesco Messina has a degree in Sociology. He studied choral music with the masters: Mino Bordignon, Werner Pfaff, Gary Graden, André Thomas and Alberto Turco (Gregorian chant).

Milazzo is a peninsula that extends into the Mediterranean Sea north of Sicily towards the Aeolian archipelago. The city was inhabited by various civilizations and fortified by Greek, Roman and Byzantine. The heart of the city is the Castle that was built by the Arabs and the Normans.



Capella Polifonica

Arad, Romania

Ardelean Tiberiu - conductor



Folk Concert

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lyrics

The chamber choir "Capella Polifonica", conducted by Tiberiu Ardelean came into being on the fifteenth of November, 2008, from the desire of its members to give glory and contentment to God through the universal and beautiful language of music. The choir is mixed, made up of priests, different specialized teachers and parsons, lovers of music and beauty, all of whom have a passionate desire to bring to light the lexicon of religious and secular music which our Romanian race enjoys. It is made up of thirty-one members who, for their passion and love for singing, reserve two hours a week to rehearse and transmit to the wider public and today's society at least a few emotions and spiritual feelings. Our choir has Saint Nicolas as its spiritual protector, because it had the great honor on December 6, 2008 to sing and to have in our midst the Primate of our church, Daniel, Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church. The

choir encompasses a large palette in its repertory: religious, classic folk, patriotic, and of course the traditional carol. Our joy and our satisfaction is that after the work is finished, during rehearsal classes, to move and sensitize the hearts of our listeners, by giving them a few benefits and fruits that choral music offers.



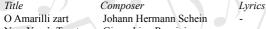


Chamber Choir of Pécs

Pécs, Hungary

Mr. Aurél Tillai - conductor





New Year's Toast Gioacchino Rossini Three songs Claude Debussy -

Mundi renovatio György Orbán Adam de Saint - Victor



Concert of Sacred Music

 Title
 Composer
 Lyrics

 Quam pulchri sunt
 G. P. da Palestrina

 Hail, star of Heaven
 Edvard Grieg

Beseeching Zoltán Kodály XVI. C. Hungarian Renaissance poet, Bálint Balassi

The Chamber Choir of Pécs was founded on October 22, 1958 by Dobos László and Aurél Tillai from a circle of friends and students. Members include teachers, doctors, other intellectuals, and university students. Many ex-choir members have their own choirs now, and several have became internationally acknowledged conductors.

Their repertoire covers almost the whole literature of choral music. Their main aim is to familiarise audiences both abroad and at home with the works of Hungarian classical composers (Kodály, Bartók, Bárdos); nevertheless, they are just as eager to sing the music of the generations following Kodály.

The choir has won 39 international prizes. To name just a few, they won first prize in Tours (twice) and Spittal. In 2000, three first prizes were awarded to the choir at the Orlando Lasso Choir Competi-

tion in Rome. They regularly perform on Hungarian Radio on the spot, and their programmes have been broadcast in Helsinki, Torino, Paris, London, Brussels, Rome and Stockholm The choir takes an active part in philharmonic life-they have sung over 30 oratorical



pieces. The choir is the creator of the International Chamber Choir Festival of Pécs, and has been the host since 1964. In August 2010, as a proud holder of the title 2010 European Capital of Culture, Pécs hosts the Pécs Cantat, which will be a major choral event of the year.



Marta Kierska-Witczak - conductor



Competition Concert

Title
Two Japanese proverbs
The heavens declare the glory of God (Psalmus 19)
Sing to the Lord (Psalmus 100)
Admiring eyes
Rum, dum, dum

Composer
Gary Kent Walth
Heinrich Schuetz
Marek Jasinski
Stanislaw Wiechowicz
Dragan Shuplevski

Lyrics
Collection of Kotowaza
King David
King David
Traditional Polish
Trad. Macedonian

Folk Concert

Title
Three gammers – Oh my, oh my
Oh, the moon's shining
On an earthenware vase
Ah, you wide steppe
Admiring eyes

Composer
Juliusz Łuciuk
Jozef Karol Lasocki
Stanislaw Wiechowicz
Dmitrij Pietchnikov
Stanislaw Wiechowicz

Lyrics Traditional Polish Traditional Polish Janina Porazińska Traditional Belarussian Traditional Polish

Concert of Sacred Music

Title
Hail, glorious Queen
Ave Maria
To the mothers in Brazil – Salve Regina
Alleluia, praise the Lord (Psalmus 116)
Sing to the Lord (Psalmus 100)

Composer Andrzej Koszewski Marek Jasinski Lars Jansson, arr. Gunnar Eriksson Wacław z Szamotul Marek Jasinski Lyrics
unknown (XV century)
Christian prayer
probably st. Anselm of Lucca
King David
King David

The Chamber Choir "Consonanza" was founded in 1993. Its members are students and workers of the Wrocław University of Technology and other high schools. "Consonanza" has been awarded many prizes and has taken part in many festivals in countries such as France, England, Hungary, Italy and Portugal.

Wrocław is the capital of the Lower Silesian Voivodeship. The choir presents Polish and foreign works from medieval and Renaissance music through Baroque to modern compositions.

The artistic director of "Consonanza" has been Marta Kierska-Witczak, a doctor of art. She graduated from the Musical Education Faculty in the Karol Lipinski Academy of Music in Wrocław (MA degree).









Competition Concert

Title Composer Lyrics Oče Naš Matko Brajša Rašan Relig. Kaj Rudolf Taclik Traditional Jurjevska Iz Dubranca Franjo Dugan Jr. Traditional Antun Mihanović Mio Ti Je Kraj Ferdo Livadić Rum, Dum, Dum (optional) Dragan Šuplevski Traditional Mak.

Concert of Sacred Music

TitleComposerLyricsAmazing GraceJ. London-Oče NašMatko Brajša RašanRelig.

The ensemble has been active since 2004, and was formally registered in 2008. The choir performs different music, primarily classic vocal expressions of sacral music, modern arrangements of traditional music, popular music for different occasions and adaptable in accordance with the requirements of social or cultural events. Our most special and popular concerts are our Christmas Concerts performed in various churches in Croatia and abroad. We like them the most. We always prepare seriously and for a long time because we think that at Chrismas time we must give not only beautiful music to the audience but our souls as well. The Conductor is Mr Siniša Belošević, an air traffic controller, born in Zagreb in 1954.

The ensemble Golden Years resides in Velika Gorica (Little Big Hill) in the central part of Croatia, 600 kilometres from Dubrovnik, 300 kilometres from Pula and Osijek and twenty kilometres from Zagreb.

In fact, it is a green valley with no industry with about 70.000 inhabitants and with a remarkable number of places where signs of traditional life have been preserved for present and future generations.





Lenka Charvátová-Štukheilová conductor

Competition Concert

Title
Tiebie Pojem
Villanella alla Napolitana
My head aches
Why you didn't come

Ajde da se zemime Flanders fields

My Lord, what a mornin'

Composer Sergej Rachmaninov Baldassare Donato Bohuslav Martinů

Slovak folk song; arr. by Petr Eben

Dragan Shuplevski Paul A. Aitken

Spiritual; arr. by Norman Luboff

Folk Concert

Title
A Farmer Goes to the Mill
Beyond our Barn
Raining, raining
Hey Girl!

Composer Zdeněk Lukáš Zdeněk Lukáš

Zdeněk Lukáš Miroslav Hroněk Dobri Christov Lyrics folk song

Moravian folk song Slovak folk song Bulgarian folk song

The choir Labyrint was established in 1989 as a choir of secondary schools and university students. Labyrint is a member of the Czech Choir Association. The choir participates in national and international festivals and choir competitions. Its greatest achievements include six silver awards at the Prague Days of Choral Singing (1998), the Festival of B. Martinů in Hradec Králové, Czech Republic (1999), the Festival of Songs in Olomouc, Czech Republic (2002, 2003), the Prague Christ-

mas Festival (2003), and Musica Religiosa Olomouc, Czech Republic (2009). Labyrint also does concert tours to various European countries. The choir performs in Prague and other Czech towns throughout the year in events such as the annual Prague Christmas concert, and Easter performances of the Mass in D Major by A. Dvořák. The shorter pieces repertoire includes examples from the Renaissance, the classical period, music of the twentieth and twenty-first century, arrangements of negro spirituals and Czech and Slovak folk songs. The choir found-



er and conductor Lenka Charvátová-Štukheilová has a Masters degree in music and Czech language teaching from the Charles University in Prague, and she expanded her education in conducting at the Prague Conservatory of J. Ježek. Prague is the historical capital of the Czech Republic, connecting culture and everyday life.



Lira Maria Radna

Lipova, Romania



Ovidiu Boar - conductor

Competition Concert

Title Composer Lyrics
We praise You Nicolae Lungu Liturgical song

Uplift to You Lodovico Viadana Offertorium in the 1st Advent Sunday

God's Lamb Pietro A. Yon Mess of the Shepherds

The choir "Lira Maria Radna" from Lipova, Romania was born in 1984 and consists of women, many of them teachers. They are amateur singers. The choir is supported by the local community of the town Lipova, district Arad. Lipova is a small town in the western region of the country, crossed by a large river and surrounded by hills. It is an ancient town which came under the influence of different cultures: Slavic, Turkish, German and Hungarian. An old fortress dominates the surroundings from a high hill and the landscapes are wonderful. The town is well-known for its mineral water sources.

The repertory of the choir is rich and diverse, containing pieces of secular and religious music, classical and contemporary works, folklore and international masterpieces. The conductor, Ovidiu Boar, is a singer in the choir of the State Philharmonic Arad, and he conducts two other choirs in Arad city. He has been working with the "Lira" choir for almost ten years, constantly improving its performances.

The choir has participated in many festivals and competitions over its lifespan, either national or international. The international experience of the choir began in 1991. Since that time, the choir has taken part in competitions and festivals in Germany, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Denmark and

Portugal. In 1992 the "Lira" choir won its first important prize in the International Choral Festival of Karditsa in Greece, in the category of Byzantine music. 2001 and in 2003 the choir was a participant in two of the international choral competitions organized by Musica Mundi: first in Riva del Garda, Italy and second in Budapest, Hungary. The choir was awarded with Silver Diplomas at both competitions.





Teachers' choir of Lviv State Music College

Stanislaw Ludkevich

Lviv, Ukraine

Volodymyr Gnid - conductor Volodymyr Paslavskyy - solo vocal

Competition Concert

Title
Where do I go in the name of Your the Lord...

Moon serene Elegiya Schedrivonka

Siromav Nyni otpuschajeshy Composer

M. Lysenko

A. Kushnirenko D. Shuplevski

M. Datsko D. Shuplevski D.Hristov Lyrics

Koncert Ps. 138: 7-10 Folk song

K. Racin Traditional Ukranian

Traditional Macedonian

Liturgy



Folk Concert

Title

Oh, oak, green oak. – Oh in the field two oak

The green hazel Moon serene

Hey, comrades opryshky

Composer
O. Nekrasov

Arr. A.Kos-Anatolski Arr. A. Kushnirenko

A.Kos-Anatolski

*Lyrics*Folk song

Folk song Folk song

M. Ustyjanovych

Concert of Sacred Music

TitleComposerLyricsAngel cryingA. MakarovLiturgyOur LadyM. FedorivLiturgyPraise, my soul...A. VedelLiturgyNow remissionD. HristovLiturgy

L viv is one of the oldest and most unique cities of Ukraine, a real pearl of European architecture, a spiritual capital of Ukraine. The central part of the city was declared a historical and cultural preserve and was included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. The temples, traditions, holidays and festivals of Lviv are inherited from the past and represent the modern genius which can only be felt in Lviv.



The teachers' choir of Lviv State Music College "Stanislaw Ludkevich", Lviv, was founded in 1990. The choir's repertoire is mainly a cappella songs by Ukrainian and foreign composers, spanning several centuries, from ancient music to the present day, including sacred, classical and folk music. The choir uses an original manner of singing, based on classical vocal and Ukrainian choir traditions. The teachers' choir of Lviv State Music College has taken part in many art activities and concert tours and has won many awards on several competitions and festivals.

Volodymyr Gnid began his work with the Teachers' choir of Lviv State Music College in 1995. He graduated from the cultural-educational college in Lviv and the Lviv State Musical Academy "M. Lysenko" with the specialty of choir conductor. He works as a vice-director in pedagogical work and as a professor.

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Oliver Rudin - conductor

Competition Concert

Title Composer
Light and Gold Eric Whitacre
Incantation for a Stormy Sea Veljo Tormis
Ouverture to The Magic Flute (first part) W. A. Mozart
Oj Javore Kiril Makedonski

is Text from the Latin translation of Kalevala art

Lyrics

Edward Esch

Folk Concert

TitleComposerLyricsBaselRudolf JaggiBlasiusThe Mountain LadyToni OrtelliToni OrtelliSomewhere in the worldWerner Richard HeymannRobert Gilbert

Concert of Sacred Music

TitleComposerLamb of GodAndré CampraO great mysteryMorten Lauridsen

O Trinity of Blessed Light Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy



The Männerstimmen Basel choir was founded in 2008 by former singers of the Knabenkantorei Basel boys' choir. Their first successes were not long in coming: at the 2008 Swiss Federal Singing Competition, the Männerstimmen Basel was rated "excellent". Soon after, the

choir was awarded a prize for best male choir at the International Choir Festival "Tallinn 2009". The bestowal of the prize took place in the Estonia Concert Hall, where it was presented by jury member Bob Chilcott, a former singer of the King's Singers. The choir is supported by Pro Helvetia, Schweizer Kulturstiftung.

The Swiss city of Basel lies in the heart of Europe, on both banks of the Rhine River. The city is the cen-



tre of the idyllic border triangle of France, Germany and Switzerland. Basel has around 190.000 inhabitants and sparkles with an incomparable programme of culture and leisure activities.







Competition Concert

Title
Dimianinka
Poshla moma na voda
Prayer
Kyrie
Sanktus
Ave Maria

Composer
Plamen Arabov
Dragan Shuplevski
Zvetan Denev
Orlando di Lasso
Noel Goemanne
Bozhidar Gatev

Folk Concert

Title
Bre, Petrunko
Stara sa majka ni lozhe
Bre, Ivane
Stana sa Kisha belosa
Dimianinka

Composer Filip Kutev Todor Popov Anastas Naumov Asen Diamandiev Plamen Arabov

Concert of Sacred Music

Title
Slava otcu i sinu
Blagoslovi, dushe moia
Prayer
Tebe poem
Glorificamus te

Composer
D. Bortnianski
D. Demirov
Zvetan Denev
Bozhidar Gatev
Eugenne Butler

The woman's choir Mistika was established in 2004. The participants are amateur singers of different professions. The group has worked for six years, in that time realizing over 80 concerts its native country and abroad, and has been awarded with two first prizes and one second place prize in international festivals in Bulgaria. The choir takes an active part in the cultural life of the town of Dobrich, Bulgaria.

The founder and conductor of Mistika is Rosiza Durmushlijska. She is a graduate of Plovdiv's Music Acad-



emy where she was a student of maestro Professor Ivan Spasov. Additionally, she has been the leader of the children's choir "Maestro Zahari Mednikarov" since 1985. In 2009 Durmushlijska was awarded with the honorary title Maestra at the International Choir Competition in Veliko Turnovo.

The town of Dobrich is the second largest economic center in northeastern Bulgaria. Dobrich is one of the ten largest towns in Bulgaria—an important cultural, economic and administrative centre in the northeast economic region of the country.



Kanku Kassanda Savanet conductor



The "Molende" choir was created in 1999 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, by Kanku Kassanda. It is a mixed choir composed of more than fifty choir members, professional and non-professional, between the ages of 18 to 40 years old. It is one of the most famous choirs of the Democratic Republic of Congo and is a member of the Congolese Federation of Choir Music (CFCM). The choir Molende is conducted by Kanku Kassanda, Professor of music, at the Institute of Arts in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Molende Choir sings in several languages and dialects from their country.

In 2007: Participation at the International Gospel Festival of Kinshasa.

In 2006: Participation of choir members at the International Work Group of Choir Music organized together with the Congolese National Federation of Choir Music.

In 2005: Three concerts organized by a local society in our country who supports the Refugees of the East.

In 2004: Participation in the music festival Without Boundary.

Kanku Kassanda is born in 1975, in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, He started his musical career in 1989. In 1990 he created the chorus ''The Harvesters'' and a mixed chorus in 1992. In 1994, he was nominated to participate in a contest for an anthem. During the same year he was included as a famous member of the group vocal Protestant in which he will take up the duties of the assistant editor. He will direct a choir made up of 5000 cantors for the occasion of the Centenary of Protestantism in Congo (DR Congo).



Church choir Oplenac

Topola, Serbia

Marija Rakonjac - conductor



Competition Concert

Title Composer
Our father Marina Gavrilovic
Psalm 103 Irina Denisova
Rejoice o Virgin Mary Arvo Part
Rum, dum, dum Dragan Shuplevski

Igrale se delije folk; arr. Jovica Gavrilovic



The church choir "OPLENAC" began its activities in 1999. Over its ten years of existence the choir's repertoire has been enriched with the most beautiful melodies of Serbian, Russian and Byzantine vocal music. The choir's special way of singing has been presented in many concerts, festivals (in Serbia, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Greece), two CDs (2002, 2010) and one DVD (2004). The choir won the silver medal in the International Choirs Festival in Bijeljina (2010) in the chamber choirs category.

Marija Rakonjac, conductor, was born in Belgrade (1962), and is a professor of violin in the Primary Music School "Stevan Hristic", Mladenovac. She has sung in the church choir "OPLENAC" since it s foundation, and in 2001 she became the choir conductor.

Topola is a small but very beautiful town near Kragujevac in the heart of Serbia. It has a beautiful park, Oplenac, a monument of nature, as well as the white marble church of St. George, the burial place of the Karadjordjevic dynasty.



Magdalena Lobutova - conductor Yordanka Vasilieva - piano accompaniment



Folk Concert

Title
Baba Minkovtsa
What a maid saw Mom
Rachenitsa
Perunika
Come on Yano

Composer
Alexander Morfov
Emanuil Manolov
Dobri Hristov
Parashkev Hadjiev
Petko Stajnov

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Composer
Our father Nikolay Kedrov
Yako da caria Georgi Lomahin
Tebe poem Dobri Hristov
Nine otpoushtaeshi raba Dobri Hristov

The beginning of the choir "Rilski zvoutsi" was in 1894 with the first singing association in Dupnitsa town, conducted by Ivan Krastev. As a successor chorus "Rodni zvoutsi" with the conductor Veneta Vitcheva in 1958 the structure was renamed "Rilski zvoutsi". During more than 115 years, the chorus

was conducted by 23 professional conductors, and with them hundreds of concerts was realized and they won scores of prizes in national and international festivals. Since 2008 the leader of the mixed choir is Magdalena Lobutova and since the inception of the choir, the master is Yordanka Vasilieva. The repertory of the choir includes more than 300 productions of Bulgarian choral classics, contemporaneous music, the world-wide before-classic music and classic music.

Over the years it has been awarded many prizes: prize winner and silver medal at the Second and Third National Festival of Amateur Art Activities in 1964 and 1969, golden



medal at the Fourth and Fifth National Festival of Amateur Art Activities in 1974 and 1979, and in 1975, at the 80th anniversary, it was awarded the order of Cyril and Methodius – first class.

Dupnitsa is situated in Southwestern Bulgaria at the foot of Rila Mountain and 50 km east of Macedonia. It has a rich cultural tradition with many amateur choirs, dance and theater groups that brought fame to the city and the country abroad.



Ján Glos - conductor Eva Balagová - piano accompaniment Andrea Kasalová - solo vocal

Competition Concert

Title
Fire, fire
Laudate Dominum
Ave Maria
Playing on the meadow

Composer Thomas Morley Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Mikuláš Schneider - Trnavský Zdenko Mikula Dragan Shuplevski

Lyrics
English madrigal
Liturgical
Liturgical
Slovak traditional
Macedonian trad.

Folk Concert

Rum, dum, dum

Title
Behind our litle barn
When I am going to plough
We decorate "may's trees" to our girlfriends

Composer Zdeněk Lukáš Ivan Hrušovský Ivan Hrušovský Lyrics traditional traditional traditional

Concert of Sacred Music

Title
Mother of the God, rejoice
Laudate Dominum

Composer
Sergej Rachmaninov
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lyrics
Orthodox liturgical
Liturgical

Pop Concert

TitleComposerLyricsFeathers in the WindFrancesc VilaVocalMy Evalinearr.: A. E. HallTraditionalTeacher of the dancePavol HammelBoris Filan



The mixed choir Rozkvet was established in 1967 as an ensemble of teachers from the city and nearby areas. In over four decades it has reached the standard of a quality choir with a wide repertoire. The choir's repertoire includes all musical genres—from the Renaissance madrigal through Baroque, Classical and Romantic pieces to works of contemporary music composers. Particular attention is devoted to Slovak music.

Nowadays the Rozkvet choir has

forty members from various occupations as well as high-school and university students. The choir is conducted by Ján Glos. He has been directing the choir for more than twenty years, during which it has found success on numerous European and national stages.



Rossi Yordanova - conductor Teodor Hristov - piano accompaniment Konstantin Tomov - violin and solo vocal Cecka Borisova - solo vocal

Competition Concert

Title
Moonlight sonata
Hubava si, moia goro
Stray clouds
Bolen mi lezhi
Momiche, malo gjavolo
Amazing grace
Oh, happy day

Composer
Angel Zaberski; Hristo Tonev
arr. Hristo Tonev
Josif Cankov; Hristo Tonev
Trajko Prokopiev
Stevan Gaydov
Edwin Hawkins

Lyrics Kolio Sevov

Josif Cankov

E. Hawkins

Pop Concert

Title Moonlight sonata Stray clouds Oh, my lovely forest Amazing grace Oh, happy day Composer Angel Zaberski; Hristo Tonev Josif Cankov; Hristo Tonev arr. Hristo Tonev John Newton Edwin Hawkins Lyrics Kolio Sevov Josif Cankov Lyuben Karavelov

Edwin Hawkins



The choir was founded in 2001. Shortly after it was awarded with the top prize at the international musical festival "Sea and Memories", Varna (May 2001). Since then the choir has made many appearances at festivals and concerts and won the following prizes: laureate at the festival "Tender feelings", of Plovdiv, Bulgiaria, winner at the festival "With Ari's songs", Haskovo, Bulgaria, Great award at the festival "Golden chestnut", Petrich, Bulgaria (2006). It has received the special insignia of honour at the annual community center's festivals of choral art.

The conductor of the choir is Rosi Yordanova. She is a composer (children's songs, popular music, music for drama and puppet theater) music arranger, vocal pedagogue, pianist



and choirmaster. She has performed concerts in major halls in Bulgaria and Germany. Over the years she has worked with established singers, musicians and writers in various projects. In 2000 she established a training school for rock and pop





Voicu Popescu - conductor

Competition Concert

Title Composer Lvrics Choral Medley from Oas Country Dariu Pop Romanian folk lyrics Ave Maria Javier Busto Christian lyrics Do tri momi Dragan Shuplevski Traditional Macedonian Camomile and Fine Lads, The Wassailers Sabin Păutza Romanian folk lyrics Other Variations on Chindia Dance Theme Alexandru Pascanu Romanian folk lyrics

Concert of Sacred Music

 Title
 Composer
 Lyrics

 Lord Have Mercy
 Paul Constantinescu
 Christian lyrics

 Ave Maria
 Javier Busto
 Christian lyrics

 Witness
 arr. Jack Halloran
 Traditional spiritual lyrics

Sound Choir started out as a student's choir 16 years ago in Bucharest, Romania. It now gathers together young people in love with music that have turned their hobby into passion. The conductor's art of harmonizing the choir's voices turned them into very sensitive singers. Their strength lies in the power of the emotions they share with their listeners. With a very wide repertoire, including traditional Romanian songs, madrigals, gospels, byzantine music and jazz, they enjoy every single minute of singing the music of the world.

Voicu Popescu graduated from National Music University in Bucharest and he began his dedication to choral art as a member of the National Chamber Choir "Madrigal". Afterwards he collaborated with this ensemble as Choir Master and Artistic Director In 1994 he founded Sound Choir and Cultural Foundation "Sound", through which he organized choral festivals, symposiums and master classes in Romania and



participated at many artistic events all over the country and abroad.



Men's choir Stefka Blagoeva

Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Teodosiya Pankova - conductor Yuliya Petrova - piano accompaniment Valentin Kirev - soloist



Folk Concert

TitleComposerLyricsErgen dedaPetar LyondevPopularTemna maglaDobri HristovPopularDafino vinoDobri HristovPopular

Concert of Sacred Music

Title
Lord Have Mercy
Ave Maria
Witness

Composer
Paul Constantinescu
Javier Busto
arr. Jack Halloran

Lyrics Christian lyrics Christian lyrics

Traditional spiritual lyrics

The men's choir Stefka Blagoeva was founded in 2008, by former disciples of the Plovdiv Boys' and Young Men's choir. In the course of its short experience, the choir took an active part in the cultural life of Plovdiv. It first appeared at the Christmas concert in 2008, followed by a series of events dedicated to Easter, Europes Day, the 95th anniversary of Boris Hristov's birth and other events. In 2009 the choir participated to the Choir Festival held in Yambol, Bulgaria, and in November 2009 it was the guest of honour at the International Choir Festival in Thessaloniki.

Teodosiya Pankova graduated from the Music Academy of Sofia in the choir conducting class of Professor Vasil Arnaudov. In 1979 she joined the Plovdiv Boys' Choir. In 1981, together with

Stefka Blagoeva, she founded the Plovdiv Young Men's Choir and conducted it until 1996. Since 1996. Mrs. Pankova has worked as a lecturer at the Academy of Music and the music high-school in Plovdiv, and at the same time conducts the men's choir Boris Hristov.





Chamber choir Te Deum of Kaunas St. Michael the Archangel (Garrison) Church

Kaunas, Lithuania



Audrius Petrauskas - conductor

Competition Concert

Title
Upon the Mount of Olives
O sweet virgin Maria
Canticorum Jubilo
Christ became obedient unto death
Svescena pesna

Composer Lyrics
Juozas Naujalis Liturgic text
Cornelio di Hollosy Liturgic text
George Frideric Handel Liturgic text
Joost Termont Liturgic text
Taki Hrisik; Dragan Shuplevski

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Composer Lyrics
The eternal love of God Darius Polikaitis -

Quietly quietly Leonidas Abaris Henrika Aušrienė
Sing unto the Lord Alexander Grečaninov Liturgic text

The chamber choir "Te Deum" was founded in 1990 in the Kaunas Christ Resurrection Church, Lithuania, on the initiative of Asta Vištakyte-Armonienė. The choir chanted during feast days and other religious feasts in the churches of Lithuanian towns. In 1992 the choir participated in Youth days in Czestochowa, Poland during the visit of Pope John Paul II. In 1996 Audrius Petrauskas became the director of the choir. Since 2003 the choir chants at Kaunas St. Michael the Archangel (Garrison) Church during the summer. In 2004 and 2007 "Te Deum" was the laureate of the sacral music competition "Cantate Domino". In 2006 they performed together with the wind orchestra of Kaunas Air Force in Kaunas Town Hall Square. In 2009 the choir found success in the choir competition "Lithuanian Voices", broadcast in Lithuania and worldwide by Lithuanian National Television.

The conductor Audrius Petrauskas (born 1970) graduated from the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre and received the choir conducting Master's degree (under the guidance of Professor P. Bingelis). Presently he is a singer the Kaunas State Choir.





Thracian Lyre

Pazardjik, Bulgaria

Angel Tsenov - conductor Stefan Stefanov - piano accompaniment Elena Gorostanova, Aleksander Minkov - solo vocals



Competition Concert

Title
Prispivna
Ave, verum corpus
Mari mome
V tamen les se skitam
Ne stoi, kladenetso, palen
Belokamenna cheshma
Mile Pop-Jordanov

Composer
Anonymous
W. A. Mozart
Nikolai Behterev
Bela Bartok

arr. Vladimir Sokolov arr. Angel Tsenov arr. Dragan Shupleski -Bulgarian Folk

Lyrics

Russian Folk Ivan Popov Macedonian Folk

Folk Concert

Title
The eternal love of God

Quietly quietly Sing unto the Lord Composer Lyrics
Darius Polikaitis -

Leonidas Abaris Henrika Aušrienė Alexander Grečaninov Liturgic text

Trakiiska Lira Choir was founded in Pazardjik, Bulgaria, in 2003 as part of the Military Club in the town. During this period Trakiiska Lira Choir showed remarkable development in its professional growth and was awarded in two consecutive years (2006 and 2007) a Special Diploma and a Diploma for Best Participant among the military choirs in Bulgaria. In May 2009 Trakiiska Lira Choir went on a highly successful tour in the Netherlands. Trakiiska Lira Choir performs works from different styles and periods, but has its premier goal is to popularize the works of Bulgarian composers.

The conductor of the choir is PhD. Angel Tsenov, an Associate Professor in conducting at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski". Mr. Tsenov is a winner of the Grand Prize for Author's Song at the Second International Festival Pautalia, Kyustendil, Bulgaria (2008). In the same year he was awarded with the Award "Sladkopoina Chuchuliga" by the Union for Music and Dance in Pazardjik municipality "for his active participation in the development of choral singing in Pazardjik".





Ilija Atanasov - conductor Ernes Ibraimovski - soloist (tenor) Sonja Sterjevska - soloist (alto)



Competition Concert

Title
Mattona Mia Cara
The Only-Begotten Son
Kumanovka IV
I'm Gonna Sing

Composer
Orlando di Lasso
Dmitry Smirnoff
Trajko Prokopiev
Traditional spiritual arr.

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Credo Blessed Is The Man Bless The Lord, My Soul Aliluja Composer
P. I. Tchaikovsky
P. Tchesnokoff
S. Rachmaninoff
Zapro Zaprov

Vardar, the City Mixed Voices Choir, was established in the year 2000 by a group of enthusiasts, former members from many generations of the "Mirče Acev" Academic Choir and their conductor Dragan Šuplevski. The choir follows the tradition of the first city choir of the same name in Skopje from the beginning of the XX century.

The choir repertoire is comprised of pieces by various composers coming from various time periods. However, the ensemble focuses mostly on Orthodox church music and works of Macedonian composers. Mr. Ilija Atanasov took charge of the choir in 2001, thus marking the beginning of the permanent growth of "Vardar". Ever since 2002 the choir has full-time concerts of sacral music. "Vardar" regularly performs at choral events in Macedonia and abroad (Poland, Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro). The concerts of the choir are recorded and broadcasted on many TV stations in Macedonia and a Christmas concert they held in Podgorica, Montenegro was aired via terrestrial and satellite by their national broadcasting company.

Ilija Atanasov, the conductor, graduated choral conducting, musical theory and pedagogy with Prof. Dragan Šuplevski at the Faculty of Music Arts in Skopje in 1996. He received his master's degree at the FMA with Prof. Saša Nikolovski Gjumar and specialized in conducting with Prof. Valery Uspensky in St. Petersburg,

Russia. He also attended master classes with m a e s t r o Yury Simonoff.





Vox Animi Sighisoara, Romania



Ana Rodica Proteasa - conductor Gheorghe Oprea - choir president

Competition Concert

Title Composer

Ave Maria Manfred Bühler
Chop heaven Petre Severin
Christ is Risen! Cornel Arion
Wreath on Somes Constantin Arvinte
Lino, Leano Nicolae Ursu
Meri Tomcho Stevan Gaydov

The Vox Animi Choir (an amateur mixed choir) has a strong historical tradition in the cultural life of Sighisoara, Romania. The choir was founded in 1937. It participates in various festivals, and has toured in Romania, Germany, Czech Republic and Greece. The choir is a member of the National Association - Romanian Association of Choral Song, which is a part of the International Association - "À Coeur Joie" in France. The name choir, "Vox Animi" (voice of the soul), symbolizes joy, love, the human pleasure of playing, and thus the heart and soul of the song is passed on to the audience. The choir members, of forty different professions, are united by a common passion—choir singing. A holder of national diplomas, the Vox Animi Choir holds a bronze award from the "Festival of Carols" in Prague, Czech Republic (2007).

Choir Conductor - Ana Rodica Proteasa. She is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music "Gheorghe Dima" Cluj-Napoca, and since 1997 has been this choir's conductor. She is has a

noted career as a music teacher, choir harmonies and creator of various choral works.

Sighisoara was certified in the year 1280 under the name of Castrum Sex, a medieval town located in central Romania. Protected under the patronage of UNESCO, it is the only inhabited medieval citadel in southeastern Europe.





Chamber Choir Vox Humana

Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania

Szilagyi Zsolt - conductor Szilagyi Zsolt - solo vocal Krecht Emese - organ accompaniment

Competition Concert





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Folk Concert

1.		
Title	Composer	Lyrics
Take me away	Tudor Jarda	Folk
Don't be angry	Birtalan József	Folk
Şade-mi, Doamne	Sabin Drăgoi	Folk
Pataki diákdalok	Farkas Ferenc	Folk

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Composer
In Te Domine speravi Josquin Des Prez
Ave Maria T. Luis de Victoria
Panis Angelicus Cesar Frank

The Vox Humana chamber choir was founded in 1972 by music professors of Sfantu Gheorghe. The choir soon attained national and international renown. Two years after its inception, the choir was al-

ready making recordings for the Romanian National Television and Radio. It participates very successfully in national and international choral competitions and has worked with a number of Romanian philharmonic orchestras and performs vocal-symphonic concerts regularly. It has participated in prestigious festivals in Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, England, Belgium and Norway.

The conductor, Szilágyi Zsolt, is a canto teacher, conductor, founding member of the Vox Humana chamber choir and di-



rector of the Popular Art School in Sfantu Gheorghe. As a tenor he has performanced numerous times with several Romanian philharmonic orchestras, singing vocal-symphonic pieces and oratories.



Warsaw School of Social **Sciences and Humanities**

Choir

Ewa Mackiewicz - conductor

Warsaw, Poland



Competition Concert

Title Il bianco e dolce cigno Exsultate Deo Silent Prayer Alleluja

Da woskriesniet Boh Ave Maria Rum, dum, dum

Pado dysc

Composer Jacob Arcadelt Domenico Scarlatti Mikhail Shukh Romuald Twardowski **Dmitry Bortniansky** Javier Busto Dragan Shuplevski

Stanisław Wiechowicz

Psalm 81 Traditional Traditional Traditional Macedonian Traditional Polish

Lyrics

Folk Concert

Title Pado dysc Rum, dum, dum Ach, ty stiep' Shchedryk La cucaracha Shalom aleikem Composer S. Wiechowicz D. Shuplevski D. Pechnikov M. Leontovich

R. Twardowski

Lyrics Traditional Polish Traditional Macedonian Traditional Ukrainian Ukrainian New Year's Chant Traditional Mexican Traditional Hebrew

Concert of Sacred Music

Title Silent Prayer Ave Maria Alleluja

Mother of God Exsultate Deo

Composer Lyrics M. Shukh J. Tavener D. Scarlatti Psalm 81 J. Busto Traditional

Te are an academic choir from the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities of Poland. The group was established in 2001. We have performed at many concerts, festivals and competitions, such as "The Night of Russian Opera" (2005), "Candide" by Leon Bernstein (2006), Symphony No. 2 in C minor by Gustav Mahler (2007), International Festival of the Orthodox Church Music "Boh je laska" in Slovakia (2008), Video Games Live! Show (2009), International Festival of the Orthodox Church Music "Hajnówka 2009" in Poland (2009, second place prize) and the International Festival of Choir Music by Felix Nowowiejski in Poland (2010, second place prize).



Ewa Mackiewicz has been the conductor of the WSSSH Choir since the very beginning of the choir's existence. She is an alumna of the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music (composition, conducting and theory of music, 2002).

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