



OHRID**CHOIR***FESTIVAL*

OFFICIAL**PROGRAM**2008



22-25**AUGUST**2008
OHRID**MACEDONIA**



OHRID MAYOR WELCOMES THE PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to Ohrid – The Balkan's Jerusalem, The Town of the Spirituality and Inspiration

Ohrid, the town of culture and the cultural-historical heritage; The town known world wide for its natural beauties and the wonderful lake; The town that is so unique and has so many peculiarities is registered to the World's protected heritage and values of UNESCO. Of course, these are values that history has given and made in time. But, there are also many achievements by the new generations because Ohrid is "alive" and a modern center that develops on daily basis and becomes wanted tourist destination.

One of the things that Ohrid can be proud of today is the Ohrid choir. The young singers led by their conductor Aleksandar Dimoski, with daily practice and hard work, have made to get in the affirmed choirs in Macedonia in a short time. With their interpretations and many successful performances in different competitions and festivals in Macedonia and abroad, the choir has proved to be music ambassador of Ohrid and Macedonia.

We can surely be proud of having a choir like this and we hope that its performances can best affirm Ohrid as a town of culture. The presentation of Ohrid in the world through the choral singing has given us the opportunity to be the host town of the international festival for choral singing.

To be the host town of an event of this kind is a great honor. The Ohrid choir with its success has gained my confidence to organize this event, and Ohrid as a municipality and I personally as the Mayor will do all that is in my power to make this event successful.

We'll be good hosts and I believe that this event shall be remembered for a long time by all of you. Therefore I welcome all of the participants.

ALEKSANDAR PETRESKI,

Ohrid Mayor



Dear Participants,
As a president of the Ohrid choir, I will speak on the behalf of the Organizational committee.

We, as citizens of Ohrid, are very happy and honoured to live in a place like Ohrid. Our city is surrounded by amazing natural beauties like the lake, the mountain Galicica and many many more. At the same time, we are proud to say that Ohrid is one of the oldest cities in Europe which has been continuously inhabited. The archeological findings that date back from prehistoric, antique and medieval times to recent history are clear evidence. There are also a lot of ancient monuments, buildings, churches and houses that make Ohrid a place where history and modern life are bond together in very diverse and unique ways.

Ohrid is beautiful during the whole year, but the summers are special. That is why the Sun is one of the most famous Macedonian symbols. The summer sunshine makes the lake water warm and pleasant for swimming, and gives the fruits and vegetables which grow here a very delicious and unique taste. Talking about natural beauties, the history and the sunshine - the story of Ohrid is not going to be complete if I don't mention the music of this place. The music is so rich and diverse: from the spirituality of Christian orthodox church music, through the passion of the love songs, to the complex rhythm of the folk dances.

The nature, the history, the sun, the music. We are fortunate to enjoy them, but we will be even happier if we can share them with others. That is the main reason why we decided to organize the Ohrid choir festival. Our intention was to invite people to celebrate life, love and friendship through music.

The true love of the art of choral singing gathered us all together this evening.

In the following three days, Ohrid will be the place where sixty choirs with more than 2000 participants will present their talents, through interpretations of songs in various music styles. They come from 14 countries: Macedonia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Turkey, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Hungary, Slovenia, The Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Russia. Even though they come from different countries and cultivate different music styles, they are still directed towards the same goal. That goal is to worship life, love and friendship through song. That's why we are very happy to have you here.

The festival is not strictly competitive, because we believe that music is not a competition. Anyhow, we wanted to add some dynamics, so the Festival will be followed by expert jury composed from renowned artists in choral music: Mr. Mirko Bulovan and Mr. Aleksandar Vujic from Srbija, Mr. Vladimir Kranjcevic from Croatia, Mr. Valentin Bobevski from Bulgaria, Mr. Ljubo Trifunovski, Mr. Ivica Zoric, Mrs. Letka Dimovska Polizova and Mr. Zapro Zapro from Macedonia. The jury will evaluate different examples of choral performance and conducting and will write short critique on each choir. The jury will select the best choirs from each category and these will perform on the final concert on Sunday at 18:00 in the Cultural Center in Ohrid. From these 6 best choirs, the jury will select the very best choir, which will be awarded The Grand Prix of the Festival.

Being every proud of our thousands years of music tradition, we have had copies made of a relief plate representing musicians that used to decorate the entrance of the Antique Theatre in Ohrid, and is today exhibited in the City Museum. That relief plate is witness of the rich artistic life of Ohrid 2000 years ago. Our ancestors more than 2000 yeas ago built an impressive theatre with more than 2000 seats, which served as a place for dramatic and other performances, where the choirs and orchestra played a significant role. That explains why on the main entrance it had a relief plate representing the musicians - singers, instrumentalists and dancers. We are continuing that tradition through numerous artistic events in Ohrid, and we believe that this Festival will find the place it deserves among them. We had ceramic replicas made according of the original relief plate. Six of them are silver coloured - they will be granted to the winners of the categories and one that is gold coloured will be granted to the Grand Prix Winner.

Dear lovers of the music and singing, we wish you a pleasant stay in Ohrid and successful performances on the Festival stage.

On the behalf of the organizational committee,
Aleksandar Dimoski,
President





APRIL

GATCHINA - RUSSIA

MARINA KAPLAN - Conductor

ELENA VORONEZ - Choirmaster

ELENA SMIRNOVA - Concertmaster

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	O, Salutaris	Franz Liszt	Canonical text
2	Bogorodica Deva	S. Voronin	Canonical text
3	So viunom	Russian folk song	Russian folk song
4	Milii Moi Horovod	Russian folk song	Russian folk song
5	Vo kuznice	Russian folk song	Russian folk song
6	Stuga, Sneg	Veljo Tormis	Estonian folk poetry
7	Sveni (Swanee)	George Gershwin	E. Sezer
8	33 Korovi	Maksim Dunaevskii	N. Olev

The choir was formed in 2004. All choir collectives operate on the original Ogorodnov's technique. The choir has taken part successfully in regional and international choir festivals: Regional Competition "Gatchina rainbow"(2006), Gatchina - 1st place; International Competition "The window to Europe" (2007), Saint-Peterburg - 2nd place; International Competition "Make the World sounds" (2008), Saint-Peterburg - 1 place. Also the choir won diplomas in the famous festival "The golden Ring" Vladimir (Russia, 2007) and the international festival of children's song in Salo (Finland, 2007).

HOR OSNOVNE ŠKOLE VUK KARADŽIĆ

THE CHOIR OF THE KIKINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL "VUK KARADZIC"

KIKINDA - SERBIA

BILJANA JEREMIC, Conductor

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	A mia mamma	Unknown	Unknown
2	Ti rosi rosi rosice	Dimitar Tapkov	Vladimir Rusaliev
3	Budi imja gospodnje	St. S Mokranjac	Liturgical
4	Sosa sa satom	Konstantin Babić	Unknown
5	Schlafwagenschlaflleid	Peter Wittrich	Reiner Kunze
6	Adiemus	Karl Jenkins	

Our school choir was founded in 1950. Its members are pupils aged 11-15. In 1998, when the new music teacher came to our school, the program orientation of the choir was changed and the choir started to win first prizes at its category competitions (that is primary school choirs). The choir received many awards and prizes: first prize at national competition of primary school choirs 2002 and 2003, bronze medal at International festival in Olomouc – Czech Republic, in 2006, participation at International festival "Orlando di Lasso" in Recanati – Italia and at the International festivals in Varna – Bulgaria in 2007 and Bijeljina – Bosnia, 2008.

Biljana Jeremic was born on November 11, 1969 in Kikinda. She graduated from the Academy of Art in Novi Sad (musical pedagogy). A few months ago she passed the M.A. examination for choir conducting. She has won many prizes for her work – the best conductor in Serbia for Primary School choir conductors and the best schoolteacher in 2003 in Kikinda.



CHORALE "FANTASIA"

VASLUI - ROMANIA

NEGURA VASILE.

Conductor

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	Nigra Son	Pablo Casals	
2	Suita Din Oas	Dariu Pop	
3	Eminesco	Cristian Misievici	Nichita Stanescu
4	Da Suonare	Ghé.Dusica	

"Fantasia" children choir was established at the "Elena Cuza" Gymnasium in Vaslui in 1995. Now the choir rehearses at the Children's Palace. The choir has a broad repertoire that goes from the rhythmic refinement of sacred-religious music, through gospel sounds and a bit of jazz, to the purity of traditional folk choral music. The choir has won many prizes at national Romanian and international contests and festivals in Moldova, France, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Italy and Greece.

Mr. Vasile Negura studied at the "George Enescu" Academy of Music in Iasi. He was awarded a special prize - the most talented conductor by "Madrigal-Marin Sorescu Constantin Foundation" in May 2000. He is frequently a jury member at local, regional and national choral competitions.



ГРАДСКИ ДЕТСКИ ХОР "ЛАЛЕ"

CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR "LALE"

TETOVO - MACEDONIA

IVICA ZORIC - Conductor

LJUBICA BOJADZIESKA - Ass. cond.

Biljana Dabevska - Solo

Anastasia Volchevska - Piano

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1	Heruvimska pesna br 3	Stoyan Babekov
2	Die forlle variationen	Franc Schubert
3	Machor Stanko	Todor Skalovski
4	Proba za koncert	W. A. Mozart
5	Every time	Negro spiritual

The Children's City Choir "Lale" from Tetovo, Macedonia was established in 1977 by Ivica Zoric. Its repertoire consists of more than 300 compositions from Macedonian and foreign composers. There are compositions specially composed and dedicated to the choir. It has won many national choir competitions. The choir has taken part in international festivals in Slovenia, Serbia and Bulgaria. The choir has made many performances with the Macedonian Philharmonic orchestra and has produced a great number of published audio materials. In the past 30 years more than 1000 girls and children have been part of the choir.

Ivica Zoric became MA and PhD at the Faculty of Musical Art in Skopje. With the choirs "Lale" and "Menada" he has given more than 1000 concerts in Macedonia and abroad. As a choir conductor he has taken part in international festivals, concert tours and open competitions in Bulgaria, Slovenia, Greece, Austria, Poland etc. He is the initiator and establisher of "Balkan Choral Forum" and president of the International choral festival TEHO. For his achievements he was awarded the high awards of the town of Tetovo and the highest award of Republic of Macedonia – "11 Oktomvri" prize.



ХОР „ МОРСКА ЗВЕЗДА”
CHOIR “ MORSKA ZVEZDA”
 KAVARNA - BULGARIA
 TEOFANIYA HRISTOVA, Conductor

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	L oconna Sganero	Fabio Concato	Fabio Concato
2	Bre, Petrunko	Arr. Philip Kutev	Folk
3	Oj Shope, shope	Stefan Mutaftchiev	Folk
4	Swanee	George Gershwin	
5	Lolly- pop	Beverly Ross and Julius Dixon	
6	Caro mio ben	Giuseppe Giordani Arr. Barbara Harlow	
7	Alfabetto	Wolfgang A. Mozart	
8	Ave verum corpus	Wolfgang A. Mozart	
9	Gloria	Antonio Vivaldi	
10	Rachenitsa	Dobri Hristov	

The “ Morska zvezda” Children’s and Youth Choir was founded in 1998. The founder and choir-master is Teofaniya Hristova , graduate of the High musical school “ Dobri Hristov”- Varna , and of the Shumen University “ Bishop Konstantin Preslavski” . She specialized in choir-mastership under the guidance of her director of studies Prof. Veneta Vitcheva. The choir’s rehearsal coach is Mariyana Tikhlova. The choir numbers 50 singers from 8-18. The choir has won many prizes and awards. It has performed in Bulgaria and abroad in Hungary and Ukraine



SCOLARES MINORES
PRO MUSICA ANTQUA
 YOUNG STUDENTS
 CULTIVATING EARLY MUSIC
 PONIATOWA - POLAND
 DANUTA AND WITOLD DANIELEWICZ,
 Conductors

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1	Alle psallite	Anonymous XIII c.
2	Congaudeant catholici	from Codex Calixtinus (ca 1140)
3	Alleluia	Mikolaj from Radom XIVc.
4	Inte Domine speravi	Josquin des Pres, XV c.
5	Omnia beneficia	Anonymous, XIV c.
6	Benedictus	Tomas Luis de Victoria, XVI c.
7	Benedicit al Senor	F.S. de Langa 1534-1619
8	Breve regnum	Anonymous (XV c.)
9	Tourdion	P. Attaitgnant (1530)
10	Sound the trumpet	H. Purcell (1658-1695)

The children’s music groups: the early music ensemble “Scholares Minores pro Musica Antiqua” and the children’s choir “Szczygiełki” were founded by musicologists Danuta and Witold Danielewicz in the town of Poniatowa (Poland) in 1975. Since that time the group has grown from an ensemble of 30 children to an organization of 350 members, aged 4 to 18.

The repertoire of the “Scholares Minores” consists of music from medieval times to baroque and includes works by Polish and foreign composers. In addition they dance early dances to the playing of early instruments as: crumhorn, cornamuse, kortholt, viola da gamba, fidel, rebec, chrotta, psalter and many others. To complete the presentation they wear colorful costumes of the period during their performance.

Since 1975 “Scholares Minores pro Musica Antiqua” have performed over 2500 concerts in Poland and abroad and taken part in many music festivals and competitions in their extensive travels to 98 countries.

Since 1975 Danuta and Witold Danielewicz are musicologists, founders and leaders of many musical groups in Poniatowa, Poland. Both are graduates of the Institute of Musicology at the Catholic University of Lublin. Danuta is a director of the “After School Activity Center” and Witold is a director of the “House of Music”.





ŠVENTO PRANCIŠKAUS PAUKŠTELIAI
"FLEDGLING OF ST.FRANCIS"
 VILNIUS - LITHUANIA
 RITA KRAUCEVIČIŪTĖ, Conductor

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	Stabat Mater Nr.12	G. P. da Palestrinas	Lyrics liturgical
2	Ave Maria	W. A. Mozart	Lyrics liturgical
3	Simply Alleluia	D. Moore, ar. W. Boyce	Lyrics liturgical
4	Upelis	J. Baltramiejūnaitė	Rivulet
5	Šarkela Varnela	J. Tamulionis	Maggie Crow

Vilnius St. Bernardine Church's School of Singing was founded in 1995 under the initiative of a Franciscan father Benediktas and the conductor Rita Kraucevičiūtė. Children start attending the school from the age of five. There they learn how to read music as well as to learn the deep secrets of singing. There are four choirs for different age groups. The main choir "Švento Pranciškaus paukšteliai" (Eng. The Birds of St. Francis) sings at the Mass and has given concerts successfully both in Lithuania and abroad (Latvia, Spain, Belgium). In 2002, the choir participated in the Festival of Children's and Youth Choirs in Neerpelt, Belgium and won second place. In 2004, a well-known Spanish festival "Festival Internacional de Órgano de León" invited the choir to participate in the festival where the birds of St. Francis fascinated the listeners. The repertoire consists of works by composers from various epochs. The repertoire is mostly comprised of sacred music. Rita Kraucevičiūtė was born in 1957. She studied choir conducting at the Lithuanian National Conservatoire. She gained the title of concertmaster of the choir conducting department at the Lithuanian National Conservatoire. She was the choirmaster of the children's choir of Lithuanian Radio and Television and girls' choir VIRGO at Vilnius University. Since 1990 she has been the leader of her own choir, LANGAS, and of the St. Francis of Assisi and St. Bernardine School of singing, established in 1995.



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UNISON CHILDREN CHOIR
 BRASOV - ROMANIA
 GEORGE DUMITRASCU, Conductor

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	Cum asa?	G. Dumitrascu	G. Dumitrascu
2	Brasovul este in sarbatoar	G. Dumitrascu	G. Dumitrascu
3	Haz de necaz	Gh. Cucu	Romanian trad.
4	Marita - ti babo fata	Fr. Hubic	Romanian trad.
5	Nane cocha	Ruska Cikanska	Russian trad.
6	Kalinka	Russian song	Russian trad.
7	Dedo mili dedo	Macedonian	Macedonian

The children's choir "Unison" from Brasov Romania, is a well tuned group in which children of all ages, under the leadership of maestro George Dumitrascu and the management of Cristian Fieraru, have blended pristine voices in childish innocence and dreams with the art of singing and shared joy of a genuine musical show. They have enchanted audiences on over 200 concerts in Romania and abroad: Italy, Greece, France and Macedonia. Their CD with carols has delighted many people.



CANTICA LAETITIA

ZLÍN - CZECH REPUBLIC

JOSEF SUROVÍK - Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Light of the World	John Dankworth	
2 Salve Regina	Karel Blažej Kopřiva	
3 Oči všech se upírají	Petr Eben	
4 Vynášení smrti	Bohuslav Martinů	
5 Vyletěl sokol	Arr. Leoš Janáček	
6 Dyž verbují	Arr. Antonín Tučapský	
7 Svitaj, Bože svitaj	Arr. Oldřich Halma	
8 Kosmické písně – Mléčná dráha	Emil Hradecký	Václav Fischer

The chamber choir „Cantica laetitia“ was formed in 2004 with a selection of the best singers from the children's choir „Cantica“ Zlín. This representative collective takes part in the most prestigious events for example: celebration concert for Tomáš Baťa's birthday in the Spanish Hall of the Prague Castle or the premiere of the composition „Carohrátky“ by Zdeněk Lukáš, dedicated just to DPS Cantica, which was also performed at the beginning of the international festival „Spring is opening“. Despite of its short existence, the choir has won several prizes at international festivals.

Repertoire of the choir covers music of 20th century Czech composers. Josef Surovík conducts the choir and Jarmila Laštůvková and David Skopal are piano accompanists.



ХОР НА СУГС ГИМНАЗИЈА “ОРЦЕ НИКОЛОВ”

THE CHOIR OF “ORCE NIKOLOV” GIMNASIUM

SKOPJE - MACEDONIA

SUZANA TNOKOVA KUZMANOVSKA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Echo	Orlando di Lasso
2 Kon umore	Vlastimir Nikolovski
3 Moi cipiutki	-

With the establishment of the Gymnasium “Orce Nikolov” from Skopje begins the rich and successful tradition of the school choir.

Many successful pedagogues led the choir in the past and contributed greatly in educating the young people into the choral singing and music history.

The choir won awards in numerous choral events and festivals. In the last three years the choir is the first prize winner of Skopje Festival of High School Choirs. Since 2005 the conductor is Mrs. Suzana Tnokova Kuzmanovska.

Category **B**

Church of **St. Sophia**

BREVIS

BIELSKO-BIALA - POLAND

DOMINIKA JURCZUK-GONDEK, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Quand mon mari	Orlando di Lasso	
2 Matona Mia Cara	Orlando di Lasso	
3 Modlitwa do Bogarodzicy	Joseph Swider	Krzysztof Kamil Baczynski
4 Crucifigatur	Georgius Deak-Bardos	
5 Wesele sieradzkie	Karol Mieczyslaw Prosnak	

Brevis is an amateur choir, established in 2005. The members of the choir have different professions, but they have one thing in common – the passion to sing. They practise hard to achieve high level of interpretation under the leadership of Miss Dominika Jurczuk-Gondek. She succeeds in transferring her love for music to the choir members.

The choir's repertoire includes compositions from different music epochs. It is especially interested in performing religious, patriotic and folk songs.

They have given many concerts in Bielsko-Biala and they are musical ambassadors for their region.



BUTELION CLASSICS CHORUS

BITOLA - MACEDONIA

TRAJKOVSKA LILJANA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 I am	Michael W.Smith	
2 Njest svjat	Stevan Mokranjac	Liturgical
3 Kumanovka	Trajko Prokopiev	Macedonian trad.
4 Koljo Gidija	Aleksandar Lekovski	Macedonian trad.

Liljana Trajkovska started her musical education at the age of 7 in the Music School in Bitola. She graduated in choir conducting at the Faculty of Musical Art in Skopje in the class of Professor Sasha Nikolovski-Gumar. After finishing her studies she returned to Bitola where she formed the Youth Mixed Choir "BUTELION CLASSICS CHORUS". She works as a teacher in the Secondary Music School in Bitola.

The choir was formed in 2007. The members of the choir are professional musicians but they sing voluntarily in the choir. The choir has taken part in many projects of the National Theatre and The Opera House of Bitola (Heraklea and Licini, Fiddler on the roof). They have also participated in a choir seminar in Thessalonica /Solun (Greece) and in humanitarian concerts.



CANTICA LAETITIA

ZLÍN - CZECH REPUBLIC

JOSEF SUROVÍK - Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Pueri concinite	Jacobus Handl Gallus
2 Tota pulchra es	Maurice Duruflé
3 Žalm 8	Petr Eben
4 Gloria Jan Novák	
5 Pater noster	Antonín Tučapský
6 Ave Regina coelorum	Vytautas Miškinis
7 Bez pory da bez vremeni	Petr Iljič Čajkovskij
8 Pueri concinite	Jacobus Handl Gallus

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MEŠANI PEVSKI ZBOR “CHORUS”

MIXED CHOIR “CHORUS”

MURSKA SOBOTA - SLOVENIA

TOMI BUŠINOSKI, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Cantate Domino	Johann Crüger	liturgical text
2 Tiebie pajom	Dimitri Bortnianski	orthodox liturgical
3 Gloria	Knut Nystedt	
4 Salve Regina	Bruno Vlahek	liturgical text
5 Mravla je v mlin pelala	Arr. Radovan Gobec	Prekmurje folk song
6 Šurka je Tisa	Mojca Prus	Prekmurje folk song
7 Dajte, dajte	Aldo Kumar	Istra folk song

The Mixed Choir “Chorus” performs at St. Nicholas’ cathedral in Murska Sobota, Slovenia. The singers are attached by the nearness of God, their mutual wish to sing and their joy in being together. They sing at masses on a regular basis and at other solemn occasions in the home parish. The choir also organizes various concerts (charity, Christmas ...). They often sing and participate in various choir stage events in the region and abroad (Germany, Hungary).

The choir has been conducted by Mr. Tomi Bušinovski since 2000. He studied German language at the University of Ljubljana (currently a postgraduate student) and music pedagogy at the University of Maribor. He is also an organist in the St. Nicholas cathedral in Murska Sobota.



**VILNIAUS DAILES AKADEMIJOS
KAMERINIS CHORAS**
THE CHAMBER CHOIR OF VILNIUS
ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
VILNIUS - LITHUANIA
ARVYDAS ADAMONIS, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Giesme gerajam ganytojui	Zita Bružaitė	Zita Bružaitė
2 Salve regina	Bruno Vlahek	
3 The Lords prayer	Raymond Smith	
4 Raigardo Saltinelis	Balys Dvarionas	Janina Degutyte
5 Azuoleli Simtsaki	Vaclovas Augustinas	Vladas Braziūnas

The Chamber Choir of Vilnius Academy of Arts began its activity in 1982. The choir works on amateur basis. At present the choir singers are students and graduates of different art specialties: painters, printmakers, sculptors, architects, stage designers, ceramic designers etc. The choir has been giving concerts in Lithuania and abroad. While on tour, they also make use of the opportunity to exhibit their works of fine arts. The choir participated in different choir festivals and competitions: World Lithuanian Song Festival and competition; Baltic Students Festival "Gaudeamus"; choir competition „Hora Cantavi“; International Youth choir festival and competition in Veldhoven.



KoKoS

BRNO - CZECH REPUBLIC
KAMILA FOJTOVÁ, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Just Couldn't Be Contented	Negro spiritual (arr. Don Newby)	Trad.
2 Což se mně, má milá, hezka zdáš	Trad. (arr. Jaroslav Krček)	Trad.
3 Swing Low	Negro spiritual (arr. Anders Obrwall)	Trad.
4 Gloria (Missa Kenya)	Javier Busto	
5 Good Night, Sweetheart	James Hudson	C. Carter
6 Nebola som veselá	Trad. (arr. Józef Bartek)	Trad.
7 All My Trials	Bahamian spiritual (arr. Norman Luboff)	Trad.
8 Go Down, Moses	Negro spiritual	Trad.

KoKoS was founded in 2005. Its member base consists of students and some adults as well. The repertoire is focused on religious music, folk songs and a dash of renaissance. KoKoS performs at concerts and exhibitions.

The conductor MgA. Kamila Fojtová studied the violin at a conservatory in Teplice, and choir conducting and orchestra conducting at Jancek Academy of music in Brno. She has conducted the Brno Academy Choir, Janacek's Chamber Orchestra, the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra Olomouc and the National Philharmonic Orchestra Brno. She also conducts the choir VOKAL and the choir of the Music Conservatory. She is a member of the elite BOHEMIACHOR.



“SLAVENSKI”

BELGRADE - SERBIA

TIJANA KOVACEVIC, Conductor

Program

- | | <i>Name of the song</i> | <i>Music by</i> |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | Duhovni koncert br.34
“Da voskresnet Bog”
(Sacred concerto No.34) | Dmitrij Bortnjanski |
| 2 | Golema č'čkalica | Dragana Pantić-Veličković |
| 3 | Geographical fuge | Ernst Toch |
| 4 | Uzori Maro | Konstantin Babić |

The “Slavenski” choir consists of the best students of the Music school “Josip Slavenski”. It was founded in 1937., and since then it has been performing successfully both abroad and all over the country. The ensemble has won many competitions, and the latest prize in the succession of many was Laureate of the Serbian Choir Competition.

Since 1998, the head of the choir has been Professor Tijana Kovačević. She graduated in conducting in Belgrade, and specialized at the Prague Music Academy. The repertoire of the choir has been greatly enriched with numerous works of world and local authors, through her great contribution.



VOKALNO-INSTRUMENTALNI ANSAMBL MUZIČKE ŠKOLE “STEVAN MOKRANJAC”

POŽAREVAC

VOACAL & INSTRUMENTAL GROUP OF POZAREVAC MUSIC SCHOOL “ STEVAN MOKRANJAC”

POŽAREVAC - SERBIA

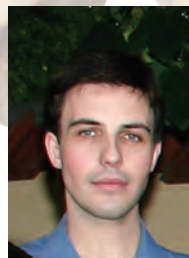
ILIJA RAJKOVIĆ, Conductor

Program

- | | <i>Name of the song</i> | <i>Music by</i> |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Ajde Jano kolo da igramo/
Come on Jana, Let's Dance | Serbian Folk Song |
| 2 | Čije je ono devojče | Serbian Folk Song |
| 3 | Makedonsko devojče/ Macedonian Girl | Macedonian Folk Song |

The vocal and instrumental ensemble of Pozarevac Music School was founded in November, 2006. All choir members are female and there are 36 of them singing in three parts. The orchestra consists of the following instruments: two accordions, two guitars, a violin, a flute, a piano and percussions. Members of the ensemble are mostly the students of “Stevan Mokranjac” music school from Pozarevac and it is run by the teachers of the same school. The ensemble performs music from Serbia, Macedonia, Russia and other countries in its original arrangement. It performed all over Serbia and abroad (Slovenia, Republic of Srpska, etc).The ensemble has also been taking part in many cultural activities in Pozarevac.

In 2007 in Valjevo, it won the award for artistic improvement at the music festival which is held there every year. As for the repertoire, it stays loyal to traditional music.



KULTURNO UMETNIČKO DRUŠTVO STIV NAUMOV - BITOLA

BITOLA - MACEDONIA

LJUBOMIR TRIFUNOVSKI, Conductor



Program

Name of the song	Music by
1 Hvalite	St.St. Mokranjac
2 Veličanie Kirilu i Metodiju	Todor Skalovski
3 Svatovka	Todor Skalovski
4 Amurski branovi	
5 No body knows the trouble I've seen	Linda Twins
6 Rum, dum, dum	Dragan Šuplevski
7 Sun children	Lee Cooper

The choir was formed in 1971 by its conductor Ljubo Trifunovski. The choir members are 14 to 22 years old. During its 37 years of existence it has given a great number of concerts in the country and abroad in Serbia, Slovenia, Albania, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Croatia etc. The choir has taken part in many international festivals where it has been awarded many prizes. It has won many awards for first performance of compositions and it is a winner of the highest prize of the town of Bitola the "4 November" prize.



MLADINSKI PEVSKI ZBOR VESNA

YOUTH CHOIR VESNA

ZAGORJE OB SAVI - SLOVENIA

MR.RIHARD MAJCEN, Conductor



Program

Name of the song	Music by	Lyrics by
1 En ego campana	Jacobus Gallus	Motet
2 Dostoino est	Petar Dunev	Liturgical
3 Jaz birad cigajnar bil	Tadeja Vulc	Slovenian trad.
4 Dafino vino crveno	Boris Papandopulo	Macedonian trad.
5 Igraj kolce	Jakob Jež	Slovenian trad.

"Vesna" Youth Choir comes from Zagorje ob Savi which is situated near the centre of Slovenia. There they have a singing tradition of almost 140 years and "Vesna" Youth Choir is proud to be an initiator of the Festival of Choral Singing in Zagorje which is the major youth choir festival in Slovenia today.

Mr. Rihard Majcen has been the conductor since 1986 and has performed with the choir in Europe and Japan in almost all major concerts, festivals and competitions. The choir has received the very First Gallus Award which is the highest amateur award in Slovenia.



JENSKI NARODEN HOR PRI CHITALISHTE "LIUBEN KARAVELOV"
 WOMEN FOLK CHOIR AT CULTURAL CLUB "LIUBEN KARAVELOV"
 KURTOVO KONARE TOWN, DISTRICT - PLOVDIV - BULGARIA
 Mrs. RADICA STEFANOVA , Conductor



Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Altano le, Altanchitze	Stefan Mutafchiev	Folk song
2 Snoshti otidoh na nova chushmia	Petar Krumov	Folk song
3 Ozdole idu sharen i koltza	Stefan Kanev	Folk song
4 Zamraknalo malo devoiche	Kiril Stefanov	Folk song
5 Lele, lano	Kiril Stefanov	Folk song
6 Dali dumash, libe	Macedonian trad.	Folk song

The Women's Folk Choir at Chitalishte "Ljuben Karavelov" - Kurtovo Konare was established in 1968. During its 40 - years existence The Choir has accomplished outstanding results in the interpretation of Bulgarian choir pieces. The choir is a golden medal winner in the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Festivals of Amateur Art Activities; First prize at Rozhen Fair 2000; First prize in - Veliko Tarnovo, 2002. The Choir has also performed very successfully in Bulgaria and abroad (Greece -1993, 2005; Hungary – 1998, 2005; Turkey - 2004, Latvia- 2000). In 1998 the Choir accompanied the Bulgarian diplomatic delegation in Hungary, led by the vice-president Todor Kavalidjev. The Choir has produced television specials, a compact disc and has participated in TV films, produced by Belgium and Japanese televisions.

The conductor of the Women's Folk Choir Mrs. Radka Stefanova is a tutor of folk singing at the Academy of Music and Dance Arts - Plovdiv. The accompanying orchestra is led by her husband Mr. Ivan Stefanov.

Since June 2007 the choir has been given the title "Representative" of CIOFF-Bulgaria.

PRIATELI

FRIENDS
 SOFIA - BULGARIA
 KALINKA NIKOLOVA, Conductor



Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Priatelstvo se podariava	Razvigor Popov	Razvigor Popov
2 Vsichko tuk e moe	Petar Chernev	Todor Litcov
3 Gromovi na dusha	Miro Buljan	Antoniya Šola
4 Za teb, Balgaria	Toncho Rusev	Mihail Belchev

The vocal ensemble PRIATELI is the successor of the Vocal Group "Mayakovski". After few years break in 2002 twelve ex-members resumed activity in a new guise, conducted by Kalinka Nikolova (participant in the original group from 1978 to 1985). She plays the accordion and also accompanies PRIATELI in their performances.

PRIATELI has successfully participated in a number of performances in Bulgaria as well as Russia, Greece, Turkey, etc. They perform compositions of various genres.

Kalinka Nikolova also conducts youth and student choirs.



MISTERIJATA NA GABROVSKITE GLASOVE

THE MISTERY OF GABROVO VOICES

GABROVO - BULGARIA

MRS. DONKA IVANOVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Otche nash	Kederov	Liturgical
2 Gospodi pomilui	Anonimous	Liturgical
3 Ianinko	Nikolay Kaufman	traditional
4 Boidan, Boidan	traditional	traditional

Chamber vocal group "Mystery of Gabrovo voices" is a successor of a larger vocal ensemble of professional vocal and folk singers. Ten women with beautiful voices and singing experience created the group in 2002 and quickly conquered the audience and fans. They have international appearances in Belgium, Germany, France, Greece and Turkey. Since 2007 the group has participated in Gabrovo festival of spiritual music with Eastern Orthodox chants. Their repertoire is wide and varied. It ranges from the most wonderful examples of National choral singing to sacred music. The conductor is Mrs. Donka Ivanova who graduated from the Music Academy in Plovdiv.



HUNYADI VÉNDIÁK KÓRUS

HUNYADI ALUMNUS CHOR

BUDAPEST - HUNGARY

Mrs. ILONA FARKAS SEBESTYÉN, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Soli Deo gloria	P.Kiekestat	P.Kiekestat
2 Nem kell várni <i>Needn't wait</i>	Marco Cara	Marco Cara
3 Hajnalnóta <i>Greet the dawn</i>	Farkas Ferenc	Farkas Ferenc
4 Esti dal <i>In the night song</i>	Kodály Zoltán	Népdalfolk-song
5 Vidám nóta <i>Merry song</i>	Karai József	County of Szabolcs folk-song
6 Što mi e milo <i>I'm so glad</i>		Macedonian trad.

The Hunyadi Véndiák Choir was established in 2006, when the golden jubilee (50 years) of Hunyadi János Primary School for Music and Singing took place. The 'old boys and girls' (some of them are grandparents) wanted to be and sing together and of course with their beloved old chorus leader Mrs. Ilona Farkas – Sebestyén, a favorite pupil of Zoltan Kodaly and a well-known pedagogue. Every week more than 50 alumni go to the rehearsals to rediscover the great joy of singing.



MJEŠOVITI PJEVAČKI ZBOR
UMIROVLJENIKA KOPRIVNICE
 KOPRIVNICA MIXED PENSIONERS' CHOIR
 KOPRIVNICA, CROATIA
 ANA PLESKALT, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Svrsi stope moje Stop my steps	Krsto Odak	Krsto Odak
2 Slave choir from the opera "Nabucodonosor"	Giuseppe Verdi	
3 Kad dodje dragi prijatelj When dear friend come	Trad. - XVIII century Arr. Nikica Calogjera	Robert Burns
4 Nek vlada mir na svetu Let the world peace rule (from Israel)	Arr. G. Deutsch Mann	Croatian lyrics Antun Čelar
5 Letovanic The village of Letovanic	Emil Cosseto	Folk
6 Moja diridika My sweet-sweet heart	Emil Cosseto	Folk

Koprivnica Mixed Pensioners' Choir was founded on 1st March 1991. The members are senior citizens who are in love with music, dance and acting. During 17 years of continuous work the choir has sent a message of love and life optimism all over Croatia. The choir had performed in Slovenia, Hungary and Austria. Its repertoire includes sacred music, national and artistic compositions of domestic and foreign composers. The conductor and artistic director of the choir is Mrs Ana Pleskalt, a music teacher for more than 40 years, one of the main organiser of city and county musical and artistic events and winner of many rewards.



ACMD ALEGRIA CHAMBER CHOIR

ANKARA – TURKEY
 MRS. INCI TIGLI AYAG - Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Psalm 42	G.P. da Palestrina	Bible
2 Halleluiah	Hubert Bird	Bible
3 Zotyeru shalayim	Nachum Heiman	Israel folk song
4 The shadow of your smile	Johnny Mandel	Paul Fr. Webster
5 Ride the chariot	Arr. Henry Smith	Negro spiritual
6 Alli turnam	Muammer Sun	Turkish trad.
7 Yol havasi	Erdal Tugcular	Turkish trad.
8 Feraye	Ulvi Cemal Erkin	Turkish trad.
9 Burcak Tarlası	Arr. G. Apaydin	Turkish trad.
10 Yavuz Geliyor	A. Adnan Saygun	Turkish trad.

Alegria Chamber Choir was founded in 2000 under the direction of Mrs. Inci Tigli Ayag. Since its inception, the choir has developed into one of the most prominent amateur choirs of Turkey. The mission of the choir is not only present the works of choral literature from various centuries but also to present the Turkish choral repertoire. The choir has given many concerts in Turkey, Macedonia and Italy.

Mrs. M. Inci Tigli Ayag was born in Istanbul. She studied music at Marmara University in Istanbul. In 1996 she did her post-graduate studies at Gazi University in Ankara. She has attended many workshops in Austria, France and Germany. She worked with outstanding instructors and gave various concerts in Turkey, Italy, Germany, Slovenia and Italy. She also performs with the State Polyphonic Choir of the Turkish Republic as an alto singer.



SMESEN HOR "MAESTRO GEORGI ATANASOV"

MIXED CHOIR "MAESTRO GEORGI ATANASOV"

KARLOVO - BULGARIA

TEODOR DOBROIKOV, Conductor



Program

	Name of the song	Music by	Lyrics by
1	Glassom moim	A. Arkhangelsky	
2	Milost mira	A. Arkhangelsky	
3	Kakva moma vidjah, mamo	Emanuil Manolov	traditional
4	Mari mome	Dobri Hristov	traditional

The mixed choir "Maestro George Atanasov" was formed in 1900.

The choir has won gold and silver medals at national festivals of amateur art activities, and won a bronze medal on the First International Choir Festival "Prague 2002".

The repertoire of the choir includes pieces by Bulgarian composers and world classic, patriotic and church-Slavonic songs.

The conductor, Teodor Dobroikov, graduated from the Academy of Music, Dance and Pictorial art in Plovdiv, in the class of professor Ivan Dimov. He has been leading the choir since 2000.

This mixed choir is a member of the Bulgarian Choir Union.



TOWN CHOIR ŠUMATOVAC

ALEKSINAC - SERBIA

MARIJA STANKOVIĆ, Conductor

Program

	Name of the song	Music by	Lyrics by
1	Baletto	G. Giacomo Gastoldi	
2	We sing Thee	Stevan St. Mokranjac	
3	Rejoice Virgin Mother of God	Sergei Racfmaninoff	
4	The 2th Song Wreath	Stevan St. Mokranjac	
5	Rum Dum Dum	Arr. Dragan Shuplevski	
6	Chae shukarye	Arr. Dragan Shuplevski	Gipsy trad.

Šumatovac town choir was founded in 1887. During its 120 years of existence the choir has organized concerts, choral events and other public appearances and has performed successfully in Serbia (Aleksinac, Nis, Sombor, Belgrade), Slovenia, Bulgaria etc.

The choir was renewed in 2005. It cherishes spiritual and secular music, but it is mostly oriented to folklore music. Its members are amateur singers, but true devotees of choral music.

Marija Stankovic graduated in 1981 from the Faculty of Arts in Nis, (Music pedagogy) as the most successful student. She has worked with the choir since 2005.



VOKALNO-INSTRUMENTALNI SASTAV "JANE"

FOLK SONG GROUP "JANE"

VELIKA GORICA - CROATIA

ANDREJA MARKULIN, Conductor



Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Dober večer dobri ljudi	Ivan Potočnik	traditional
2 Jane	Pertar Rogan	Pertar Rogan
	Ivan Potocnik	
3 Jadovanka za teletom	Jakov Gotovac	traditional
4 Grahove bralje	Siniša Leopold	Ivan Vecenaj
5 Dobra večer uzorita	Ivan Potočnik	traditional
6 Lipo ti je kad se kukuruz sije	Siniša Leopold	traditional

The folk song group "JANE" was founded four years ago in Velika Gorica, a town near Zagreb, the capital of Croatia.

Even though the group's history is short, its members had been active in several amateur folklore ensembles of the Turropolje region (the region around the town of Velika Gorica, with a rich tradition in folklore) for many years. The group has 25 members, including the tamburitza players who accompany the singers on traditional Croatian instruments.

The songs in their repertoire encompass the whole of Croatia, and their interpretation emphasizes the great variety and wealth of folklore music expression in their homeland. They show great love and enthusiasm for the Croatian cultural heritage and aim to protect traditional folk and church songs from oblivion. The group also performs more recent folk songs, written by the most eminent folk music composers of Croatia.



KANTILENA

VELIKO TARNOVO - BULGARIA

ANETA PAVLOVA, Conductor



Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Frau Nachtigall	Johann Hermann Schein
2 Onomatopoe	Gaston Nuyts
3 La fede	Gioacchino Rossini
(with accompaniment of the piano)	
4 The bird is singing	Krasimir Kjurkchijski
5 Well, Petrunko	Krasimir Kjurkchijski
6 Frau Nachtigall	Johann Hermann Schein

The choir was established in 1987 by Aneta Pavlova and some of her ex-students from the Town Children's Choir "Vela Piskova". On 17th May 1987 Kantilena gave its first independent concert. Since then the choir has developed rich concert and sound-recording activities in the country and abroad. It has participated in Music and Choral festivals in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Germany, France, Finland Turkey, Slovakia etc. Kantilena Choir is a prize laureate of many International Choral Competitions. The conductor Aneta Pavlova graduated from the Bulgarian Academy of Music in Sofia, in Prof. Vasil Arnaudov's class of Choral Conducting.

Under her leadership the Children's choir "Vela Piskova" won prizes from International Choral Competitions in Italy, Slovenia and Hungary. In 2008 the mixed choir Kantilena was created.



Subcategory C2

Category C

Church of St. Sophia

ŽENSKA KLAPA ŠPIRIT

FEMALE A CAPPELLA GROUP ŠPIRIT

SPLIT - CROATIA

IVANA ŠUTIĆ, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Lipo ime	M. Čačija	J. Fiamengo
2 Daj mi se napiti	Duško Geić	Eduard Tudor
3 Ja san majko	xxx	xxx
4 Misao svijeta	Silvije St. Kranjčević	Krešimir Magdić
5 Kod Lepanta	Ljubomir Stipišić	Ljubomir Stipišić

Female vocal group "Špirit" was established in November 2001 in Split, Croatia. Currently there are eight members under the professional leadership of Maestro Ivana Šutić. The Association was established by its members who joined voluntarily in order to perform and promote traditional Dalmatian songs. "Špirit" achieved numerous remarkable performances and won awards at the Festival of Dalmatian Vocal Groups in Omiš (year 2004, 2005, 2007), which is the most important and the most famous festival for this type of singing in Croatia.

Ivana Šutić, born on 25 October 1977 in Split, graduated from the Academy of Music in Zagreb in 2002 and currently works as a professor of theoretical subjects at the Secondary School of Music "Josip Hatze" in Split. The female vocal group "Špirit", the male-female vocal group "Versi" and the choir for children of the Secondary School of Music "Josip Hatze" are under the professional leadership of Maestro Ivana Šutić.



DAMSKI KAMEREN HOR " PROFESOR GEORGI DIMITROV"
FEMALE CHAMBER CHOIR "PROFESSOR GEORGI DIMITROV"
YAMBOL - BULGARIA
STEFKA PASTARMADZHEVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 "Air" from the Suite in D	J. S. Bach/ arr. by Linda Spevacek	
2 "Roza" i "Zimen pat"		
3 "Rose" and "Winter road"	Rostislav Boiko	Alexander Pushkin
3 Horal/Chorale	Petar Lyondev	
4 Ela se vie, previva	Petko Stainov	Trifon Kunev
5 Buchenish	Petar Lyondev	
6 Choir from "Traviata"	Giuseppe Verdi	Piave

The Female Choir "Prof.Georgi Dimitrov" from Yambol was formed in 1998 and is the latest offspring of the Choir School "Prof.G.Dimitrov"-Jambol that dates back 40 years. In November ,1998 it won an award in the International choir competition in Ankara. It also showed an excellent performance during the International festival for Orthodox Chants in 1999 in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Choir participated in several international competitions in Italy, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Switzerland and Greece. The Choir's repertoire is extensive and complex including classical choir masterpieces as well as contemporary Bulgarian choral music and Bulgarian folk music arrangements.

Stefka Pastarmadzhieva is a famous name among the Bulgarian choir conductors. She has been the founder and art director of the Choir School "Prof.Georgi Dimitrov" - Yambol over 40 years. Mrs. Pastarmadzhieva is highly respected by her peers and fellow-citizens and has won numerous prestigious regional and national awards for her artistic contributions."



SV. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI

OHRID - MACEDONIA

BILJANA MALEZANOV, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Izhe heruvimi	Atanas Badev	liturgy
2 Dostojno est	Petar Dinev	liturgy
3 Dafino, vino crveno	Dragan Šuplevski	traditional
4 Pošla moma na voda	Dragan Šuplevski	traditional

The male chamber church choir "St. Kliment Ohridski" was founded in 1992. So far, the choir has performed many concerts in Ohrid and throughout Macedonia, as well abroad in countries such Bulgaria, Greece and other Balkan countries. The choir constantly performs in Sunday liturgies in different active churches in Ohrid and the region. Biljana Malezanov was born in 1983 in Niš (Serbia) where she finished high school. She graduated at "St. Kiril and Metodij" University at The Faculty of Music in Skopje. She has been conducting the choir "St. Kliment Ohridski" since 2007. Under her conductorship the choir has performed in the church choir festival "Days of Justinijan I" in Skopje in 2007 and 2008, and in international church choir festival "Dostojno est" in Pomorje (Bulgaria) in 2007.



"ŽENE MIRONOSICE"

ZRENJANIN - SERBIA

GABRIEL VUJADINOV, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Noć u Hilandaru	Anonimus	Anonymous
2 Hodite, poklonimo se	Božić	Liturgical
3 Zastupnice usednaja	Česnokov	Liturgical
4 Po tvoju milost	Bortnjanskij	Liturgical
5 Primorski napevi	S.St.Mokranjac	Folk song

The choir "Žene mironosice" was founded in 2002. Until 2007 the choir was conducted by Professor Zorica Kecic and since then by professor Gabriel Vujadinov. The choir cultivates the spiritual music of all orthodox traditions. It has performed in the country and abroad. In 2007 it won a golden medal in Bulgaria. It sings in liturgies in the church of St .Archangel Michael in Zrenjanin.

Gabriel Vujadinov was born 1972 in Zrenjanin. He graduated from the Academy of Art in Novi Sad in the class of Professor Horvath (major viola) in 1996. He works in the music school "Josif Marinkovic" as a viola professor. He is a founder of "Zrenjanin string orchestra" which he also conducts.



“ZLATNA LIRA”

“GOLDEN LYRE”

TARGOVISHTA - BULGARIA

MRS. ILIANA IVANOVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Missa Brevis - Kirie	Joseph Haydn
2 Hruvimska pesen	Purpurov
3 Sednalo e Gioro	Stefan Mutaftchiev
4 Stara sa mayka ni loje	Todor Popov
5 Makedonska humoreska	Todor Skalovski
6 Nani mi nani, Damiancho	Ljubomir Pipkov
7 Kalugérine	Nikolay Stoykov
8 Broadway blast	Arr. Kirby Shaw

The female choir “Golden lyre” was founded in 1973. The choir is a laureate of and a winner of gold medals from international festivals. It has taken part in festivals in Macedonia, Greece, Serbia, Italia, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Spain.

Its repertoire consists of compositions from the Renaissance till today.

The choir is the host of the Festival of Women and Girl's Choirs, which is organized every two years in Targovishte.

Iliana Ivanova has been conductor of the choir since 1998. She graduated from the Music Academy in Plovdiv, she learned choir conducting from Professor Marin Chonev and Professor Deliradeva. Now she works as a lecturer in classical singing and sol-fa in school of music in Targovishte.



DAMSKI KAMEREN HOR “LIRA”

FEMALE CHAMBER CHOIR “LIRA”

BLAGOEVRAD - BULGARIA

GALINA POPOVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Der Wassermann	Robert Schumann	Josef Kerner
2 L'Escaut	Vic Nees	Emile Verhaeren
3 Mesechinka	Georgi Petkov	Folk text
4 Nani mi, nani, Damiancho	Ljubomir Pipkov	Folk text
5 Broadway Blast		
No 5 and No. 6	Curby Show	Curby Show



Female Chamber Choir “Lira” was founded in 1991 at the Young Singers’ Club “Lira,” Blagoevgrad. The repertoire of the choir includes works by Bulgarian and other composers from different styles and epochs (from Renaissance to contemporary times). Since its foundation until today, Female Chamber Choir “Lira” has been actively performing on the territory of Bulgaria and abroad. It has been recording periodically at the Bulgarian National Radio and Television. It has also been taking part in performances at the Chamber Opera in Blagoevgrad. The choir is a laureate at a variety of international choir competitions. The founder and conductor of the choir is Galina Popova, Associate Professor of Choral Conducting at The Southwestern University “Neofit Rilski,” Blagoevgrad.



FEMALE CHIOIR "GABROVO"

GABROVO - BULGARIA

DIMITAR CONEV - Conductor

DONKA IVANOVA - Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Stara se maika ni moje	Todor Popov	traditional
2 Zero mome	Nikolay Kaufman	traditional
3 Ergen deda	Petar Londev	Raina Boteva
4 Fragment from the opera "La noizze di Fugaro"	W. A. Mozart	
5 Ave Maria	Franz Schubert	
6 "Gila la galliarda"	Baldassare Donato	

The Women's Choir at the National centre "Gabrovo" in the town of Gabrovo was established in 1996. In its long-time creative work, Gabrovo female choir has established itself as one of the most prominent Bulgarian choirs, with major artistic achievements.

The Repertoire includes pieces from Bulgarian and European choral music - from renaissance to contemporary authors, small songs as well as cantatas and oratorios by Klezmer, Vivaldi, Haydn, Mozart, Delibes, Forbes, Fore.

In its numerous concert appearances in Bulgaria, Russia, Latvia, Greece, Czech Republic, Germany, France, the choir has received great applause and high assessments by music critics. The choir has won gold medals and diplomas from Bulgarian and international festivals, was the winner of Karditsa festival in Greece and has won national awards for high artistic achievements. The conductor is Dimitar Tsonev, graduate of the Bulgarian Academy "Pancho Vladigerov". He has performed with different choirs in almost all European countries. He was juror of the choral competitions in Karditsa and Karpenisi in Greece; he has won awards for high achievements in the Bulgarian culture.



AMULA

TUKUMS' DISTRICT - LATVIA

ĢIRTS GAILĪTIS - Conductor

JĀNIS SĒJĀNS - Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Ik rītiņu sīkas rikšas	Selga Mence	traditional
2 Silmāla trīcēja dancojoti	Jēkabs Graubiņš	traditional
3 Ave Maria	Urmās Siisask	sacred
4 Tebe poem	S. Rachmaninov	sacred
5 Dziesmai šodien liela diena	Pēteris Barisons	Arvids Skalbe

The mixed choir „AMULA” was established in Vāne, Zante and Matkule, Tukums district, Latvia in 1988. Jānis Sējāns and Ģirts Gailītis have been conductors of the choir since 1998. The choir members are 35 to 50 years old. The choir „AMULA” during its existence participated in: the XX Latvian Song Festival, 1990; the XXII Latvian Song Festival, 1998; Music Festival in the Loire, France, 1999; Song and Dance Festival „RIGA-800”, 2001; Song Festival of Baltic and Nordic countries in Klaipėda, 2002; the XXIII Latvian Song Festival, 2003; the choir Festival at Montreux in Switzerland, 2007; the XXIV Latvian Song Festival, 2008.

The choir's repertoire includes Latvian classical and contemporary music, world classics, folksongs etc. The choir has taken part in several church festivals in Latvia and abroad.



Subcategory **C3**

Category **C**

Church of **Ss. Cyril and Methodius**

HOROVO OPSHTESTVO " PROF. GEORGI ROBEV"

GEORGI ROBEV CHORAL SOCIETY

SOFIA - BULGARIA

NELLY TROSHEVA, Conductor



Program

Name of the song	Music by	Lyrics by
1 The nightingale	Thomas Weelkes	From "Ayeres or Phanta sticke Spirites for Three Voices" (1608)
2 Nocturnes	Mozart	Metastasio
3 Vecheriai Rado	Phili Kutev	Bulgarian trad.
4 Shto mi e milo i drago	Petko Staynov	Bulgarian trad.
5 The lion sleeps tonight	H.Peretti/I.Creatore/G.Weiss	Carsten Gerlitz
6 "Welcome in Blue"	Henry O. Millsby	H. O. Millsby
7 Bourree for W.A.	Henry O. Millsby	No words
8 Vokalstudie	Harald Weiss	No words
9 Lacrymoso	Mozart Liturgical	

Choral society "Prof. Georgi Robev" was founded in 2003 as chamber amateur choir. The choir consists of 17 specially selected young singers who can perform choral music in very small groups. The choir intends to be active in a new style of stage performances – attractive and innovating for the Bulgarian choral stage. Nelly Trosheva conducts the choir since the very beginning. She is known in Bulgaria for her high quality choral performances. She has won many international awards with the choirs she leads, both in Bulgaria and abroad.



MORAVŠTÍ MADRIGALISTÉ

MORAVIAN MADRIGALISTS

KROMĚŘÍŽ - CZECH REPUBLIC

MGR. RADEK DOČKAL, Conductor

Program

Name of the song	Music by	Lyrics by
1 A lieta vita	G. G. Gastoldi	unknown
2 Ola, o che bon echo	Orlando di Lasso	unknown
3 Zvěstování <i>Annunciation</i>	Bohuslav Martinů	folk poetry
4 Lauda anima mea	Antonín Tučapský	psalm 146
5 Deus in adjutorium meum	Benjamin Britten	unknown
6 Bodaj by vás vy mládenci, čerti vzali! <i>Behrew the youths!</i>	Eugen Suchoň	folk poetry

The "Moravian Madrigalists" choir was founded in 1961. At first the choir was conducted by their founder Jiri Safarik but since 1991 it has been conducted by Radek Dočkal. The choir has performed not only in Czech Republic, but also abroad: Germany, Denmark, Poland, Romania, Austria, Hungary, France, Italy, Great Britain and Slovakia. The repertoire of the choir has gradually expanded from purely madrigals to compositions of all epochs and styles up to contemporary music. Sacred music, however, remains the core of their repertoire. The choir sings a capella music, and also perform music for choir and orchestra or together with solo instruments and/or soloist singers.



DRUŠTVO PORTOROŠKI ZBOR

CHOIR PORTOROŽ

PORTOROŽ - SLOVENIA

SONJA MEZGEC, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Kraska jesen	A.Srebotnjak	S. Kosovel
2 Pesem s Krasa	I. Grbec	S. Kosovel
3 Sejaj, sejaj bajzulek Medimorje, kak si lepo zeleno, pod kopinom	V. Žganec	/
4 Deep river	Arr. R. Ringwald	/
5 Rum, dum, dum	Dragan Šuplevski	/
6 Za mikinega otročiča, ...Ku en šaltin, dva lepa pušljica	A. Kumar	/
7 Dajte, dajte	A. Kumar	/

The "Portoroški zbor" - Choir of Portorož, from the Municipality of Piran in Slovenia was founded in the year 1993. Up to now the choir has held numerous concerts at home and participated in concerts with other choirs abroad. The choir participated also in several singing contests abroad, receiving each time a distinguished Silver Diploma. On a regular basis the Choir participates in the annual regional Choir Festival "Primorska poje" (The Littoral sings). And each year the choir prepares annual concert presenting itself to the local audience, all this with a desire to preserve the rich choral tradition of Slovenia.

From November 2007 on we have had a new conductor Ms Sonja Mezgec. She was born in 1983 in Koper. She took her Master's degree at the Academy for Music and Fine Arts in Graz, Austria in 2008, in the class of renowned professor Jänne Rättyä. From 2006 on she has taught accordion at the Music school of Koper.



SEVTOPOLIS

KAZANLUK - BULGARIA

Mrs.DORA KOSHEVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Tsaryu Nebesni	Degtyarev
2 Vo tsarstvii Tvoem	Dobri Hristov
3 Shedrik	Mikolo Leontovich
4 Il bianco e dolce cigno	Jacob Arcadelt
5 Deep River	Traditional
6 Shto mi domilelo	Arr.Stanil Dimitrov
7 Hvalite imya Gospodne	Gr.F. Lvovski



The mixed chamber choir "Sevtopolis" was found in 2002 in the town of Kazanluk, Bulgaria. It earned a position in the concert life of the town in a very short time. The choir participates in national and international festivals and every year wins prestige awards. The members of the choir are people with various professions and occupations but their love for the music unites them in the choir. There are various music styles in the choir's repertoire, but the main one is Eastern Orthodox chant.

The choir-master and founder of the choir "Sevtopolis" is Mrs. Dora Kosheva. She was a choir-master of the Boys Choir and Preparatory Children's Choir and has participated in many national and international festivals and competitions in Greece, Finland, Czech Republic, Russia, Denmark, Hungary, etc.



RODNA PESEN

BURGAS - BULGARIA

NIKOLAY GEORGIEV MERDZANOV, Conductor

ROZALINA MANOLOVA KOTSEVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Our Father	Dimitur Konstanzaliev	Liturgical
2 Exultate Deo	Alessandro Skarlatti	Liturgical
3 Ave Maria	Gioacchino Rossini	Liturgical
4 Mehmetyo	Ivan Spasov	folk
5 Bre, Petrunko	Krasimir Kiurkchiyski	folk

The mixed choir "Rodna pesen " from Burgas (Bulgaria) has more than 90 active years behind - laureate and prize winner in many national and international competitions and festivals. The choir was winner of the first prize on international competitions in Langdlen (Wales), Cork (Ireland), Varna (Bulgaria), Tolosa (Spain), Newchatel (Switzerland), Preveza (Greece). At the International Choral Competitions in Maribor (Slovenia), Bratislava (Slovakia), Prague (Czech Republic) the choir won silver medals. In its repertoire "Rodna pesen" includes musical compositions from all periods, consisting of different styles and also cantata-oratorical pieces. Nikolay Merdzanov has been conducting the choir since 1997. He has performed with different choirs in the U S A, Japan, Mexico and South Africa.



CRKVENI HOR OPLENAC

CHURCH CHOIR OPLENAC

TOPOLA - SERBIA

MARIJA RAKONJAC, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Da ispraviti sja / verses of Psalm 140	St. Mokranjac	Bible
2 Svjete tihi / O joyful light	anonymous	Bible
3 Velicit duse moja / Hymn to Holly Mother	anonymous	Liturgical
4 Dostojno jest / It is Truly Meet	anonymous	Liturgical
5 Oro se vije	J. Gavrilović	traditional

Church choir OPLENAC started its activities in 1999. During the eight years of its existence the choir's repertoire was enriched with the most beautiful melodies of Serbian, Russian and Byzantine vocal music. Its qualities have been presented in over 30 concerts. The choir took part in the Balkan performing arts market in Thessalonica/ Solun 2006. Two CD's and one DVD were recorded in 2002 and 2004..

The conductor of the choir Marija Rakonjac, was born in Belgrade. She graduated from the Music Academy in Podgorica in the class of professor Pavel Vernjikov. During her studies she got great experience as an orchestral musician. Since 1995 she has been living in Topola and singing in the church choir. In 2001 she became the choir's conductor.



CRKVENI HOR SVETOG SIMEONA BOGOPRIMCA

SMEDEREVSKA PALANKA - SERBIA

ALEKSANDAR MITROVIĆ, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Statija treća	St. S. Mokranjac	Veliki Petak <i>Great Friday</i>
2 Žitejskoje more, So svjatimi	Aleksandar Mitrovic	Opelo <i>Requiem</i>
3 Njest svjat	St. S. Mokranjac	Opelo <i>Requiem</i>
4 Svisnjih	Arhangelskij	Psalmi
5 Budi imja Gospodnje	St. S. Mokranjac	Sv.Liturgija <i>Divine Liturgy</i>

The Choir was founded in 1995. During past 13 years, it has had many successful public performances not only in Serbia, but in many other European countries.

The choir took part in many festivals of church and choral music: "The days of Orthodox Church Music", Poland, in years 2001. and 2005, "Stara Planina Balkan fest", Bulgaria, 2002. Škofja Loka, Slovenia, 2001 and "The Singing World" St. Petersburg, Russia, 2007. The choir also has performed in many domestic festivals, for the example "Choirs among the frescoes", In 2000, and 2002, the choir released two audio CD's.

Aleksandar Mitrovic was born in Smederevska Palanka, Serbia in 1970. He graduated from the Music Academy in Nis, Serbia, in 1993. He has been conductor of the Church Choir "Sveti Simeon Bogoprimec" since its foundation. He works as a music teacher in Smederevska Palanka. He is also the composer of several music pieces, like "The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom" and "Opelo".



SMESAN HOR NA TRANSPORTNITE RABOTNITSI

MIXED CHOIR OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS

SOFIA - BULGARIA

PETAR MATEV, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Herouvimska <i>Cherubim Chant</i>	D. Bortnyanski	the Bible
2 Bogoroditse, Devo, raduysya <i>Holy Virgin, rejoice</i>	S. Rahmaninov	the Bible
3 Nine otpushtaeshi <i>Now You are freeing Your slave</i>	Dobri Christov	the Bible
4 Rutchenitsa <i>Rutchenitsa - a Bulgarian folk dance</i>	Dobri Christov	Popular
5 Damyan tanets vodi <i>Damian is leading a dance</i>	Alexander Morfov	Popular
6 Kakva moma vidyah, mamo <i>What a girl I've just seen, mother</i>	Emanuil Manolov	Popular

The choir was founded in 1936. It has a wide repertoire. It has made many tours around the country and abroad – in Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Italy, Greece and France. It has made records on Bulgarian National Radio and Bulgarian National TV. It was awarded the gold medal "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" first order by the Bulgarian government.

Petar Matev has been a Conductor of the choir since 1999. He graduated from the State Academy of Music, Sofia. He has worked with different choirs, giving concerts in Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Spain, Turkey. He has recorded four CDs.



SMESN HOR "HORAL"
 MIXED CHOIR "CHORALE"
 SOFIA - BULGARIA
 Mrs. KRASIMIRA SPIRIDONOVA

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Nine otpushtaeshi	A.Arkhangel'sky	religious
2 Horal	Alexander Tanev	religious
3 Stara sa mayka ni loje	Arr.by Todor Popov	popular
4 Ergen deda	Arr.by Petar Lyondev	popular
5 Song from musical "Les boites a musique"	G. Lafarge/P. Philippe	F. Blanche
6 Song from musical "My fair lady"	Frederick Loewe	A. J. Lerner

The Choir "Chorale" was founded in 1976 by Maestro Prodan Prodanov /1934-2005/. Now the conductor is Mrs Krasimira Spiridonova who has successfully worked with the choir since 2004. She graduated at the Bulgarian Musical Academy, and is a winner of many awards. The choir sings orthodox chants but also baroque, classic, romantic, folklore and contemporary pieces. The choir has won gold medals on the 5th and the 6th National festivals in Bulgaria /1978,1982/, golden medal in Sofia - 1987, first place in Karditza, Greece - 1993. The choir has performed successfully in Spain, Holland, Italy and Czech Republic.



APRILOV-PALAUZOV MIXED CHOIR

GABROVO - BULGARIA
 MRS.ELENA NAZAROVA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Dostoino est	anonymous
2 Tebe poem	Bortnianski
3 Blagoslovi dushe moya Gospoda	Apostol Nikolaev-Strumski
4 Dilmano, Dilbero	folk
5 Hayde bre Yano	Petko Staynov
6 Ergen deda	Petar Lyondev



The Aprilov - Palauzov mixed choir was founded in 1949; it was a part of the Aprilov - Palauzov municipality cultural activities program.

The choir has taken part successfully in international choir festivals in Kamerino, Italy (2001 - bronze medal), Vlahovo Brjezi, Czech Republic (2002), Fano, Italy(2003), Antalía, Turkey (2005), Sopot, Poland (2006 - third prize) and Rimini, Italy (2007). The choir has had concerts in Germany, Hungary, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia and Denmark as well.

Mrs. Elena Nazarova, the choir-master of Aprilov – Palauzov mixed choir was born on November 7, 1966 in Gabrovo, Bulgaria.

In 1992 she graduated from the Plovdiv Music Academy (Piano Department). She did her post-graduate studies with prof. Marin Chonev and professors like Larry White (USA), Helen Guy (France), Boris Tevlin (Russia), etc. Elena Nazarova won The Best Young Choir-Master prize at the International Festival in Vlahovo-Brjezi, Czech Republic (2002).



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CHÓR MIESZANY ECHO PRZY ZWIĄZKU NAUCZYCIELSTWA POLSKIEGO I REGIONALNYM CENTRUM KULTUR POGRANICZA W KROŚNIE

ECHO CHOIR OF TEACHER'S UNION

KROSNO - POLAND

MARIOŁA WALISZKO

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	Otcze nasz	Nikolai Kedrov	Bible source
2	Parce Domine	Feliks Nowowiejski	Bible source
3	Dzwon	Piotr Drożdżewski	Unknown
4	Alleluia	Gordon Young	Bible source
5	Good news	mel. Negro Spiritual, arr. D. Newby	Unknown
6	Oj, nasi jadą	Folk. arr. Stanisław Rożdżyński	Folk

The "Echo" choir has been performing on stages in Krosno for over 60 years adding splendor to religious and state ceremonies. It has taken part in numerous concerts, festivals and reviews at home and abroad, getting the best prizes. "Echo" choir is the organizer of "Soli Deo Gloria" Euroregional Concert of Carols, and the "Ave Maria" Song and Poem Party as well as concerts on the occasion of Pope's Days. It carries on an artistic exchange with groups from Poland and abroad – Slovakia, Austria, Belgium, Hungary and Ukraine.

Mariola Waliszko who has been conducting the choir since August 2004, is a graduate of the Music Academy in Wrocław. She did postgraduate studies of hearing training at Music Academy in Warsaw and also postgraduate studies of Voice Emission at the Centre of Animation of Culture in Warsaw and the Music Academy in Bydgoszcz. In October 2007 she won the Award for the Best Conductor at the all-Polish Festival of Religious Song "Cantate Deo" in Rzeszów.



MEŠANI PEVSKI ZBOR GLASBENA MATICA LJUBLJANA

MIXED CHOIR OF GLASBENA MATICA LJUBLJANA

LJUBLJANA - SLOVENIA

SEBASTJAN VRHOVNIK, Conductor

Program

	<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1	For the beauty of the Earth	John Rutter	F.S. Pierpoint
2	Protuletje Spring	Arr. Ubald Vrabec	Prekmurje Folksong
3	Makedonska humoreska	Todor Skalovski	
4	Pa se sliš' You can hear	Arr. Karol Pahor	Primorska Folksong
5	Tanzlied Dance song	Henrich Poos	

GLASBENA MATICA LJUBLJANA is Slovenia's oldest mixed choir. It was founded 117 years ago and operates within the framework of the Slovene Philharmonic Society. The Society was founded with the purpose of fostering and cultivating folklore music in every aspect. The Choir's program is comprised of sacred, traditional and artistic choral works from all over the world, with a heartfelt focus on traditional Slovene songs.

The conductor is Prof. Sebastjan Vrhovnik (1978), who has worked successfully with a number of choirs. He marked his musical path with a matriculation to the Musical Academy in Ljubljana (Musical pedagogy 2004), after which he continued at the Musical and Performance Art college in Graz (Austria) in the class of professor Johannes Prinz (Choir Conducting). Since October 2006 he has been assistant choir conductor at the Academy of Music in Ljubljana.



PĚVECKÉ SDRUŽENÍ MARTINŮ

THE CHOIR MARTINŮ

TŘINEC - CZECH REPUBLIC

MICHAL ZÁTOPEK, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 O occhi manza mia	Orlando di Lasso	
2 Pater Noster	Zdenek Lukáš	
3 Ave Maria	Tomás Luis de Victoria	
4 Alleluia	Gordon Young	
5 Ave Maria	Gioachino Rossini	
6 Let it be me		Gospel rock

The singing association Martinů from Třinec was established in 1955. The conductor of the choir is Michal Zátpek. He graduated from the conservatory of Janáček in Ostrava, in major piano and conduction and he also studied at the Academy of Music Arts in Bratislava. The choir has visited a lot of countries of Europe, for example in 2005 it was on a concert tour to Spain. Last year the choir successfully took part in an international non-competitive festival of choirs in Italy. At the "Christmas and advent music" festival in Bratislava it won a bronze medal and a silver medal at the competitive choir festival of songs in Olomouc. The singing association Martinů takes part in many shows and festival in Czech Republic. The repertoire of the choir crosscuts musical historical development – from the pieces of ancient masters to the pieces of baroque, classicism and romanticism. It includes also arrangements of traditional songs and Christmas carols.



UČITELJSKI PEVSKI ZBOR SLOVENIJE "EMIL ADAMIČ"

TEACHERS' CHOIR »EMIL ADAMIČ« SLOVENIA

LJUBLJANA - SLOVENIA

SEBASTJAN VRHOVNIK, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Si vox est canta	Damijan Močnik	Ovidius
2 Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt	Felix M. Bartholdy	Psalm 100
3 Pie Jesu/Merciful Jesus	Ambrož Čopi	Missa da Requiem
4 Igraj kolce	Arr. Jakob Jež	Bela Krajina trad.
5 San se šetao	Arr. Ambrož Čopi	Prek murje trad.

The teachers' choir UPZ Emil Adamič is one of the oldest Slovenian choirs, whose goal is also to educate its members to be able to work individually with other choirs. The choir has held concerts all over Europe as well as in Canada and the USA. It has won many important international competitions and awards. Sebastjan Vrhovnik has been the choir conductor for five years now. He also works as a choir conductor assistant at the Academy of Music in Ljubljana, as a juror in choir competitions in Slovenia and as a guest conductor at RTV Slovenia choir, etc. His cultural achievements have been acknowledged and rewarded by the local community of Kamnik, Slovenia, and the he has won Prešeren Prize of the Academy of Music in Ljubljana.



CHOR AKADEMII MEDYCZNEJ W GDANSKU

GDANSK MEDICAL UNIVERSITY CHOIR

GDANSK - POLAND

Maestro JERZY SZARAFIŃSKI, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Psalm 150	Marek Jasiński	sacral
2 Hold On!	Arr. Moses Hogan	spiritual
3 Trzy baby	Juliusz Łuciuk	folk

The Tadeusz Tylewski Gdańsk Medical University Choir is one of the oldest Polish student ensembles. It celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2006. The choir has received many prestigious awards in Polish and foreign choir competitions. Most recently the choir won gold and a silver medal in the World Choir Games in Xiamen (China) in 2006. The choir has given concerts in 27 countries, performing various vocal music, gospel songs and oratorios.

Jerzy Szarafiński, has been the conductor of the choir since 1988. He began his career in 1978. His efforts to spread amateur culture have gained him many national medals and awards.



NIŠKI KAMERNI HOR

NIS CHAMBER CHOIR

NIS - SERBIA

IVANA MIROVIĆ, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Bogorodice djevo	Sergei Rahmaninoff	Liturgy movement
2 VII rukovet	Stevan St. Mokranjac	unknown author
3 Kumanovka	Trajko Prokopiev	unknown author
4 Hvalite Gospoda s' nebes	Stanislav Binicki	spiritual
5 Deda	Dragana Velickovic	ethno
6 Nisavsko oro		ethno

A group of experienced choral singers formed the Nish Chamber Choir in September 1994. The choir performs Orthodox Church music, European classical choir pieces, music of contemporary authors, music with ethno elements, etc. The performances of this choir have won awards in Greece, Bulgaria, Poland and Hungary. Ivana Mirovic, PhD, has been the conductor of the Choir since 2000. In 1995 she enrolled in the Music Faculty in Skopje and got a BA degree in Music Theory, Pedagogy and Conducting in the class of Dragan Shupleviski, PhD. During her studies she was an active member of the Skopje Opera House Choir and the conductor's assistant at the time. In 2005 she got an MA degree from the class of Darinka Matic Marovic, PhD at Belgrade Music Faculty. Now she works in the Secondary Music School in Nish as a teacher of the school choir, orchestra and conducting and she also conducts the Nish Symphony Orchestra when it is needed.



СМЕСЕН ХОР „ПЕТКО СТАЙНОВ”

MIXED CHOIR “PETKO STAINOV”

KAZANLUK - BULGARIA

MLADEN STANEV ,Conductor



Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Bogoroditse devo, radui sia <i>Rejoice, Virgin Lady</i>	S. Rahmaninoff	Liturgical
2 Ave regina coelorum	J. G. Albrechtsberger	Liturgical
3 Stara sa maika ni lozhe <i>Mother can't be wrong</i>	Todor Popov	Folk
4 Heruvimska <i>Cherubic song</i>	Dobri Hristov	Liturgical
5 Lud gidia <i>Crazy</i>	Petko Stainov	P. Slaveikov

The choir was established in 1972 on the initiative of the great Bulgarian composer and musician Petko Stainov. For many years it was led by the famous Bulgarian conductor – Petja Pavlovitch. The choir became one of the leading ensembles in the region. It has been prize-winner in many international competitions: Aretzo (Italy), Varna (Bulgaria), Ihlava (Czech), Preveza (Greece), Musica Sacra Prague (Czech), Choir festival Ankara, (Turkey), many national choir events, festivals and contests. The choir consists of 40 members - non professional singers. The repertoire of the ensemble is from a great variety of styles and epochs - old orthodox works and folk songs, through renaissance, romanticism and sacred, classic compositions, spirituals, opera, oratorical works to modern Bulgarian and foreign music. The choir has performed successfully in Czech, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Turkey, Slovakia and Russia. The choir performs with famous Bulgarian orchestras and opera singers. The choir has records for Bulgarian National Radio and for Bulgarian Televisions. Since 2003 the conductor has been Mr. Mladen Stanev.



CHÓR KAMERALNY “ASTROLABIUM”

WYŻSZEJ SZKOŁY BANKOWEJ W TORUNIU

THE “ASTROLABIUM” CHAMBER CHOIR

OF TORUŃ SCHOOL OF BANKING

TORUŃ - POLAND

KINGA LITOWSKA, Conductor



Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Ludu, mój ludu	Miłosz Bembinow	traditional
2 „Suite” de Lorca 2 parts: La luna asoma, Malagueña	Einojuhani Rautavaara	F. G. Lorca
3 Embraceable you	George Gershwin	Ira Gershwin
4 Zbójnicki	Jacek Sykulski	traditional

The Astrolabium Chamber Choir of Torun School of Banking was formed in 1999. From the very beginning it has been conducted by Kinga Litowska. Under her guidance the choir has won the Grand Prix in the most prestigious choir competition in Poland and main prizes in European tournaments. In 2005 Kinga Litowska won a PhD in music, in the field of conducting. Astrolabium has given almost 100 concerts. It cooperates with Polish Radio Orchestra, The Chopin Baltic Philharmonic Orchestra and The Pomeranian Philharmonic Orchestra. Its repertoire includes sacred and folk music as well as secular pieces by Polish and foreign composers.



ŽKUD ŽELJEZNIČAR

SARAJEVO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

HADŽIAHMETOVIĆ AIDA, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Splet pesama iz BIH <i>Group of songs from BIH</i>	A. Šantić	
2 Languir me fais	Calude de Sermizy	
3 Proletnja pesma <i>Spring song</i>	Henry Puecell	
4 Legenda <i>Legend</i>	P.I.Čajkovski	A. Plescejeva <i>Translated by M. Pozajić</i>
5 Ave Maria	Jacob Arcadell	

Mixed choir ŽKUD “Željezničar” is the first group established in this society in 1945. The high artistic level enabled the choir to have a large number of performances in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad (Croatia, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Spain, etc.) In 1998 and 2002, the choir was representative of our country in the International music festival in Cantonigros – Spain. The choir has 45 members. It is currently led by its conductor Mrs. Aida Hadžiahmetović.

Mrs. Aida Hadžiahmetović was born in 1978 in Sarajevo. She is a teacher of music, who graduated from the Music Academy in Sarajevo. She works in a private primary school in Sarajevo and she also works with the children choir.



WARSZAWSKI CHOR MIEDZYUCZELNIANY

PRZY KOSCIELE AKADEMICKIM SW.ANNY

WARSAW INTER-UNIVERSITY ST.ANN'S CHOIR

WARSAW - POLAND

JANUSZ DABROWSKI, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>
1 Tota pulchra es Maria	Grzegorz Gerwazy Gorczycki
2 Bogorodice Devo	Sergei V. Rakhmaninov
3 Zastupnice Usierdnaya	Pavel G. Tchesnokov
4 Ave Maria	Janusz Dąbrowski
5 Ride the chariot	Trad. Negro spirituals

Warsaw Inter-University St. Ann's Choir (Warszawski Chór Międzyuczelniany) at St. Ann's Academic Church in Warsaw, Poland was founded by Rev. Zbigniew Piasecki in 1964. The choir consists of students and graduates of all Warsaw university-degree educational institutions. Since 1967 it has been conducted by Janusz Dąbrowski - born 1944, studied theory of music in Warsaw and choral conducting in Poznań – tutored by Stefan Stuligrosz. He has been awarded the “Ecclesiae populoque servitium praestanti” by Polish Primate. The repertoire consists of: orthodox church compositions (the most appreciated by the audience), interpretations of folk songs of various nations, contemporary sacred music (Górecki, Świder, Ramirez, Seroka etc.), masterpieces by Bach, Haendel, Pergolesi, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Verdi and many others. The choir won first place in the following festivals: Tallin 1975, Hajnówka 1985, Międzyzdroje (Musica Sacra) 2007, Warsaw (“Caecilianum” Competition) 2007.



KIKINDA SINGING SOCIETY "KORNELIJE STANKOVIĆ"

KIKINDA - SERBIA

BILJANA JEREMIĆ, Conductor

Program

<i>Name of the song</i>	<i>Music by</i>	<i>Lyrics by</i>
1 Tjelo Hristovo	Miodrag Govedarica	From Divine liturgy of St. John
2 Srpski zvuci	Isidor Bajić	
3 Pošla moma na voda	Vojislav Simić	Macedonian trad.
4 Oh happy day	Arr. Carsten Gerlitz	Gospel
5 Igrale se delije	Dragana Veličković	Folk song
6 Sošna	Sergei Ivanovich Taneev	M. Lermontova
7 Lasciate mi morire	Claudio Monteverdi	

Kikinda's Singing Society "Kornelije Stanković" was founded in February, 1998. In the last ten years, the Choir has presented to the audience a large number of compositions of spiritual and secular character. The society has given over 30 concerts with works of world famous composers as well as compositions by Serbian authors. The mixed choir "Kornelije Stanković" had participated twice at Traditional Choirs Review in Ruma and won a silver medallion. In May, 2008. the choir took part at the Musical Festival in Bijeljina.



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