

SLOVAKIA FOLK 2015



International folklore festival

2nd – 5th July, 2015

BRATISLAVA

International festival for children, youth and adult folklore ensembles and choirs

Competition categories

Choirs - Folksong a cappella

- A1:** Children's choirs up to 12 years
- A2:** Children's choirs up to 16 years
- C1:** Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos and altos)
- C2:** Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos, altos, tenors, bassos)
- D1:** Adult choir
- E1:** Vocal ensembles 6 – 8 singers (men, women's, mixed)

Folksong with instrumental accompaniment

- FA1:** Children's choirs up to 12 years
- FA2:** Children's choirs up to 16 years
- FC1:** Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos and altos)
- FC2:** Youth choirs up to 25 years (sopranos, altos, tenors, bassos)
- FD1:** Adult choirs
- FL:** Sacred, secular, spiritual, gospel music

Folk groups

- FB1:** Children folklore groups up to 12 years
- FB2:** Children folklore groups up to 16 years
- FB3:** Youth folklore groups up to 25 years
- FB4:** Adult folklore groups
- FB5:** Folklore vocal ensembles, 6 – 9 singers

Dance folklore groups

FC1: Children folklore dance groups up to 12 years

FC2: Children folklore dance groups up to 16 years

FC3: Youth folklore dance groups up to 25 years

FC4: Adult folklore dance groups

Folklore orchestras

F01: Children folklore orchestras up to 12 years

F02: Children folklore orchestras up to 16 years

F03: Youth folklore orchestras up to 25 years

F04: Adult folklore orchestras

F05: Folklore instrumental ensembles, 6 – 9 musicians

The performance time limit for choirs and folklore groups is 15 minutes; a piano is available. The time limit for dance ensembles is 15-18 minutes. The time limit for orchestras is 20 minutes. Repertoire can be participant's own choice.

Competition rules

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

- Vocal and vocal-instrumental ensembles with folklore repertoire
- Choirs
- Dance folklore ensembles with live music or recorded music
- Instrumental folklore ensembles, bands and orchestras
- The minimum number of participants in the group is 6 performing persons (there is no maximum number limit or age limit)

Participation conditions

The registration fee for competitive groups is 250 EUR for one contest category (200 EUR each further category). Registration fee for non-competitive participation is 200 EUR.

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

Technical equipment

The organisers shall provide the following equipment for the performances:

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

Festival performances

- 30 min. performance in Bratislava historical centre – Hviezdoslav square
- 30 min. performance in Bratislava historical centre – Main square
- Festival parade performance in the streets of Bratislava Old Town
- Saturday gala program performance
- Optional: individual 45 min. Performance on Sunday 5.7.2015

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

Concert venues

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

Accommodation and board

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

Package	4	3	2	1
Hotel category	Hotel**** (in centre)	Hotel***	Hotel**	Hostel
Price per person	220€	199€	145€	115€

The package price includes:

- 3x night and breakfast in a hotel
- guidance during the whole stay
- Bratislava sightseeing tour
- opening concert for participants
- public concert performance for participating choirs
- final ceremony with cultural programme
- information material

Package 4 Hotel **** in Bratislava a city centre

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

Package 3 Hotel ***

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

Package 2 Hotel **

3x night/breakfast in a ** hotel - (2 rooms with a shared bathroom, WC, 2-3 beds)

Package 1 Hostel

3x night/breakfast, 4-bed rooms, common bathrooms (additional fee of 35 EUR for a single room)

The organizers reserve the right to arrange accommodation and catering of the participating choirs.

Application

Application deadline: 15 April, 2015

Applications can be sent from 1st September 2014 to 15th April 2015.

After receiving the application form, each accepted participating group will be contacted by email and receive an official confirmation of participation.

Application shall be enclosed with the following:

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

All the materials are to be sent in electronic format!

Diplomas

Each participating ensemble will be awarded a diploma for participation and a festival souvenir prize by the International Folklore Festival Art Committee. An international jury comprising of distinguished professionals will judge the competition on the following criteria:

- choice of works and programme arrangement
- technique and interpretation
- artistic impression

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

Diploma for participation up to 59,99 points

Bronze certificate 60,00 - 74,99 points

Silver certificate 75,00 - 89,99 points

Gold certificate 90,00 - 99,99 points

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

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Important dates

- **15 April 2015** – application deadline
- **15 May 2015** – deadline for the 1st payment for accommodation and board (50% payment)
- **21 June 2015** – deadline for the final payment for accommodation and board

Bank transfer

Holder of account: Bratislava Music Agency

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