



IV International Youth Festival "Slavic Bell"

01.11.2022 to 24.05.2023

Venue of the event: Varna and Pliska; Bulgaria



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National Culture Fund of Bulgaria***

Conditions for participation

In the fourth edition of the "Slavic Bell" International Youth Festival, young men and women divided into three age groups have the right to participate:

- First age group - from 7 years to 12 years inclusive**
- Second age group - from 13 years to 18 years inclusive**
- Third age group - from 19 to 30 years inclusive**

Important!!! In the module "Music",category "Classical singing", ONLY participants in the second age group from 18 to 33 years old are allowed!

In exceptional cases and with high creative achievements, the organizers may admit participants up to the age of 33.

"Music" module

Enter the categories:

- PIANO – once only in front of an audience
- VIOLIN – once only in front of an audience
- CLASSICAL SINGING – once only in front of an audience
- CLASSICAL GUITAR – once only in front of an audience
- POP, JAZZ, ROCK SINGING - once only in front of an audience
- FOLK SINGING - once only in front of an audience

IMPORTANT!!! CANDIDATES IN THE "MUSIC" MODULE WHO NEED AN ACCOMPANIMENT PROVIDE THEMSELVES OR REQUEST THE USE OF AN ACCOMPANIMENT FOR PAYMENT! REQUEST FOR USING AN ACCOMPANIMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE COMPETITION!

- **"SHORT CINEMA" module** - participants pass a preliminary selection
- **"ART" module** - participants pass a preliminary selection
 - The Categories "Fine Art" and "Photography"
- **"THEATER" module** - participants pass a preliminary selection
- **"DANCE" module** - only one time in front of an audience
 - Categories "Modern Dance" and "Folklore dance"

About the "SHORT CINEMA", "THEATER" and "ART" modules candidates send the work with which they will participate in the contest.

- * **The recorded performances in the selection modules are sent to the e-mail of the Festival mmf_slavqnskizvun@abv.bg.**
- * **The selection of those approved for participation will be carried out by a competent committee.**
- * **Admitted performers will be promptly notified of their participation in the Second Round, which will be held in front of the public.**
- * **The program of the "Music" Module in the three groups includes one obligatory work/performance by a Slavic or Bulgarian composer, and the others are of the candidates' choice.**

- * **Deadline for submission of applications for participation is 15.01.2023.**

After confirmation and approval by the selection committee, the Participants must submit to the Organizers:

- Detailed CV and a brief description of the country/city he/she comes from;
 - Copy of a document certifying the applicant's age;
 - Two photos in electronic format, one of which should be artistic;
 - For groups that wish to participate, a short creative resume and photos from the group's/troupe's performances are sent in electronic format to the festival's mail;
 - Program with duration, composer, author, title, opus, number, required decor /for Module "Theatre"/, all necessary props, etc.
- * **Individual candidates and ensembles approved for participation in the Festival will receive notification letters and must confirm their participation electronically within 3 calendar days by paying a participation fee of BGN 20/twenty/ per participant or their currency equivalent for groups and compositions and 40/forty/BGN per participant or their currency equivalent for individual performers.**
 - * **Fees should be paid to the Festival's bank account: BG32 CECB 9790 10H9 6416 00**
 - * **Bic: CECBBGSF at the Central Cooperative Bank AD - city of Varna**

If the specified participation fee is not paid to the bank account of the Festival/Competition within the period mentioned in the Regulation, the right to participate is considered terminated.

In case of refusal by the participant/group, the participation fee already transferred to the Festival account is **NOT REFUNDED by the organizers.**

The participation of each competitor takes place according to the order of lots, drawn in advance in the presence of a committee composed of the members of the Organizing Committee.

Participants from other countries are obliged to arrive in the city of Varna, Bulgaria within the time limits regulated by the Festival program.

Participants undertake to carry the flag of their country.

AWARDS AT THE "SLAVIC BELL" INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Prizes are awarded as follows:

FIRST AGE GROUP

- 12 LAUREATE titles
- 12 SECOND prize winners
- 12 winners of the THIRD prize

SECOND AGE GROUP

- 12 LAUREATE titles
- 12 SECOND prize winners
- 12 winners of the THIRD prize

THIRD AGE GROUP

- 12 LAUREATE titles
- 12 SECOND prize winners
- 12 winners of the THIRD prize

CASH PRIZES, SPECIAL PRIZES AND GRAND PRIX ARE AWARDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONTEST/FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS

Structure of the competition program

"MUSIC" MODULE

For all Participants in the "Music" MODULE in the Competition program, one of the works they will perform must be of Bulgarian or Slavic origin.

Category "PIANO"

FIRST AGE GROUP- 7-12 years.

2 /two/ works from different eras of different difficulty with a duration of 10 minutes.

SECOND AGE GROUP-13-18 years.

2/two/ works of choice with a duration of 15 minutes

SECOND AGE GROUP-19-30 years.

2/two/ works of your choice up to 20 minutes

Category "VIOLIN"

FIRST AGE GROUP- 7-12 years.

2 /two/ works from different eras of different difficulty with a duration of 8 to 10 minutes.

SECOND AGE GROUP-13-18 years.

2 /two/ works from different eras with different difficulties and a duration of 15 minutes.

THIRD AGE GROUP-19-30 years.

2 /two/ works from different eras with different difficulties and duration of 20 minutes

Category "CLASSICAL GUITAR"

FIRST AGE GROUP- 7-12 years.

2/two/ works from different eras of different difficulty with a duration of up to 5 min.

SECOND AGE GROUP-13-18 years.

3/three/ or 4/four/ works from different eras of different difficulty with a duration of up to 10 min.

THIRD AGE GROUP-19-30 years.

Works of choice from different eras with different difficulties and duration of up to 20 min.

Category "CLASSICAL SINGING"

CANDIDATES ARE ADMITTED ONLY IN THE SECOND AGE GROUP- 18-30 years old!

In exceptional cases and with high creative achievements, the organizers may also admit participants up to the age of 33.

Participants perform 2/two/ works from different eras with different difficulties with a duration of up to 15 min.

Master Class WITHOUT AGE LIMITATION with guest lecturer the world-famous tenor Boyko Tsvetanov, which will be held within the framework of the IV International Youth Festival "Slavic Bell" on the dates 06, 07, and 04/08/2023.

The fees for those wishing to join are as follows:

- Participant in the Competition program and Participant in the Master Class - fee 150/one hundred and fifty/ BGN or their currency equivalent / including the fee for participation in the Festival's competition program;

-Participant in the Master Class - fee 120/one hundred and twenty/BGN or their currency equivalent

- Listener - Day card/fee for a one-day visit - BGN 20/twenty or their currency equivalent

The program of the Master Class will be announced to all who wish to join.

DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE COURSE IS 10.03.2023

Registration takes place after payment of the participation fee! Places are limited!

The costs for transport, food, and overnight stays are at the expense of the participants. The organizers of the competition can assist with the provision of overnight accommodation and food at promotional prices upon prior request no later than 30 days before the start of the Festival/Competition.

Category "POP, JAZZ, ROCK"

For the THREE AGE GROUPS 7-12 years, 13-18 years, 19-30 years.

In this category, the Candidates' performances are not subject to selection, but after confirmation and payment of the participation fee, they are admitted to the competition tour in front of an audience.

Vocals (pop, rock, and jazz performances)

- * Soloists – 2 /two/ songs, one in your native language, the second of your choice, with a total duration of up to 10 minutes.
- * Vocal groups: 2 /two/ songs, one in the native language, the second optional, with a total duration of up to 10 minutes.
- * The performance must be accompanied by an instrumental recording. Playback is not allowed!
- * The participants/groups undertake, after confirming their participation, within two days to send to the e-mail mmf_slavqnskizvun@abv.bg of the Festival the instrumentals of the works with which they will appear in the competition program.

CATEGORY "FOLK SINGING"

In this category, the Candidates' performances are not subject to selection, but after confirmation and payment of the participation fee, they are admitted to the competition tour in front of an audience.

IMPORTANT!!! Compulsory song for Second and Third age groups /groups and individual performers /in IV MMF "Slavic Ring" is the song "Daniova Mama" - an author's song by the folk singer Maria Baltadzhieva.

FIRST AGE GROUP – from 7 to 12 years include

- * Two songs of your CHOICE from different ethnographic areas with a total duration of up to 4/four/-5/five/ minutes. The accompaniment is desirable sinbeck or accordion! The Participant undertakes to notify the Organizers of the type of escort within two days from the moment of confirmation of their participation.
- * The participants/groups undertake, after confirming their participation, within two days to send to the e-mail mmf_slavqnskizvun@abv.bg of the Festival the instrumentals of the works with which they will appear in the competition program.

SECOND AGE GROUP - from 12 years. up to 18 years include

- * One MANDATORY song DETERMINED BY THE ORGANIZERS OF THE CONTEST and 1/one/ song of your choice from different ethnographic areas with a total duration of 5/five/-7/seven/ minutes. The accompaniment is preferably a sinbeck or an accordion! The Participant undertakes to notify the Organizers of the type of escort within two days from the moment of confirmation of their participation.
- * The participants/groups undertake, after confirming their participation, within two days to send to the e-mail mmf_slavqnskizvun@abv.bg the instrumentals of the

works with which they will appear in the competition program

THIRD AGE GROUP - from 19-30 years

- * One MANDATORY song DETERMINED BY THE ORGANIZERS OF THE CONTEST and 1/one/ song of your choice from different ethnographic areas with a total duration of 7/five/-9/seven/ minutes. The accompaniment is preferably a sinbeck or accordion! The participant undertakes to notify the Organizers of the type of escort within two days from the moment of confirmation of participation.
- * The participants/groups undertake, after confirming their participation, within two days to send to the e-mail mmf_slavqnskizvun@abv.bg the instrumentals of the works with which they will appear in the competition program

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATES in the "Music" Module

- * Accurate intonation
- * Stylistic interpretation
- * Implementation complexity
- * Rich tonal palette
- * Rhythmicity
- * Artistry
- * Articulation - clear diction
- * Individual approach, style, interesting plot

"SHORT CINEMA" MODULE

- The module aims to promote the creation of short films in Bulgaria and other Slavic countries and discover and promote new talents in cinema.

- Films up to 30 minutes in length, produced after January 1, 2019, are eligible to participate in the competition.

-There is no limit to the type of cinema or the genre of the film. Feature, documentary, animation, and experimental films can participate.

All films containing forms of violence, racism, ethnic and religious provocations, as well as pornographic content will be disqualified.

-Films are submitted for selection in the form of an online screener with a link and password for access, which is filled in the participation form or on a DVD medium, received at the office of the IYF Slavic Bell address: PO Box 9003, Varna, str. Grivitsa

10, apartment 41.

-The selected films will be screened in one of the following formats:

- * DCP ·35 mm; ·Blu-ray; · High-resolution HD file.

- All selected films must have English subtitles. **The international five-member jury of the IYF "Slavic Bell" will choose the best film from the pre-selected 10 films.**

- The authors of the selected films sign a document that they give their consent for the screening of their works in the programs of the IMF "Slavic Ring".

- Everyone who meets the age groups laid down in the Regulations by the Festival Organizers has the right to participate.

CANDIDATES IN THIS MODULE DO NOT OWN AN ENTRY FEE!

THEATER" MODULE

There is no genre restriction for the projects (Drama, Puppet, Experimental, Dance theater, etc.).

AGE GROUP OF THE PARTICIPANTS from 7 up to 30 years

-Duration up to 30 min /excerpt, scene, action from a dramatic work/

- Mono performance or Chamber performance with up to 5/five/actors.

Any ensemble wishing to participate in the festival should send to the indicated email address for correspondence:

- * request for participation;
- * a brief history of the troupe, accompanied by a list of all participants;
- * a list of the names of the actors and performers in the performance.
- * recording of a part of the performance or the entire performance up to 30 minutes on electronic media or link reference to Internet platforms for video sharing.
- * A poster, if there is one.

Evaluation criteria - the priority in the selection for participation will have productions:

- * showing new, innovative solutions;
- * with a modern reading;
- * on topics of interest to young people;

"FINE ART" MODULE

The theme of the competition works "Peace and Love"

- The main goal of this module is to support and promote by the International Youth Festival "Slavic Bell" the creativity of artists - artists/photographers from Bulgaria and foreign artists/photographers.
- The competition does NOT impose a work technique and is aimed at artists and photographers from Bulgaria and all countries of the world;
- Any person meeting the age groups stipulated in the Regulations of the Festival can take part in the competition;
- Graduation from a higher art educational institution is not required and is NOT a condition for taking part in the competition;
- Paintings in a format not larger than 35 x 50 cm and weighing not more than 1 kg will be admitted to the competition. The competition works shouldn't be framed.
- The picture applied for the Competition must be the sole property of the author and be in his possession for its disposal for the needs related to the Competition. The titles of the submitted paintings must be in two language versions ie. in the participant's mother tongue and English.

PHOTO PROJECTS:

- Only author's photos that comply with the Regulations of the International Youth Festival "Slavic Bell" are allowed to participate in the competition.
- Participants are obliged, in case of doubt regarding the authorship of the Organizers, to present the original unedited footage upon request.
- Photos participating in the contest cannot contain names, nicknames, or other inscriptions identifying their author.

Format and technical requirements

The photos published in the project must be in jpg format, not smaller than 980 pixels on the long side.

"DANCE" MODULE

In this category, the performances of the Candidates are not subject to selection, but after

confirmation and payment of the participation fee, they are admitted to ompetition tour in front of an audience.

Choreographic collectives and individual performers present at the competition a program of 2 dances up to 4 minutes each!).

Numbers and performances in each age category are not compared with each other, technique and skills are evaluated according to the chosen style.

Category "MODERN DANCE"

- * **Contemporary pop dance - both story and non-story numbers compete in the nomination. It is allowed to combine several modern styles in one production.**
- * **Street dance show - performances competing in the nomination, which resent the following styles: hip-hop, disco, techno, tectonic, , LA-style, Jazz-funk, C-walk, Breakdance, Popping, Locking, Vogue, Waaking and other modern trends.**
- * **Ballroom dancing - only team dances can participate in this nomination erformances (of 4 or more people) based on ballroom choreography.**
- * **Contemporary, Modern, Jazz – These dance styles compete in the nomination: modern, jazz-modern, contemporary, afro-jazz, contemporary jazz.**

Category "FOLKLORIC DANCE"

- * **Folk dances - the dances of the peoples of the world compete in the nomination.**
- * **Stylized folk dance - they compete in the nomination erformances that mainly use folk choreography, as well as the choreography of other dance styles and trends.**

Repertoire once requested - it does not change! Valid for all genres and modules!!!

FINAL PROVISIONS

- * **Expenses for transport, food, and overnight stays are at the expense of the participants. The organizers of the competition can assist with the provision of a hotel at promotional prices upon prior request no later than 30 days before the start of the Festival/Competition.**
- * **The composition/participant must not undertake other commitments during the Festival period.**
- * **The ensemble/participant must strictly observe the Festival program, as well as its designated time for participation in the concerts and parade.**

- * **The leader/if any/ of the lineup/performer is responsible for the discipline of the group, including compliance with the Festival program, good relations with other groups, as well as the artistic level of the performers, corresponding to the presented advertising materials.**
- * **The organizing committee owns all rights to the performances during the Festival, the advertising activity, the broadcast of the concert programs through various private, national, and public media, the release of audio, video, and other materials and their circulation in Bulgaria and abroad without any obligations to the participants in The festival. Repertoire once requested - it does not change! Valid for all genres and modules!!!**

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