



**XXIV DOBRI VOINIKOV
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH
CHORAL GALA DAYS
SHUMEN
6 – 9 APRIL 2017**

STATUTE

Dobri Voinikov International Children and Youth Choral Gala Days /DVICYCGD/ have been held every other year since 1971. This festival was known by the name of Dobri Voinikov National Student Choral Gala Days until its XX edition. However, in 2011 Dobri Voinikov National Student Choral Gala Days were renamed as Dobri Voinikov International Children and Youth Choral Gala Days.

The best Bulgarian and foreign children and youth choirs have participated in the festival throughout its 45-year history. The most distinguished Bulgarian choirs have performed in Shumen together with choirs from Japan, Belgium, Italy, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Greece, Romania, Russia, Macedonia, Slovakia, Norway etc.

The festival is organized by The Municipality of Shumen, The Municipal Children Complex and is managed by an Organizing Committee.

The DVICYCGD is supported by leading institutions in the field of culture, education, choral art and the public of Shumen, including: The Ministry of Education and Science, The Ministry of Culture, The National Children Palace, The Bulgarian Choral Union, The Balkan Choral Forum.

The Gala Days are held under the patronage of the Mayor of the town of Shumen - Mr. Lubomir Hristov.

This edition of choral festival devoted to the 85th anniversary of prof. Vicheva Veneta. Shumen's distinguished conductor Prof. Veneta Vitcheva initiative established of choral gala days in 1971. She is a conductor-founder of Shumen's students choir "Bodra pessen"; a conductor of the mixed choir "Native sounds". She was a leading professor in conducting and "Doctor chonoris causa" in "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University, Shumen.

In this edition of Dobri Voinikov International Children and Youth Choral Gala Days celebrate 45 anniversary of creation.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

I. Any Bulgarian and international children and youth choirs with singers up to 19 years old can participate in the festival. The guest choirs should not exceed the number of 45 members (incl. managers and accompanying personnel). The festival is non-competitive.

II. Requirements for the choirs.

1. The choirs present a repertoire of their own choice. The performance time limit for choirs is 30 minutes.

2. It is recommended that the Bulgarian choirs' repertoire should include a new song by a Bulgarian composer that should be performed for the first time on Shumen stage.

All the choirs should prepare the anthem of the festival "TO DOBRI VOINIKOV" by Alexander Tanev (the score is available on the website of the festival). The choirs take part in the rehearsals of the common songs that will be performed every evening during the festival and at the Gala concert.

3. DVICYCGD are included in the list of the representative festivals of the Balkan Choral Forum. So, it is recommended that the choirs' repertoire should include a song composed by a composer from a Balkan country.

4. Each choir will have the opportunity to participate in two or three concerts in Shumen and nearby towns.

5. It is recommended that all the choirs should be present throughout the whole festival.

III. A special emphasis will be laid on the creative atmosphere of the festival in 2017 as there will be a Creative Lab, working and presenting for the first time The Cantate for a Choir and Orchestra written on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the festival by the Slovenian composer Ambrož Čopi . The lab will be guided and conducted by the author - Ambrož Čopi . The first performance will be on the 8th April at the Gala concert.

During the GALA DAYS, there will be a round table discussion with the conductors and the guests of the festival, devoted to topical creative and organization issues focusing on children and youth choral art and its current development trends.

IV. For the first time within the framework of the festival there will be a meeting with the authors of the lyrics of the songs that will be performed for the first time during the festival.

AWARDS

V. The participants in the festival will receive a diploma for participation, a placard, audio/video recording of their performance and advertising materials. The organizers hold the copyright of the audio and video recordings done during the festival. The Bulgarian Choir Union will award the participants with diplomas for participation.

VI. The foundation "Prof. VENETA VICHEVA" established "A Prize for Conductor`s Mastery - prof. V. Vicheva". The winner of the prize (diplo Organizing Committee as guests and leaders of creative seminars.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The choirs should announce their participation in XXIII DVICYCGD by filling a form by 31 Dec 2016 at the latest, sent by e-mail or by post. With this application the choirs declare that they agree with the conditions of the festival. The application should be accompanied by:

- a recent audio or video recording or web-links where the performances of the choir in 2014 or 2015 could be heard.
- a colour photo of the conductor and the choir in jpg format.
- an annotation about the choir and the conductor.

2. After receiving the applications and the enclosed materials the Organizing Committee carries out a selection and responds to the applicants by 15 Jan 2016 at the latest. After a selection the approved choirs will receive the scores of the songs for collective performance.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

1. Each choir will cover its travelling and accommodation costs.
The organizers will assist the choirs with organizing their settling and meals at The Shumen hotel and The Madara hotel at preferential prices within three options:
 - BB (bed and breakfast) - accommodation and breakfast
 - HB (half board) - accommodation, breakfast, dinner
 - FB (full board) - accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner
2. The organizers will pay the expenses for the Gala dinner on the 8th Apr.
3. The organizers provide rooms for accoustical rehearsals on the day of the concert. Concerts in Shumen and in the nearby towns will be planned.
4. The guest choirs are offered a cultural program, including a visit to cultural and historical monuments and sights in Shumen and the region. Each choir will be accompanied by a guide.
5. Detailed information about the programme of the festival, information and news can be downloaded from the website of the festival.

For contact and information about prices of accommodation and meals you can visit:

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