



FIRST INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL AVGUSTA TRAYANA

26 – 30 April 2017

Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

Venue: Drama Theatre, Stara Zagora, additional concerts – Regional History Museum, Art Gallery, Stara Zagora

Organizers: Town Council, Stara Zagora; Community of Culture (Chitalishte) “Rodina-1860”, Mixed Choir “Rodina”.

Partners: Bulgarian National Radio, Stara Zagora; Music Society “Boris Hristov” Stara Zagora; Regional History Museum, Art Gallery.

Aims

- Cultural exchange and cooperation between Bulgarian and foreign choirs and their conductors
- Incorporation and promotion of the Bulgarian and European choral art values
- Popularization of the choral singing and musical traditions of Stara Zagora
- Repertoire and experience exchange among the choirs
- Opportunity for creative performances and enrichment of the city cultural events.
- Meeting the cultural and historical heritage of Bulgaria

1. Inclusion

- Youth choirs
- Homogeneous choirs
- Mixed choirs
- Vocal ensembles

2. Categories

- Choir (20 and more performers)

- Chamber choir (from 13 to 19 performers)
- Vocal ensembles (from 2 to 12 performers)

3. Performance requirements

- Youth, homogeneous, mixed and chamber choirs – not more than 20 minutes long.

4. Participation programme

Participants' performing programme is of their choice – baroque, classical, folklore, church, popular or contemporary music.

The final programme of the festival is compiled by the organizers on the base of the applications and is submitted to the choirs 10 days before the beginning of the event. The organizers reserve the right of changes in the programme and the additional concerts.

5. The deadline to submit application forms is 01.02.2017.

They should include:

- A high quality photo of the choir and separately a photo of the choir conductor
- A choir recording or a link into an internet website where they can be heard

- 6.** Once the application form is received, the organizers send back an **Official Invitation**. After receiving it, the choirs should pay 20% of the sum due for their stay in the frames of the festival. The deposit should be transferred to the bank account of the festival in Euros. The rest of the sum should be paid cash on arrival.

Bank account:

IBAN BG48PIRB80854605834920
BIC PIRBBGSF – Dora Ilieva – for the festival

- 7.** The choirs have to bring a sign with the name of the choir on it for the defile and a national flag.

8. Accommodation

Possible accommodation in Stara Zagora hotels with special discount for the festival participants is arranged by the organizers.

The price is for accommodation in 3*, 4* or 5* hotels **per person**.

CITY HOTEL 3*, 23 Patriarh Evtimiy St., Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, www.citythotel-bg.com

Double room **4 nights, breakfast included** **58 Euros**

Triple Suite **4 nights, breakfast included** **41 Euros**

Quadruple

Suite **4 nights breakfast included** **35 Euros**

Double room **4 nights, half board** **89 Euros**

Triple suite **4 nights, half board** **55 Euros**

Quadruple

Suite **4 nights half board** **49 Euros**

***Half board includes breakfast and dinner.**

Hotel VEREYA 3*, 100 Tsar Simeon Veliki St., Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, hotel_vereya@yahoo.com

Double room **4 nights, breakfast included** **95 Euros**

Double room **4 nights half board** **145 Euros**

***Half board includes breakfast and dinner.**

Hotel MERIAN PALACE 4*, 8 Ruski St., Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, www.merianpalace.com

Double room **4 nights, breakfast included** **112 Euros**

Double room **4 nights half board** **163 Euros**

***Half board includes breakfast and dinner.**

PARK HOTEL 5*, 50 Han Asparuh St., Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, www.hotelstarazagora.eu

Double room **4 nights, breakfast included** **120 Euros**

Double room **4 nights half board** **170 Euros**

***Half board includes breakfast and dinner.**

All expenses on accommodation, food and transport in the frame of the festival are covered by the participants.

Transport from any airport in Bulgaria to Stara Zagora could be provided on request.

9. All participants receive a Diploma and a plaque of Avgusta Trayana.

[You can fill-in your application form online by visiting this link.](#)

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