

Musical Cultural Association "Antonio Vivaldi"

in collaboration with the Municipality of Gabrovo
and the Aprilov Palaouzov Center



June 24-25, 2022
Gabrovo - Bulgaria

11th International Choir Festival of Gabrovo
11th International Choir Competition
"Antonio Vivaldi" - BULGARIA

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2022

11th INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL OF GABROVO – PROGRAM

Opening Time 18:30

Meeting Place: **Municipal Hall “Vazrazdane”**

18:30 – 19:00 *Padjadjaran University Choir, Bandung City, West Java - Indonesia*

Sik Sik Sibatumanikam

Gai Bintang

Cing Cangkeling

Lisoi

Soleram

Bungong Jeumpa

Yamko Rambe Yamko

Benggong

Gayatri

Arr. Pontas Purba

Arr. Budi S. Yohanes

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Arr. Ruben Federizon

Arr. Josu Elberdin

Arr. Paul Widyawan

Arr. Agustinus B. Jusana

Arr. Ken Steven

Bagus S. Utomo

Conductor: *Prof. Arvin Zeinullah*

19:00 – 19:30 *Chamber choir “VOX ANIMAE”, Riga - Latvia*

Tumša nakte, zaļa zāle (In the Dark Night)

Tenebrae factae sunt

Dum medium silentium

Lux Aurumque

April is in My Misstress' Face

Seši mazi bundzinieki (Six Little drummers)

folk arr. by Laura Jēkabsone

Giovanni Scalici

Vytautas Miškinis

Eric Whitacre

Thomas Morley

folk song arr by Ēriks Ešenvalds

Conductor: *Prof. Sindija Druva*

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022

11th INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION "ANTONIO VIVALDI"

Opening Time 18:00

Meeting Place: **Municipal Hall "Vazrazdane"**

18:00 – 18:15 ***Chamber choir "VOX ANIMAE", Riga - Latvia***

Category D': Ensembles

Tumša nakte, zaļa zāle (In the Dark Night)

Folk arr. by Laura Jēkabsone

April is in My Misstress' Face

Thomas Morley

Seši mazi bundzinieki (Six Little drummers)

Folk song ar. by Ēriks Ešenvalds

Conductor: *Prof. Sindija Druva*

18:15 – 18:30 ***Padjadjaran University Choir, Bandung City, West Java - Indonesia***

Category A': Mixed Choirs

Die mit Tränen Säen werden, SWV 378

Heinrich Schütz

Readymade Alice

Perttu Haapanen

Gayatri

Bagus S. Utomo

Conductor: *Prof. Arvin Zeinullah*

18:30 – 18:45 ***Chamber choir "VOX ANIMAE", Riga - Latvia***

Category E': Sacred

Tenebrae factae sunt

Giovanni Scalici

Dum medium silentium

Vytautas Miškinis

Lux Aurumque

Eric Whitacre

Conductor: *Prof. Sindija Druva*

18:45 – 19:00 ***Golden Gate Choir, San Francisco Bay Area of California - USA***

Category A': Mixed Choirs

The Road Goes Ever On and On

G. Walker

Homeward Bound (*solo by D. Butzlaff, A. Davison*)

M. Keen

Ain't Got Time to Die (*solo by R. Minneboo*)

H. Johnson

Conductor: *Dr. Mark Sumner*

Accompanist: *Mr. Elliott Etzkorn*

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19:00 – 19:30 **Mixed Choir "Aprilov Palaousov", Gabrovo – Bulgaria**

Svyatii Boje

Due pupile amabili & Se Lontan, Benmio, Tu sei

Arirang

Dilmano, dilbero

Ipharadisi

P. I. Chaikovski

W. A. Mozart

Traditional Korean Folk

Bulgarian Folk

Traditional South African

Conductor: *Prof. Elena Nazarova*

19:30 – 20:10 **Golden Gate Choir, San Francisco Bay Area of California - USA**

Ave verum corpus

The Road Goes Ever On and On

Zion's Walls

Concord

Sure on this shining night

The Road Home

Dirait-on

Shenandoah

Gonna Get Through This World (*solo by C. Jones*)

Hymn for These Times

Szekely Aldas

Steal Away (*solo by D. Butzlaff, A. Davison*)

Chattanooga Choo Choo

Homeward Bound (*solo by D. Butzlaff, A. Davison*)

Ain't Got Time to Die (*solo by R. Minneboo*)

W. A. Mozart

G. Walker

A. Copland

B. Britten

M. Lauridsen

S. Paulus

M. Lauridsen

arr. Erb

Guthrie, arr. Page

Jay Rogers

Trad. in Hungarian

arrgmt. Jennings

H. Warren

M. Keen

H. Johnson

Conductor: *Dr. Mark Sumner*

Accompanist: *Mr. Elliott Etzkorn*

20:10 – 20:40 **The choir of Varna teachers, Varna - Bulgaria**

Where are you faithful, people's love (*solo: S. Metodiev*) D. Chintulov

Laschia ch'io pianga ("Rinaldo") (*solo by M. Bachvarov*) G. F. Handel

An die musik

F. Schubert

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual

Conductor: *Prof. Veselina Marinova*

Accompanist: *Mr. Boyan Bachvarov*

20:40 – 21:00 **Announcement of Competition Results,
One song performance from awarded choirs**

CURRICULUM VITAE OF PARTICIPATING CHOIRS



Mixed Choir "Aprilov Palaouzov", Gabrovo - Bulgaria

The Aprilov–Palauzov mixed choir was founded in 1949; it was a part of the Aprilov–Palauzov 1861 municipality cultural activities program. The choir is a golden award winner of all national festivals of amateur choir art; it participated twice to the Prof. Georgi Dimitrov International Choir Competition in Varna, Bulgaria /1986 and 1995/. The choir successfully took part in the international choir festivals in Kefalonia, Greece /1992/, Kamerino, Italy /2001 – bronze medal/, Vlahovo Brjezi, Czech Republic /2002 – the best young choir-master award/, Fano, Italy /2003/, Antalia, Turkey /2005/, Sopot, Poland /2006 – third prize/, Rimini, Italy /2007/, Ohrid, Macedonia /2008/, Antalia, Turkey /2009 – third prize/ and Karpenissi, Greece

/2011 – second prize and silver medal/, Lido di Jesolo, Italy /2012/, Mogilev, Belarus /2012/, Christmas concerts, Belgium /2013/, V Art Festival, Prague /2014/, International Festival, Ohrid /2015/, International Festival, Paralia, Katerini, Greece /2016/, International Festival, Bar, Montenegro /2017/ and International Festival Durres, Albania /2018/. The choir has had concerts in Germany, Hungary, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Denmark as well. For more than five decades the choir has performed hundreds of concerts and it is proud of a complex and varied repertoire – baroque music, classic compositions, modern music, Church-Slavonic chants, compositions by Bulgarian composers. Now the repertoire includes compositions by Orlando di Lasso, Palestrina, Mozart, Schubert, Verdi, Bruckner, Rachmaninov, Dobri Hristov, Milko Kolarov, etc. In 2007 and 2008 the Aprilov–Palauzov is invited to participate in the First and Second international festival of sacred music in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria "Praise the God". For its successful participation the choir is awarded in both festival editions with Excellent performance Prize in the First and Prize for complete contribution to development of Bulgarian orthodox music in the Second. The choir Aprilov–Palauzov has taken part in the series Panorama of Bulgarian choral art concerts in Bulgaria hall devoted to 130th anniversary of the academic Dobri Hristov birth and 75th anniversary of the professor Hristo Arishtirov birth. The Aprilov–Palauzov mixed choir was awarded the St. St. Cyril and Methodius medal of the Republic of Bulgaria for its long years creative and artistic performance.



Mixed Padjadjaran University Choir, - Indonesia

Padjadjaran University Choir (Unpad Choir) is a student organization which was established in 1978. With 150 active members from various disciplines, Padjadjaran University Choir becomes one of the student activity units with important roles in protocol and ceremonial activities within the University. In the world of choral singing, Padjadjaran University Choir has successfully won in a variety of national and international competitions. Padjadjaran University Choir also continues to improve its achievements as one of the best choirs in Indonesia. In 2016, Padjadjaran University Choir

became one of the nominees for their documentary film "Indonesia Kirana" in Maya Awards for the "Best Long Documentary" in 2016 and became one of the Nominees for the "Best Long Documentary Film" Citra Award at the 2016 Indonesian Film Festival. In 2017, Padjadjaran University won as the 1st winner of Folklore Category, 2nd winner of Mixed Choir Category, and Special Prize of Best Interpretation of Brahms at the 52nd International Competition from Choral Singing 2017, Spittal an der Drau, Austria In 2018, Padjadjaran University Choir won as the Grand Champion of the 7th Bali International Choir Festival, Champion of the Mixed Choir Category, and a Special Jury Award for Excellent Programs. In 2019, Padjadjaran University Choir became the Grand Champion of the 67th International Competition Polifonico "Guido d'Arezzo", as well as the 1st Winner of Sacred Music Category II, 2nd Winner of Monographic Program Category IV, 3rd Winner of Compulsory Category in Mixed Choir Section. On account of this, Padjadjaran University Choir has been chosen as one of the finalists for the European Grand Prix for Choral Singing 2022 in Tours next June. Padjadjaran University Choir has been entrusted with collaborations in various major ceremonial and entertainment events with various agencies and musicians, both national and international.



Golden Gate Choir, California - USA

The Golden Gate Choir is actually an ensemble combining two choirs in the San Francisco Bay Area of California: the UC Alumni Chorus in Berkeley and the First Unitarian Universalist Church Choir in San Francisco. These two choirs from the opposite sides of the Bay often collaborate on tours and major choral presentations because they share the same director. The main attraction is the desire to present major works on more than one occasion and the two entities provide different populations and venues to that end. Dr. Mark Sumner has been leading the two choruses, numbering 120 and 50 respectively, for over twenty-three years and together have toured Transylvania (the home of Unitarianism) four times. Other recent tours include South Africa, New Zealand and Cuba. Major works that have

involved the singers include Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Mahler's Second Symphony, Belshazzar's Feast, Vaughan William's Dona nobis pacem, Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna and last years "Ultimate Mass-Up" a mash-up of the greatest mass movements ever composed. The touring chorus numbers over forty which happily also has gathered singers from former choirs under Sumner's direction---singers that began his career in Lancaster, Texas forty-four years ago.



Chamber choir "VOX ANIMAE", Riga - Latvia

Chamber Choir "Vox Animae" was founded in 2008 by conductor Sindija Druva, and next year it will celebrate its 15th anniversary. Driven and inspired by great music, "Vox Animae" prepares various programs, organizes concerts and travels to festivals. The choir has produced various concert shows in collaboration with different musicians, choreographers and visual artists exploring exciting ways to reveal the message of music. Significant part of the repertoire is

contemporary music, often written by Latvian composers, but also sacred music from various periods. Since 2008 "Vox Animae" has been a proud participant of one of the largest amateur choral and dancing events in the world – Latvian Song and Dance festival that is held every five years. "Vox Animae" has also gained remarkable results in more than 10 international choir competitions. "Vox Animae" is lead by its artistic director and conductor Sindija Druva and conductor Jolanta Čeiča – Kalniņa. It is based in Riga, the capital of Latvia - country that is famous with their choral singing traditions. Riga is more than 800 years old, captivating renown opera house, splendid art nouveau architecture and medieval churches.



The choir of Varna teachers, Varna - Bulgaria

I am sorry, but we found our mistake in the choir's bio. We've missed some information, so I will send you again the full text. The Choir of the teachers in Varna was founded in 1951. In the beginning it was teaching women choral group. Famous conductors, composers and music pedagogues in Varna and the country have the credit for the development and growth of the choir in the different periods of its existence. Initially, the women's choir unites teachers - music lovers from all Varna schools, kindergartens and universities. Since 1988, the choir has grown into a mixed choir called the Ars Music Varna Teachers' Choir. In their creative history, the choir of Varna teachers promotes choral music both in Bulgaria and abroad. The Teachers' Choir ARS MUSIC have participated at many international festivals

and competitions and has been awarded with plenty of medals, plaques and diplomas. For it's contribution to the cultural life of the City and the country, the choir was awarded the "Cyril and Methodius" prize (1996) and Prize "Varna" (2000). The Repertoire of the Teachers' Choir includes a range of styles and genres (classics, orthodox, folklore and modern music) by bulgarian and foreign composers: Dobri Hristov, N.Stoykov, Al.Morfov, G.Dimitrov, P.Lyondev, César Franck, W.A.Mozart, Johannes Brahms, Frédéric Chopin, John Lennon and many others. Currently, the conductor of the Varna teachers is Veselina Marinova, and the pianist is Boyan Bachvarov.

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