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	Arr. Pontas Purba
Gai Bintang	Arr. Budi S. Yohanes
Cing Cangkeling	Arr. Budi S. Yohanes
Lisoi	Arr. Ruben Federizon
Soleram	Arr. Josu Elberdin
Bungong Jeumpa	Arr. Paul Widyawan
Yamko Rambe Yamko	Arr. Agustinus B. Jusana
Benggong	Arr. Ken Steven
Gayatri	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)	folk arr. by Laura Jēkabsone
Tenebrae factae sunt	Giovanni Scalici
Dum medium silentium	Vytautas Miškinis
Lux Aurumque	Eric Whitacre
April is in My Misstress' Face	Thomas Morlay
Seši mazi bundzinieki (Six Little drummers)	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 Morlay
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*

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022

11th INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION "ANTONIO VIVALDI"

Opening Time 18:00 - Meeting Place: **Municipal Hall "Vazrazdane"**

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

Svyatii Boje	P. I. Chaikovski
Due pupile amabili & Se Lontan, Benmio, Tu sei	W. A. Mozart
Arirang	Traditional Korean Folk
Dilmano, dilbero	Bulgarian Folk
Ipharadisi	Traditional South African

Conductor*:* *Prof. Elena Nazarova*

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

Ave verum corpus	W. A. Mozart
The Road Goes Ever On and On	G. Walker
Zion's Walls	A. Copland
Concord	B. Britten
Sure on this shining night	M. Lauridsen
The Road Home	S. Paulus
Dirait-on	M. Lauridsen
Shenandoah	arr. Erb
Gonna Get Through This World (*solo by C. Jones*)	Guthrie, arr. Page
Hymn for These Times	Jay Rogers
Szekely Aldas	Trad. in Hungarian
Steal Away (*solo by D. Butzlaff, A. Davison*)	arrgmt. Jennings
Chattanooga Choo Choo	H. Warren
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*

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



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, Turuey /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 forcomplete 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 artictic 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.