



AKADEMICKÁ NITRA 2018

41. medzinárodný akademický festival folklórnych súborov
41st International Academic Folk Groups Festival

The International Academic Folk Groups Festival „Academic Nitra 2018“ (hereafter AN 2018) is organized by the Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra in cooperation with Constantin the Philosopher University in Nitra and the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. Since 1970, the festival has been among the finest folklore events in Slovakia and is a member of the International Organization of Folk Art IOV (UNESCO). It will be held from 2nd to 6th July 2018 at SUA in Nitra, the city of Nitra and Andrej Bagar Theatre in Nitra.

The AN 2018 festival is a competitive exhibition of the production of both domestic and foreign ensembles. The International Expert Jury will announce the National and International Laureate of the Festival and will reward extraordinary performances in the field of dramaturgy, singing, music, dance and traditional clothing.

Competition programs of min. 15 and a maximum of 16 minutes, will take place at the Andrej Bagar Theatre, where high-tech stage technology will be available for use.

The following accompanying events of the AN 2018 will take place: festival street parade in the city of Nitra, stage performance of the participants in the city of Nitra, performance of the ensembles around Nitra.

As an integral part of the event, a professional workshop for artistic management of ensembles as well as for academic professionals from the field of traditional culture.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL

- a) University folklore ensembles from the Slovak Republic and selected student folklore ensembles from abroad can take part in the festival.
- b) The ensembles can enter the competition by filling-in a binding application submitted by the ensemble director. The deadline for submitting the application is 15th December 2017 and is final and binding. Folk ensembles from abroad will be selected by the Organizational Staff. These elected ensembles will be informed about their admission before 22nd December 2017.
- c) The creator of the ensemble is responsible for the artistic level and originality of the ensemble's performance.
- d) In addition to the main competition performance round (15 - 16 minutes), the ensembles will prepare additional program for other festival concerts lasting for 90 minutes, 30 minutes and 3 minutes.
- e) The participants are responsible for the arrangement of their own transport to and from the festival and bear all the costs associated with it. In accordance with the International IOV Conventions, the AN 2018 organizer covers the necessary travel expenses of the foreign participants, such as the fuel utilized during the duration of the festival (including arrival and departure) on the territory of the Slovak Republic.
- f) The organizer of the festival covers the cost of standard full-day meals and accommodation at the venue of the festival for the ensembles.
- g) The number of participants in each ensemble is limited to max. 35 people (including ensemble executives, musicians, bus driver).
- h) The evaluation criteria of the competition programs -dramaturgy, direction and choreography of the program block, dance, musical and vocal expression, artistic execution, innovativeness and whether the time limit was kept.



INSTRUCTIONS

The participating ensembles should have their own means of transport available for the duration of the entire stay. Exceptionally, on the basis of a previous agreement with the Organization Staff, the necessary transportation will be provided for the foreign ensemble arriving in Slovakia by air.

Each ensemble has to participate at the following activities during the festival:

- Main competition performance (teams are requested to strictly adhere to the time limit: 15 - 16 minutes maximum),
- 3 minutes- performance at the gala concert, according to the instructions of the program director,
- performance in the city of Nitra as a part of the festival street parade, promotional events and full-length performances of foreign ensembles around Nitra (30 to 90 minutes).

Details of the technical requirements of the program should be agreed with the program directors of each program.

The participating ensembles have to inform the Organizational Staff about the exact date of their arrival to Nitra. The teams are requested to respect the reported number of the participants of the AN 2018 festival.

Ensembles have to send the following documents along with their binding application:

- characteristics of the ensemble, overview of their success at major competitions and festivals, promotional materials, photographs of the ensemble, newsletters, posters, etc.,
- preliminary brief characteristics of the competition program (focus, region, libretto). Max. 1500 characters.

The frame schedule of the AN 2018 festival:

- arrival of foreign ensembles- 2nd July 2018, i.e. on Monday, no later than at 22.00.
- the arrival of Slovak ensembles- 3rd July 2018, until 10:00,
- the stay of Slovak ensembles ends with breakfast on 6th July 2018.

The stay of the foreign ensembles can be extended, after their own agreement with the organizers of the top folklore festivals in Slovakia-in order to perform at the following festivals:

- Folklore Festival Východná (28th June– 1st July 2018),
- Folklore celebrations under Poľana Detva 2018 (6th-8th July 2018).

