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ΧΟΡΩΔΙΑ «ΚΟΡΑΗΣ»

# 12<sup>ο</sup> ΠΑΓΚΟΣΜΙΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΧΟΡΩΔΙΩΝ ΜΙΟΥΣΙΚΑΛ & ΔΙΑΓΩΝΙΣΜΟΣ

6 ΜΑΪΟΥ 2023

ΩΡΑ ΕΝΑΡΞΗΣ:  
19.30

7 ΜΑΪΟΥ 2023

ΩΡΑ ΕΝΑΡΞΗΣ:  
11.00 & 19.30

ΑΙΘΟΥΣΑ  
ΤΕΛΕΤΩΝ Α.Π.Θ.

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## **Mixed Choir of the Požarevac Cultural Center Serbia**

The Mixed Choir of the Culture Center was initially founded more than 40 years ago but the new foundation was in October 2019 and it has been directed by Liljana Rakic ever since.

The choir has some 40 singers well balanced among all vocal ranges, and it mainly performs works from classical composers. However, a significant part of the choir's activity is devoted to performing modern and contemporary music as well.

The first performance, "Mixed Choir of the Center for Culture", will be recorded on November 15, 2019, with the City Orchestra "Guardia" within the program "November Days of Culture".

Followed by New Year's concerts, as well as the recent performance of the Mixed Choir "CZK" on the occasion of the "Day of Slavic Culture and Literacy" held on May 24, 2021. In 2022 CZK choir won the Second prize at the International Ohrid Festival of Choirs. In September 2022 our choir won a plaque at the We Are Singingdunum Festival in Belgrade. In its varied concert programs as well as guest appearances the choir sings with renowned professional guest orchestras and soloists. Culture is the lifeblood of every society. By expressing our culture we show who we are, celebrate our past, and learn from others in the process.

### PROGRAM

1. **"Cherubic Song"**  
Aleksandar Arhangelski
2. **"Do Tri Momi"**  
Folk song arr. Dragan Shuplevski
3. **"Balleillaka"**  
A.R.Rahman . Arr. Ethan Sperry
4. **"Karaguna"**  
Traditional. Arr. Stefanos Efthimiadis

Conductor:

**Ljiljana Rakic Boskovic**



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***“BelCantes”***  
***Choir of Agios Andreas Eglykadas***  
***of Patras, Greece***

The “BelCantes” Choir of Agios Andreas Eglykadas of Patras was founded in September 2016. The choir has participated 2 times in the International choral Competition of Interkultur in Greece where was awarded with a gold and silver medal. It has taken part in the 9th International Choir Festival of Nafpaktos "Mikis Theodorakis", the ARTIVA Festival in Nafplio, Christmas Festivals, and has held a concert for the "Alma Zois" Association at the Theater Royal. In July of 2019, after an honorary invitation from the Ionian University of Corfu, the choir sang at the Duomo for all the participating conductors, with honors. In May 2021 the choir took part in the Vienna's World Peace Choral Festival (online) in which 251 choirs from 32 countries participated and competed in the Women's and Folklore categories, it was awarded first in her category and a finalist for the Grand Prix. In September BelCantes participated in a grand concert at Kallimarmaro Panathenaic Stadium for the 200 years since National Palingenesis. In July 2022 it took part in the 26<sup>th</sup> International Choral Music Competition in Preveza and was awarded with 2 Silver medals in 2 categories. Upon returning to Patras the choir hosted the choral ensemble Academy of Musics Girls Choir Esbjerg Denmark which consists of 50 girls. The final concert of the 2 choirs took place in collaboration with DI.PE.THE Patras on July 13.

**PROGRAM**

1. **“Eatnemen vuelie”**  
 Frode Fjellheim/Joseph August Seiss
2. **“Edelweiss”**  
 from the musical “The sound of music” - Richard Rodgers /Oscar Hammerstein -arr. Linda Spevacek
3. **“My favorite things”**  
 from the musical “The sound of music” - Richard Rodgers / Oscar Hammerstein -arr. Mitos Andaya
4. **“Bi Bihotz”**  
 Junkal Guerrero

Conductor:  
**Elena Droukopoulou**



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## **Komorni Zbor "Rubino" Chamber Choir Croatia**

The "Rubino" Chamber Choir was founded in 1998 on the initiative of a group of citizens in love with "a capella" singing.

The choir counts a number of 25 members, aged from 30 to 70 years.

It has a mixed composition, we have a common love for both foreign and especially Croatian composers.

The choir regularly shows its love for music participating in various festivals and competitions in Croatia and abroad, promoting Croatian culture and its musical heritage.

We mention the most important ones:

Silver medal (Prague, Year 2011), Bronze medal (Bratislava, Year 2012),

Silver medal (Budapest, Year 2013), two Silver medals (Krakow, Year 2014), Golden medal (Rovinj, Year 2015), Golden medal (Karlovac, Year 2016), Golden medal (Rome, Year 2017), Golden medal (Budapest, Year 2019).

In addition to international involvement, we are also active in the local community, and we are a regular participants in the festival "Naš kanat je lip", a festival that nurtures "Čakavica" and Istrian musical scales.

We have been organizers for many years (since 2000) of the International Choir Fair in honor of the City of Rovinj and its patron Saint. Euphemia, in that festival we host choirs from Croatia and abroad.

We are also the winners of the Plaque of the City of Rovinj for our long career and our commitment in the field of musical culture.

### PROGRAM

1. **"Zvona"**  
Branko Okmaca
2. **"Ave Generosa"**  
Ola Gjeilo / Hildegard von Bingen
3. **"Insalata Italiana"**  
Richard Genée

Conductor:  
**Tatjana Merkl**



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***"Jeanne Rabin's Ensemble"***  
*Israel*

Established 28 years ago, "Jeanne Rabin's Ensemble" from Ra'anana, ISRAEL has consistently been an outstanding group on the Israeli choir scene in its level of performance, its repertoire, and in its energy. Being one of the most popular and sought after groups in Israel, "The Ensemble" has had innumerable performances of every sort and has participated in festivals in Israel and abroad, competitions (First place Gold medal at SULAM MILA Israel 2020 / Silver medal Graz 2008), official Israeli events plus countless other productions alongside respected Israeli singers and musicians. Popular music, jazz favorites, swing, hits from musicals, and an array of modern Israeli "classics" – with Jeanne at the piano as well as acapella.

**PROGRAM**

**Competition**

1. ***"Puttin' On The Ritz"***  
By Irving Berlin/arranged by Jeanne Rabin
2. ***"Moon River"***  
By Johnny Mercer/Henry Mancini/arr. J.Coates Jr. and Jeanne Rabin
3. ***"Od Yiyeh Li"***  
("I Shall Yet Have") -By R.Shapira/ Y.Yakovovich/ arranged by Jeanne Rabin
4. ***"I'm A Train"***  
By A.Hammond/ M. Hazelwood / arr. Peter Knight

Conductor :  
**Jeanne Rabin**

**PROGRAM**

**Musicals Evening**  
**Sunday 7 May 2023, 19.30'**

1. ***"Puttin' On The Ritz"***  
By Irving Berlin/arranged by Jeanne Rabin
2. ***"Moon River"***  
By Johnny Mercer/Henry Mancini/arr. J.Coates Jr. and Jeanne Rabin
3. ***"Spread A Little Happiness"***  
By Vivian Ellis/ Clifford Grey/arranged by Jeanne Rabin
4. ***"All I Ask of You"***  
By Andrew Lloyd Webber/ Charles Hart/Richard Stilgoe/arranged by Jeanne Rabin
5. ***"I Feel Pretty"***  
By Leonard Bernstein/ Stephen Sondheim/ arranged by Jeanne Rabin

Conductor :  
**Jeanne Rabin**



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***“Gortinija”***  
**City Mixed Choir,**  
**North Macedonia**

The choir “Gortinija” is formed in 2006 as a reunion of the mixed chamber choir which used to work in Gevelija before. In the present days the members of the choir are young enthusiasts, amateur singers with excellent vocal interpretations and love for the art of the choir.

“Gortinija” for its work has been rewarded with many awards such as:

GRAND PRIX, Best Choir - International choir competition, Serbia, 2012, Silver Placket - “Anton Bruckner” Choir Competition, Linz, Austria, 2013, Second Award – International Choir Competition, Montenegro, Second Prize at Rimini International choral competition, Rimini, Italy, 2010, International festival of Orthodox music in Haynówka – Poland, where the choir has introduced itself with the program of sacred and contemporary compositions. The festival had had a competitive character and the choir was rewarded with the special award; The second award was won on the International festival “Ohrid choir festival” where the choir had three performances of spiritual and folk music (2012, 2019).

First award and GRAND PRIX of the State choir competition was won in Kavadarci, in 2009, Second award at the International choir competition in Antalya, Turkey (2011), where the choir received also Prize for an Outstanding Conducting and (Antalya, Turkey, 2011), Special Prize for The Best Programme Choice at the festival (Antalya, Turkey, 2011).

In the following season the choir is spreading its activities and prepare for “Requiem” from the contemporary French composer Maurice Durufle.

**PROGRAM**

1. **“Exsultate Deo”**  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
2. **“Christus Factus Est”**  
Anton Bruckner
3. **“Northern Lights”**  
Ola Gjeilo
4. **“Dafino, Vino Tsrveno”**  
arr. Dragan Shuplevski
5. **“Bohemian Rhapsody”**  
Queen – Freddie Mercury. Arr. F Taylor

Conductor:

**Ilija Athanasov**





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## **"Ars-Nova" Choir, Republic of Moldova**

"Ars-Nova" Choir was composed in the Musical and Pedagogical College from Bălți city, Republic of Moldova. Since 2016, the choir has been directed by Ana Cuscenco. Our team consists of young and smart students from all departments of the institution, who are passionate about choral art, and who participate with pleasure at each cultural event organized on the municipal, national and international level.

Awards: Grand-Prix at International Choral Festivals and Contests in Chișinău, (Republic of Moldova), in Berlin (Germany) and Botoșani (Romania).

First Place at International Choral Festivals in Slovenia, Odessa (Ukraine), Bucharest (Romania), Madrid (Spain), Varna (Bulgaria), Lithuania, Turkey, Russia, Republic of Moldova and Romania.

Golden Award at International Choral Festival in Chișinău (Republic of Moldova).

The choir also received many second and third prizes at International choral festivals and contests in Romania, Poland, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova.

Diploma of Participation:

- District Festival of carols VIIIth edition, Republic of Moldova (January 2023)
- International Choral Festival (December 2020, 2021, 2022), Chișinău, Republic of Moldova;
- Set of charity concerts in partnership with Embassy of Switzerland, (December 2022).
- Concert of classical music at t

### PROGRAM

1. **"Libera me"**  
Antony Sylvestre
2. **"Chindia"**  
Romanian folk dance tune -  
Alexandru Pașcanu
3. **"Mironostsam jenam"**  
Vladimir Ciolac
4. **"Tourdion"**  
a drinking French song -  
Anonymous XVI century. Arr.Mark  
Brewer
5. **"Mironczarnia"**  
based on Miron Białoszewski's  
poem - Jakub Neske

Conductor:  
**Ana Cuscenco**



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## **Choir of the Union** **“Friends of the Byzantine** **Culture Museum of Thessaloniki”, Greece**

The choir of the Union “Friends of the Byzantine Culture Museum of Thessaloniki” was established in May 2010, under the framework of the general cultural and social programming performed by the Union. The choir is a mixed gender, quadraphonic one that consists of approximately 40 amateur choir singers. Its main goal, along with actively contributing to the commons, is the projection of Greek music and poetry expression of the common folk. The choir has already presented special tributes to the major Greek composers M. Chatzidakis and M. Theodorakis, took place in numerous Greek choir festivals (Thessaloniki, Trikala, Kavala, Argos Orestiko, Ancient theater of Philippi, Litochoro, Giannitsa, Komotini, Chalkidiki, Epanomi, Thermi), hosted 5 choir festivals in Thessaloniki, gave many free concerts for charital, communal and national occasions (Thessaloniki, Athens, Kavala, Veria, New Triglia, Alexandroupolis, Sochos). At the end of 2019, the choir hosted along with the Vocal Band “Melodia” of Lemessos a tribute comprising 2 concerts to Solonas Michailidis (in Lemessos and Thessaloniki). The choir’s programme includes, along with contemporary Greek composers and songwriters, a variety of international repertoire, Greek and Balkan traditional songs, as well as religious hymns. Its’ members have developed excellent friendship bonds between each other, a fact that deems the whole endeavor a source of happiness and creativity, in addition to highlighting the proper human relations as a major glue component.

### PROGRAM

1. **“O Giannis o Fonias”**  
Manos Hatzidakis / Nikos Gatsos
2. **“I Marianthi ton anemon”**  
Manos Hatzidakis
3. **“Erotiko”**  
(Me mia Piroga)  
Thanos Mikroutsikos / Alkis Alkaïos
4. **“Asthma Asmaton”**  
Mikis Theodorakis / Iakovos Kambanellis
5. **“Marina”**  
Mikis Theodorakis / Odysseas Elytis

Choral arrangements-Piano:  
**Phivos Filkas**

Conductor:  
**Elissavet Demiroglou**



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## *Children's and Youth Choir of the Municipality of Dionysos, Greece*

The Children's and Youth choir of the Municipality of Dionysos was founded in 2018. It consists of 3 groups: Children's, Youth and Junior.

The choir has participated with great success in concerts at Megaron Athens Concert Hall (Oratorio "Mother of Light"- George Theofanous etc), at Panathenaic Stadium in productions "MIKRASIA & "FOR FAITH AND LIBERTY - 200 years from the Greek Revolution of 1821", in national choir festivals, in TV shows such as "X-FACTOR" and "STIN IGHIA MAS", in record productions including "SOFIA VEMPO - THE SINGER OF VICTORY", "THE FIRST SUN" with Sofia Manou etc.

The choir has done several video clips with contemporary choir songs.

The conductor uses a groundbreaking teaching method based on audiovisual equipment and choir workshops on vocal training, theatrical expression and movement.

The choristers perform prototype choreographies taught by a specialized professional.

### PROGRAM

1. **"A Whole New World"**  
(from Disney's "Aladdin I") / Alan Menken-  
greek lyrics: Takis Karnatsos
2. **"Let It Be"**  
John Lennon & Paul McCartney
3. **"Tha Se Kratao"**  
(from "Frozen II") / Kristen Anderson &  
Robert Lopez- greek lyrics: Ilias Matamis
4. **"Swallow"**  
(from "A Star is Born") / Lady Gaga, Andrew  
Wyatt, Antony Rossomando, Mark Ronson
5. **"Lexis"**  
(from Disney's "Aladdin II") / Alan Menken-  
greek lyrics: Ilias Matamis
6. **"Hero"**  
Mariah Carey

Conductor: **Chrisoula Tsimouri**  
Assistant conductor: **Dimitra Chanou**  
Choreographer: **Eleanna Kostioussouk**  
Pianist-Orchestra leader: **Ilias Argyropoulos**  
Drummer: **Dimitris Varsambetian**  
Bassist: **George Politis**



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## ***Choir of 18<sup>th</sup> Junior and Senior High School of Athens, Greece***

The Choir of 18th Junior and Senior High School of Athens was established in 2010. The members do not have any special musical education and no audition took place in order for them to be chosen.

The rehearsals of the choir include exercises concerning posture, diaphragmatic breathing, voice development, musical reading and singing.

The Choir participated in the International School Choir Meeting in Karditsa- Greece (2013,2014,2015, 2022), in the International School Choir Competition "Aleksandar Nisis Morfidis" in Novisad- Serbia (2014 3rd prize- 2015-2nd prize), in the International Choir Festival in Cork -Ireland (2017), in Goethe Institut of Athens (Seminar of multilingualism - 2017), in the International Competition for Young Musicians in Pagani-Italy (2018 1st prize), in French Institut of Athens (International Day of French- Speaking 2019), in the 9th Festival for Young Choirs in Thessaloniki - Greece. The Choir is conducted by Paraskevi Makrinou Musicologist and Pianist.

### **PROGRAM**

1. **"Pirpiritsa"**  
 Traditional song from Argitheia Karditsa.
2. **"Kalinyxta"**  
 Traditional song from the Greek-speaking villages of Southern Italy.
3. **"La Biondina"**  
 Polyphonic traditional song of Northern Italy
4. **"Master of the House"**  
 From the musical **"Les Misérables"**- Claude Michel Schönberg/Herbert Kretzmer
5. **"Marche et Chœur des gamins"**  
 From the opera "Carmen"- Georges Bizet/Henri Meilhac/Ludovic Halévy

Conductor:  
**Paraskevi Makrinou**



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## *Kolot Motzkin* Singing Group, Israel

We are the “Kolot Motzkin” Singing Group, which means “The Voices of Motzkin”, which is a town at the north of Israel. We are a part of “The Motzkin Conservatory”, one of the oldest and leading in Israel, under the management of our skillful director **Yoni Shimoni**. We are blessed to be conducted by the Maestro **Effi Netzer**, one of the gifted and leading composers in Israel. The maestro composed hundreds of popular songs, sung by all greatest singers in Israel.

“Kolot Motzkin” started its activity 7 years ago and today consists of 30 members. We sing a wide variety of songs in different styles, all amazingly arranged and orchestrated by our conductor, the Maestro Effi Netzer.

We sing mainly in Hebrew, but also in Ladino, (Jewish-Spanish dialect) and even a little in English. We are a community singing group of men and women of various ages and occupations, and what connects us is the great love and passion for music and singing. We meet for rehearsals at the conservatory, and occasionally perform in concerts and shows in the community. For us, to sing is to live, and we believe that music and singing lead the way to world unity and peace.

### PROGRAM

1. **“Adio”**  
Folk song
2. **“Shir Siyum”**  
(Closing song) – Manos Hatzidakis
3. **“Neurey Zahav”**  
(Golden Youth) - Anatoly Novikov
4. **“Shalom Al Israel”**  
(Peace on Israel) – Effi Netzer
5. **“Einayim Sheli”**  
(Apple of my Eye) – Stravros Kouyoumtzis  
The choral arrangements of all the songs are by **Effi Netzer**

Conductor:  
**Effi Netzer**



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## **Choir "Belles"** **Ag. Andreas Eglykadas of Patras, Greece**

The relatively newly founded ladies choir "Belles" was created in September 2021.

Since then has participated in the thematic concert "In the neighborhoods of people" in May 2021, at the Municipal Theater of Patras and the Christmas 2022 celebration, at the Royal theater in Patras.

### PROGRAM

1. **"Thalassa gialì"**  
Evanthia Reboutsika / Eleni Zioga
2. **"What a wonderful world"**  
George Weiss / Bob Thiele. Arr.  
Mark Brymer
3. **"Ta Papagalakia"**  
from the greek movie **"The  
Chariton's Choir"** Nikos  
Platyrachos – arr. Michalis  
Kalaentzis
4. **"Horepsan t'aspra poulia"**  
Stavros Xarchakos / Ion Ntaifas

Διεύθυνση:

**Elena Droukopoulou**



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## *“Thermaikos”* Choir of the M.G. Association of railway workers, Greece

The choir of “Thermaikos” was founded in 1931 constituting of sweet-voiced youth, from the ranks of railroad workers. In the following years the choir cultivated a musical sentiment within said ranks of workers by carrying out tours and concerts. “Thermaikos” was present in all artistic events of the old Thessaloniki, taking part in anniversary events, with more than 600 participations. The choir participated in the artistic programme of T.I.F. It cooperated with the National Orchestra for various musical fairs in the National Theatre, under the direction of Solonas Michailidis. The first international appearance was in 1972 at the International choir Competition of Montreux in Switzerland, claiming third place among 27 choirs. Next came the participation in the national competition in Arezzo in Italy, winning the third distinction of men’s choirs, and in 1985 the choir traveled to Canada and USA, invited by the homogenous communities. Various appearances followed in Germany (Eutin, Munich, Stuttgart), Italy (Rome, Venice, Volterra), Hungary (greek village of Nikos Belogiannis), Istanbul (invited by the Zographeio Highschool), Romania (Bucharest) and Albania (Tirana). In 1992, “Thermaikos” held the first choir concert dedicated to the great composer Stavros Kouyioumtzis, with himself on the piano. The choir took part in many festivals and choir meetings in Greece. From 2010 and onwards the choir is being directed by Mrs. Eleni Eliona Siniari.

### PROGRAM

1. **“Tourdion”**  
Anonym, 16th century
2. **“Tin Tiri Babo”**  
traditional
3. **“Proino tsigaro”**  
Notis Mavroudis / Alkis Alkaios
4. **“Imai Evropaiois”**  
Mikis Theodorakis / Manos Hatzidakis
5. **“C’ est magnifique”**  
from the musical **“Can-Can”** / Cole Porter

The choral arrangements of all the songs are by E.E. Siniari

Conductor:  
**Eleni Eliona Siniari**



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***"Yakinton"*  
Ensemble,  
Israel**

The "Yakinton" Ensemble has been singing together for over 25 years under the musical direction of Maestro Zeev Ulman.

Our repertoire comprises a wide variety of music, primarily from the rich canon of Israeli folk songs and popular music. We also enjoy singing popular songs from other cultures in their original language or translated into Hebrew, and occasionally classic choral music.

The "Yakinton Ensemble" has performed at both local and national events and festivals. The Ensemble has also participated in several music festivals around the globe. We take pride in having produced several thematic artistic performances, in which we sang in collaboration with guest singers, actors and musicians.

Members of the ensemble come from the cities of Yavne, Ganei Tikva and Modiin, situated in the central region of Israel. We meet for rehearsals once a week, but we carry the tune in our hearts all week long, sometimes singing out loud for no apparent reason.

Each one of us has a different career so among us you will find teachers, doctors, engineers, lawyers, social workers, architects and pilots. We all share a passion for vocal music, and enjoy joining our voices to create perfect harmony. Over the years we have become close friends, and the Ensemble has become a second home to us.

## PROGRAM

1. ***"O Glaros"***  
Manos Hatzidakis / arr. Zeev Ulman
2. ***"The Pink Panther"***  
Henry Mancini
3. ***"Over the Rainbow"***  
Harold Arlen / Yip Harburg
4. ***"Queen Sera"***  
Pablo Belatran Luiz / Luis Demetrio/ Norman Gimbel
5. ***"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jerico"***  
trad. Gospel

Conductor:  
**Zeev Ulman**





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## **Chamber Choir** **Labirint,** **Serbia**

The Chamber Choir Labirint was formed in 2001 and performs vocal and vocal-instrumental music of national and foreign composers of different epochs. So far, it has given a large number of public performances and concerts in Serbia, Bulgaria, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, Republic of Srpska, Greece, Czech Republic, Montenegro.

Also, the choir has many accomplishments on festivals and competitions. Some of the awards are: silver diploma at the Sing'n'joy Vienna Choir festival, International Franz Schubert Choir Competition, bronze medal at the 34th International Festival of Chors in Preveza, Greece, bronze medal in the Ohrid Festival, the Golden diploma in the 4th Venezia Music Festival.

Since 2015, Chamber Choir Labirint organizes and participates in World Choral Day celebration in its hometown.

Zajecar is a town in Eastern Serbia, situated at the confluence of two rivers into a Big Timok river. Zaječar is famous for its nearby archaeological site Gamzigrad with late Roman imperial fortified palace Felix Romuliana, a part of Unesco's World Heritage List and is widely known for "Gitarijada", the oldest music festival of rock bands in the region of South Eastern Europe.

### **PROGRAM**

1. **"Thank you for the music"**  
 ABBA. Benny Andersson / Bjoern Ulvaeus
2. **"Hello Mary Lou"**  
 Gene Pitney / Cayet Mangiaracina
3. **"SOS"**  
 ABBA. Benny Andersson / Björn Ulvaeus / Stig Anderson
4. **"Super trouper"**  
 ABBA. Benny Andersson / Bjoern Ulvaeus
5. **"Little girl"**  
 Darko Kraljić / Božidar Timotijević

Conductor:  
**Zeljka Paunovic**



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ITL mixed choir was founded on 25 August 2010 and operates under the name ITL Segakoor (ITL Mixed Choir). The members of the choir mainly include people from the Estonian Association of Information Technology and Telecommunications (ITL) companies who are interested in singing and music, but the choir also welcomes other people with an interest in singing.

The choir members can participate in singing rehearsals and camps, voice instruction, note study and choral singing, and avail of vocal self-improvement opportunities led by professional conductors. The size of the mixed choir is currently 40 singers.

The chief conductor of the mixed choir is Paul Purga. The Young Choir Conductor's Scholarship competition was won by Rasmus Laks. Rasmus has continued to contribute his youthful thinking and positive energy to the choir, and he supports the development of the choir in every way possible. Since 2019 Karin Salumäe has been taking care of the voices of the choir as the vocal trainer. The mixed choir ITL has successfully participated at different international choir festivals, competitions and will continue to do so for many years to come.

**ITL Segakoor  
Mixed Choir,  
Estonia**

**PROGRAM**

1. **"Little Shop of Horrors"**  
the musical- Alan Menkel / Howard Ashman
2. **"Rise"**  
Victor J. Johnson / Stephanie Valdez
3. **"The Rhythm of Life"**  
from the musical **"Sweet Charity"**-  
Cy Coleman / Dorothy Fields
4. **"I'm still Standing"**  
Elton John / Bernie Taupin
5. **"The Greatest Show"**  
from the movie musical "The  
Greatest Showman"- Benj Pasek /  
Justin Paul

Conductor:  
**Paul Purga**



**12<sup>TH</sup> WORLD  
CHOIR FESTIVAL  
ON MUSICAL  
& COMPETITION**

**“Korais”  
Choir,  
Greece**

The Cultural-Spiritual Association “Korais” and the “Korais Choir” were founded in 1994 with the aim to spread the choral ideal and promote choral singing. Over the past 29 years, “Korais” has established an extraordinary history in the city of Thessaloniki and abroad outstanding performances. Many public and private bodies have recognized its artistic value and have supported its activities. These include: the Prefecture of Thessaloniki, the Greek ministries of Culture, of Foreign Affairs and of Defence, the Greek National Committee of UNESCO, as well as many educational institutions, journalism and media groups. The mixed choir consists of non-professional singers. The choir has organized a great number of concerts and choir festivals in Thessaloniki, has participated to numerous music events throughout Greece, has participated to many concerts in EU and non-EU countries, has cooperated with most of the greek composers, artists, orchestras and music institutions. The special visit of the Choir was in Cuba, where it gave concerts in Havana and Santa Clara at the invitation of the Cuban Ministry of Culture. In April 2011, “Korais” Choir launches the World Choir Festival on Musical, a world-leading choral institution that takes place every year, in May, exclusively in Greece and in the city of Thessaloniki. From 2023 the Festival includes also a Competition.

**PROGRAM**

1. **“The circle of Life”**  
from Disney's animated film **“The lion King”**  
- Elton John/Tim Rice. Solo: **Rania Patsili**
2. **“Aquarius/Let the sunshine in”**  
from the musical **“Hair”**- G. McDermot /  
James Rado/ Gérome Ragni
3. **“I got rhythm”**  
from the musical **“Girl Crazy”** - George  
Gershwin/ Ira Gershwin
4. **“Seasons of Love”**  
from the musical **“Rent”**- Jonathan Larson  
Arr. Philipp Lowson
5. **“Dancing Queen”**  
ABBA - B.Andersson, B.Ulvaeus, S.Anderson

Conductor: **Eleonora Kalaitidou**

Piano: **Christos Dingas**

Bassist: **Prodromos Dingas**

Drummer: **Nikos Vargiamidis**



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