



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Municipality of Nessebar

Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar

XVIII INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN FESTIVAL

"SUN – JOY – BEAUTY”

Nessebar 2017

We invite childrens' and adolescents' creative groups from Bulgaria and abroad to take part in the XVIII International children festival “Sun, joy, beauty” – Nessebar 2017. The festival takes place in Nessebar, as a peculiar blend of history and modernity.

Nesebar, located on the Black Sea coast, has rich history. It is unique in its location - among the sand dunes and vegetation, spacious beaches, hot sun and rich history. The city is under the auspices of UNESCO.

The XVIII International children festival “Sun, joy, beauty” is held with the participation of creative teams and performers from Bulgaria and other countries. The organizers of the contest are Nessebar and Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar under the patronage of The Mayor of the municipality of Nessebar.

The aim of the organizers is to promote the development of youth creative work through communication between leaders and youths from different teams, to enrich their repertoire of classic and contemporary works. The festival helps the participants to show their talents and increase their performing mastery.

One of the main tasks of the festival is the integration of adolescents and young people from Bulgaria and abroad in a creative union, and the familiarization with cultural-historical and natural landmarks of Bulgaria.

The festival is organized each year from 15th June at Nessebar – Bulgaria.

Terms of the festival

Groups, chamber ensembles, ensembles and solo performers can take part in the festival. The festival takes place in two parts - contest and festival. Participants can join at their own will in both parts.

Competitive sections:

• Music:

- music groups for classical music - academic choirs, soloists;
- vocal groups and solo performers of folk songs and pop music;
- instrumental ensembles and solo performers - folk, classical and other instruments;

• Choreography:

- groups of folk dances, classical ballet, modern ballet, ballroom, sports, characteristic, cheerleading, sports rock'n'roll, etc.;

• Fine Art - Artists;

• Non-standard forms of youth creativity:

- group and solo performances of circus acrobatics, magicians, juggling, pantomime, fashion;

Festival forms:

Entertainment - museums, discos

Age categories:

Group I A - junior age group - up to 7 years;

Group I - junior age group – 8 to 10 years;

Group II - junior age group - 11 to 14 years;

Group III - middle age - 15 to 18 years;

Group IV - senior age group - 18 to 21 years;

Group V - senior age group - over 21 years.

Age is determined as of 31.12.2017 year

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Competitive sections, categories and terms for participation

Section “Music”

Categories:

a / folk song - soloists and ensembles;

b / classical singing - solo, duet, trio, quartet, choir;

c / pop and variety songs - solo, duet, trio, quartet, vocal group.

d / classical instrument - piano, violin and more.

e / folk instruments.

Section “Choreography”

Categories:

1. Folk Dance - Bulgarian folklore and folklore of other nationalities:

a) processed folk dance;

b) authentic folk dance;

c) stylized folk dance.

2. Classical Dance:

- a) Ballet;
- b) neo-classical.

3. Characteristic Dance - stylized theatrical forms of dances of the peoples.

4. Oriental dance “belly dance”.

5. Modern dance - performances in this category may be in styles:

- a / jazz dance;
- b / modern dance /contamporent/;
- c / Graham;
- d / disco;
- e / freestyle / free dance / - allowed mixing of styles in this category;
- f / non-standard forms - mime, step, sports rock'n'roll, circus acrobatics, magicians, fashion and more.

6. Street Style /street dance/ - performances of this genre category must be kept in the style of urban dance and include all styles:

- a / Hip-Hop;
- b / Break dance;
- c / New Style;
- d / Locking & Popping;
- e / Krumping;
- f / Clown dancing;
- g / Free dance /by category/, etc.

7. Sports /Ball/ Dance - duets and ensembles.

8. Cheerleading.

Section “Fine Arts”

Workshop - 3 days.

Terms for participation in the competition sections:

Section “Music”

Collective and individual performances:

1. Performances in category "Music" - are alive with musical accompaniment or sinbek (optional).

Playback and duplication of the soloist is not allowed.

2. Vocal ensembles are composed of at least two participants.

3. Formations involving performers from more than one age group compete in the age group of the oldest participant.

4. For the participants in the category "Funny Music" one of the performances is required to run on native language.

Only one performance in foreign language is allowed.

5. For the participants in the category "Folk Song":

- Up to 14 years - one song to be bezmenzurna /slow/ and the other to be fast. The

accompaniment can be with sinbek /Instrumental Recording/ or with live accompaniment.
- Over 14 years - not allowed additional vocals in the live performance or sinbek.

Section “CHOREOGRAPHY”

Individual performers, groups, duets and chamber ensembles (trio, quartet) can take part in the competition.

Group performances

I. Category "Folk Dances"

Groups dances - ensembles, composition, chamber music groups.

- 1.** Folk Dances / processed folklore - Bulgarian folklore, national folklore of the country of origin of the participants.
- 2.** Authentic dances and folk customs of the region. The participants' performance must be up to 15 minutes.
- 3.** Stylized folk dance
 - Folk music.
 - People's choreography on music updated with stylized national costumes.

Number of participants:

- dance groups in the chamber – up to 8 persons;
- ensembles and dance groups - no restriction.

Duration: chamber groups must present a program up to 8 minutes; dance groups - up to 15 minutes; ensembles – up to 20 minutes.

Recommendations: The chamber dances must be with a thematic or story form.

II. Classical Dance

Performs an original choreography from the classical heritage or a new interpretation on familiar excerpts from ballet works. The performances must be held in the style of classical dance. The movements used from the classical vocabulary must be tailored to the age of performers.

III. Characteristic Dance

Stylized dance gained popularity on the stage in opera and ballet. The choreography has the character of urban folk dances of different nationalities connected to the genre category.

IV. Modern Dance

The performances from this category can be in styles: jazz dance, modern dance, Graham, neo-classical, etc.

V. Street Style /street dance/

The performances of this genre category must be kept in the style of Hip-Hop dance and can include all styles of street dance. For example: New Style, Free dance, Locking & Popping, Krumping, Clowndancing, Break dance, etc.

VI. Sports /Ball/ Dance

Formations for sport (ballroom) dancing can take part in this category. They must include over 4 race pairs or a minimum of 8 competitors who perform together on a Regulation on the standard racing compositions and/or Latin American dances.

The compositions must be constructed on the basis of five standard or Latin American dances.

The presentation of the formations (including entry and exit) must not exceed 5 minutes.

Lifting a partner is not allowed.

Composition of the formations:

- a) Children formations / I age group/. In formation of 8 pairs - two may be junior; in 6 pairs – one;
 - b) Youth formations / II age group /. In formation of 8 pairs - two may be youth; In 6 pairs – one;
 - c) Formations with competitors over 19 years old – youths are eligible.
- The subject form is recommended.

Each team can participate with a maximum of two dances in a genre category. The duration of each dance must not exceed 5 minutes.

Category "Non-standard forms"

1. Mime, step, sports, rock'n'roll, circus, acrobatics, magicians, fashion and more.

Individual performances in section “Choreography”:

1. SOLO

Participants are divided into age groups. They perform one dance in the relevant genre category and age group. The duration of each dance must not exceed 2 minutes.

Section “Fine Arts”

In the plain air (competition) you draw up to three works with a maximum of 50/70 cm (without limitation in the types of materials for painting). The theme is *"Nessebar - ancient and young"*. The drawings are inscribed with the names of the participant, age, city, country manager and submitted to Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar.

Each participant draws with his/her own materials.

The awarded works remain in the fund of the festival.

Terms of Participation

The desire for participation in the competition must be specified in the request for participation.

The Request form must be presented at the Municipal Children's Complex until 30th of April , 2017.

A survey must be completed - creative request on the organizer's sample and sent to the address: e-mail: festivali@nesebar.bg , odk@abv.bg tel./ fax: +359 554 459-52.

Please, send your Request forms in **Word format!**

The festival takes place in Nessebar from **15th to 19th of June , 2017.**

1. Participants in the competition shall present two performances - each lasting maximum five minutes in any requested style of nomination, if there are no other requirements noted in the terms of the particular nomination.
2. The group leaders are responsible for:
 - any accidents and injuries of the participants of their group on the scene;
 - the behaviour of the participants of their group during the whole festival.
3. The participants are responsible for their own costumes, properties and personal belongings.
4. The music for each performance must be recorded on A SEPARATE CD (ONLY one recording /song/ per CD).
5. A performance which competes at a definite style and age group HAS NOT the right to compete at another style of the competition.
6. The expenses for the stay of the groups and their attendants together with expenses for traveling, daily needs and spending the festival nights are covered by the participants.
7. The expenses for the awards, jury and the scenic provisions are covered by the organizers.
8. The organizers have the right to take photos, make video clips, record and distribute the

performances of the competition program without paying rights and benefits.

9. The schedule for the order of appearance is determined by the Organizing Committee 5 /five/ days before the start of the competition. Changes are not allowed.

10. It is a right of the jury to determine which winners will be presented at the Gala concert.

11. Ranking for nominations and awards will take place on 19.06.2017.

AWARDS

The winners at I, II, III place in each nomination and age group receive a diploma, a plaque and prizes.

Each team and individual contractor receives a certificate for participation.

The jury awards a Big prize for each section: Music - vocal, instrumental, Choreography, Art - artist.

The Municipality of Nessebar has established a prize for: "Music pedagogue"; "Vocal pedagogue"; "Choreographer – pedagogue" and "Artist - pedagogue" with a cash bonus.

The jury and the sponsors also award prizes.

Financial terms

Fee: for groups - 42 leva per participant; for individual contribution – 60 leva; for participation in a team and individually it is paid a fee of 60 leva.

Travel and accommodation costs are paid by the participants.

During the festival organizers offer different kinds of entertainment - museums, walking tours in the Old Town of Nessebar, festival concerts in Sunny Beach and others.

PROGRAM

XVIII International children festival "Sun, joy, beauty" – Nessebar 2017	
13.06 and 15.06	Arrival of the participants, registration and conferences in the Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar, complex "Mladost"62
11.00; 13.00; 15.00	technical conferences
15.06. -	Grand Opening - parade of the participants, raising the national flag at the gates of the city, introducing the participants – stage "Amphitheatre"
16.06. -	start of the sessions Meeting of the Mayor of Nessebar with the group leaders
16, 17, 18	Competition program nominations Festival program
19. 06 -	Ceremony, Gala concert – Amphitheater Nessebar