

## **European Youth Music Festival " The power of the song " 2019**

**organized by the Bulgarian Music Schools Association (MSA) under the auspices of the European Music School Union (EMU)**

### **Place of event: SANATORIUM AND RECREATION COMPLEX – KAMCHIA, BULGARIA**

The European Youth Music Festival " The power of the song " will take place in Kamchia located 25 km south of Varna - the sea capital of Bulgaria. It is a beautiful complex with three big concert halls, amphitheater, open stages, sport center, two swimming pools, planetarium, and many other attractions.

At the festival, participants will not only meet new friends but also will have a possibility to demonstrate their musical talents and dancing skills. They will also be part of the grand opening and closing ceremonies and have the chance to see sights in the city of Varna and the outskirts. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to get a glimpse into Bulgarian culture, traditions, songs, dances, and extraordinary costumes.

#### **Location:**

Sanatorium and recreation complex "Kamchia" is located in a unique natural environment on the Black Sea and the left bank of the Kamchia river. The complex has a long beach if one wishes to make a dip in our crystal-clear sea. More info is at <http://sok-kamchia.com/>

#### **Participants:**

European music schools, groups and ensembles: big or small orchestra, choirs, dancing groups and others. Participants must be between 12 and 25 years old.

All countries and participants will be introduced at the opening ceremony on 02.06.2019 in the complex's amphitheater. The official closing ceremony will be held on 04.06.2019 where all participants will be awarded. A few months before the festival, you will get more detailed information as well as the music and texts you are invited to learn about the opening and closing ceremonies of the festival.

#### **Performances:**

Each group will participate in at least two shows, as well as in the opening and closing ceremony. Concerts will be held in open or closed scenes, depending on the music genre. Each performance must be no longer than 30 minutes. There will be no rehearsal opportunity before the performances but a sound check is possible in advance. Each group should bring own musical instruments. Organizers can provide some of the musical instruments and other necessary equipment (you will receive the final list after the closing of the registration).

#### **Transportation:**

There are three international airports in Bulgaria: Varna, Sofia and Burgas from which you can take a bus to the recreational complex Kamchia. We recommend booking a flight to Varna airport, since it is closest to the complex.

The travel time from Sofia airport to the complex is from 6 to 7 hours. Participants have to organize their trip themselves. For bus schedule and pricing, please check <http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/>

We also offer bus transportation from Sofia Airport to "Kamchia" complex and back. During the festival, the same buses will be used for transporting participants to various venues.

It is also possible to rent a bus with a driver, exclusively for your group for the whole festival and transfer period from and to the airport, to the venues, to your place of accommodation (if outside the city), and to excursions/trips.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Price</b>
Transfer from and to Varna airport /Sunday & Wednesday/	€ 14,50 per person
Using a bus for concerts outside the city /for 1 concert/	€ 15,00 per person
Bus rental for the whole group / max. 50 people for 4 days / transfer from Sofia Airport to Kamchia complex and back	€ 3.000
Transfer - Sofia - Varna - Kamchia for 1 person organized by Sofia Bus Station	€ 35-40 per person

### **Registration - deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 31<sup>st</sup> , 2019**

If there are open places after 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, the registration will be extended to a later date.

### **Preliminary program**

#### **02.06.2018 Sunday**

Arrival and hotel check in until 15:00.

15:00 - 15:30 – Meeting between the hosts and participants' instructors.

15:30 - 16:00 – "Flag Fair" rehearsal – the flag team.

17:00 - 18:00 – Festival and concert opening ceremony will be in in the amphitheater of the complex.

All attending groups will participate in the ceremony by taking part in the "Give a chance to the song" anthem.

All groups are encouraged to prepare a flag handle with their own countries national flag. Flag team of two people from each country will take part in the "Flag Fair".

17:00 - 17:05 – "Flag Fair" - all flag teams should take their place above the amphitheater in formations.

17:05 - 17:10 – Greeting speech is held at the opening ceremony.

Mrs. Velichka Nikolova - Music Schools Association (MSA) President and principal of the 144<sup>th</sup> school "Narodni Boditeli" Sofia.

Mr. Philippe Dalarun - EMU President.

Other officials

17:10 - 17:15 – Bulgarian and European hymn - flags are raised.

17:15 - 17:25 – Mrs. Velichka Nikolova and Mr. Philippe Dalarun opening speech and greetings.

17:25 - 17:30 – European Youth Music Festival "Give a chance to the song" anthem.

17:30 - 20:00 - Concert part

20:00 - Dinner.

#### **03.06. Monday**

08:00 - 10:00 - Breakfast

10:00 - 22:00 – Musical performances held on various stages across the Sanatorium and recreation complex "Kamchia and in city of Varna by the participants.

10:00 - 12:00 – Various entertainment activities for the groups not engaged in any performances.

12:00 - 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 - 18:00 - Trip to Varna – Varna Dolphinarium visit. Sightseeing in Varna. Recreation time (at the beach if one wishes). There is a possibility to organize other types of trips pre-coordinated with the supervisors.

18:00 - 20:00 – Dinner

22:00 - 23:30 – Bon fire if weather allows.

#### **04.06 Tuesday**

08:00 - 10:00 – Breakfast

10:00 - 16:00 – Musical performances held on various stages across the Sanatorium and recreation complex "Kamchia and in city of Varna by the participants.

10:00 - 12:00 – Team building – sport games and entertainment activities in the "Kamchia" complex organized by the hosts.

12:00 - 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 - 18:00 - Creative activities for Bulgarian folk songs, dances, instruments and art workshop or leisure time for beach and recreation

18:00 - 19:30 – EMU official closing ceremony "The power of the song "

18:00 - 18:50 Folklore spectacle "Walking through Bulgaria" with the participation of schools from Music Schools Association (MSA) and Choreography Schools Association (CSA)

18:50 - 19:10 - Awarding all participants by the official guests at the festival. The flags teams and the head of each country are coming on the stage

19:10 - 19:20 - Closing ceremony and speech by Mrs. Velichka Nikolova and Mr. Philippe Dalarun

19:20 - 19:30 – Fireworks and Bulgarian folk dance with all participants

18:00 - 20:00 - Dinner

20:00 - 23:30 – Party at the beach (if weather allows).

#### **05.06. Wednesday**

08:00 - 10:00 - Breakfast

10:00 - 12:00 – Leisure time

12:00 - 14:00 – Lunch

Departure from "Kamchia" complex.

\*Individual programs will be prepared for each group depending on the performance hours and group's wishes.

\*Excursions and sightseeing tours are at the expense of the participants.

Komplex - Kamchia has four hotels.

Accommodation	1 night	2 nights	3 nights
Hotel Pirin – SOK Kamchia	€ 85	€ 165	€ 220
Hotel Longos – SOK Kamchia	€ 75	€ 140	€ 200

Hotel Raduta – SOK Kamchia	€ 55	€ 100	€ 140
Hotel Chernomorec – SOK Kamchia	€ 55	€ 100	€ 140

There are three meals included per day - breakfast, lunch and dinner on a buffet in the complex restaurants.

You can extend your stay - one night for 45 Euro per person for hotels "Raduga" and "Chernomoretz", 65 Euro per person for Hotel "Longoz" and 75 Euro per person for Hotel "Pirin", after the end of the festival. Exploring the area and the nearby town of Varna - the sea capital of Bulgaria, is on own expenses.

At the request of the participants, all additional cultural tours and trips are self-funded.

**Additional accommodation options:**

There are limited opportunities for accommodation in other places / prices are per person:

Accommodation	2 nights	3 nights	4 nights
Hotel in Varna	€ 90	€ 130,	€ 150,
Accommodation in Varna University Hotel	€ 65	€ 90	€ 120,

Lunch and dinner are not included in these accommodation options.

Do hurry to sign up! The places in "Kamchia" complex are limited to 2,000 participants. Once all available slots in the complex are booked, other groups will be accommodated in the hotels near the complex.