

NAME OF THE CHOIR: **Gospodnetić Singers (Zagreb, Croatia)**
CONDUCTOR: **Heda Gospodnetić**



Family Gospodnetić, originating from a small island village Postira, started to perform on an annual festival Postirski pivoči, and has kept that tradition going almost every year since 1994. This spontaneous gathering was soon expanded with friends who love acapella singing and the ensemble Gospodnetić singers was born. The ensemble's programme is very wide and includes renaissance songs, canons, spiritual compositions, folklore and modern songs. In 2014 Gospodnetić singers joined the Music club Lisinski and operate as one of its members. In 2016 the ensemble performed on the international choral competition Venezia in Musica, in Musica Sacra category. It won the gold medal and received highest number of points of all participating choirs. In 2017 Gospodnetić singers were awarded another gold medal, and one silver, in two categories on the international choral competition Zagreb music festival 2017, receiving highest number of points of all participating ensembles in a category. 2018 was no less successful. The ensemble received an award at 14th choral competition in Zagreb, won gold medal with highest number of points at the 15th small Croatian vocal ensembles competition in Sisak, and gold medal at the 2nd international choral competition Croatia cantat in Rijeka. In 2019, the year when they celebrate their 25th birthday, Gospodnetić singers had several successful performances, including 2 lent concerts in Zagreb and Slatina, 5. Festival of chamber music in Čakovec, and 1st International vocal and choral competition Victoria in Croatia where they were awarded a gold medal. The ensemble enjoys performing at various other occasions, such as library book presentations, tavern and club gigs, events, spiritual concert in churches, open air performances in Zagreb botanical Garden...and one very special wedding of their alto.

PROGRAM:

Friday 11.10.2019.

17:30 Meeting with the organizers / Belvedere, Rovinj
19:30 walking parade to the Opening concert / from Belvedere to Church of St. Mary by the sea, Vrsar
20:00 Opening ceremony and concert / Church of St. Mary by the sea, Vrsar
21:30 Party and welcome drink in resort Belvedere

Saturday 12.10.2019.

10:00 Guided sightseeing / starting from reception Belvedere, Vrsar
12:00 Round table for representatives / Belvedere, Vrsar
18:00 Concert of friendships / Spomen dom, Pazin
21:00 Dinner and party with live music in typical Istrian restaurant / Krculi, Žminj

Sunday 13.10.2019.

16:00 Musica Sacra Concert in collaboration with Foundation "Dr. Ing. Dino Škrapić, MBA" / Church St. Eufemia in Rovinj
*celebrating 10th anniversary of Foundation "Dr. Ing. Dino Škrapić, MBA"
18:00 farewell drink / hotel Adriatic, Rovinj

Dear singers, dear musical directors, dear friends of choral music, Welcome to Musica Sacra, international choral festival in Istria County in Croatia, in three beautiful destinations – Vrsar, Rovinj and Pazin. I am pleased to welcome you on festival of friendship, festival of inspiration, festival of celebration of art work of amateurs and culture itself festival of art and culture lovers making connections between local and international performers, connections with local and international audience. Originally, „Musica sacra über die Grenzen und Berge“ (Musica sacra across the borders and mountains) was initiated in Austria by Manfred Linsbauer with idea to bring people from all neighbouring countries of Austria together to make music. Its emphasis is to cultivate spiritual – often classical – music for choirs. This festival is a celebration of a spectacular choral music with fantastic performers in breathtaking locations. I would like to thank Maistra hospitality group, Vedras Company, Touristic board of Vrsar, Touristic board of Rovinj and Touristic board of Central Istria for their support. In the name of MUSICA SACRA festival team, I wish to all participants a pleasant stay and a creative success!

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Ines Kovačić Drndić
President and artistic director
MUSICA SACRA festival



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MUSICA SACRA

INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

MEĐUNARODNI FESTIVAL ZBOROVA

Vrsar – Rovinj – Pazin

11.-13.10.2019.

NAME OF THE CHOIR: Mixed choir „Roženice“ (Pazin, Croatia)
CONDUCTOR: Ines Kovačić Drndić



Mixed choir "Roženice" Pazin was founded in 1979. Till the end of 2002. the Choir's leader was maestro Nello Milotti, recognized Istrian educator, composer and conductor. Since 2003, the artistic leader is Ines Kovačić Drndić, promoted from Croatian choral association in maestra mentor. The Choir is collaborator of International choral festival FAKS Sings, a part of Festival of amateur cultural creation in Croatia and also "MUSICA SACRA" international choral festival in Croatia. They won several golden and silver prizes on international and national choral competitions. This year they celebrate 40 years of continuous and successful work.

NAME OF THE CHOIR: Female choir „Mendule“ (CRO)
CONDUCTOR: Tomo Njegovan



The female choir "Mendule" from Vrsar was founded in 1996. "Mendule" especially promote the musical heritage from Istria and Primorje-Dalmatia regions, but also perform the works of serious music and entertaining music of Croatia and the world. They regularly perform as a part of cultural and tourist manifestations, where they can often be found as organizers of various cultural events in Vrsar. „Mendule“ have been performing throughout Croatia and most of the European countries, proudly promoting the tradition and customs of their region.

NAME OF THE CHOIR: Coro Polifonico CTG (Belluno, Italy)
CONDUCTOR: Sebastiano Sitta



Founded in 1965, the Coro Polifonico CTG is the main choral ensemble of the city of Belluno. Its repertoire ranges over fifteen centuries, from Gregorian chant to contemporary choral music, especially focusing on sacred polyphony of the XVIIth and XIX centuries. The ensemble has established solid partnerships with the main musical and cultural institution of the Dolomites region and regularly collaborates with living composers. Its activity comprises concerts, workshops and exhibitions as well as liturgical service in the Belluno Cathedral in the main solemnities of the year. The choir has been awarded the Premio San Martino, the main honor of the city. Since then, its venue is the ancient Palazzo dei Vescovi, in the main square of Belluno.

NAME OF THE CHOIR: Coro Amici della Musica di Fumane (Verona, Italy)
CONDUCTOR: Gian Paolo Dal Dosso



The choir Coro Amici della Musica di Fumane was founded in the year 1970. With artistic leader, Giorgio Croci Choir had great success. They won National competition of Vittorio Veneto. From 2002. the choir artistic director is Gian Paolo Dal Dosso. They participated in different festivals like Aix-en-Provence and Ile Rousse, they performed in Appenheim, Passau e Heidelberg (Germania), Innsbruck (Austria), Marsiglia and Strasburg (Francia), Assisi, Rome, Loreto, Trieste, Rovigo and Bologna. Recently, they performed Alto and glorioso Dio ed Et Incarnatus Est with l'Orchestra da Camera Amici della Musica performing Credo RV 591 di Antonio Vivaldi

NAME OF THE CHOIR: Rijeka - Sempre Allegro (Rijeka, Croatia)
CONDUCTOR: Helga Dukarić Dangubić



The mixed singing choir "Rijeka – Sempre Allegro" was founded on Saint Cecilia Day (22.11.2014.) with purpose of gathering music lovers and choral singing enthusiasts. The choir was founded by its current conductor Helga Dukarić Dangubić, professor adviser and choirmaster, Maestra mentor of the Croatian Choral Directors Association. The choir achieved great results performing on 8 international competitions in a very short time of its existence. They won several prizes, the recent are golden prize at International Choral Competition "Aurora Cantat" in 2017., golden prize at XXIX. International Competition Chorus Inside Croatia in 2017., golden prize at International competition "Istria cantat" and silver prize at 2nd International Choir Competition "Istramusica" in 2018. The goal and intention of all members is to continue in the same positive direction with further collaborations with other organizations and choirs.

NAME OF THE CHOIR: Mixed choir of Jewish community of Zagreb "LIRA" (Zagreb, Croatia)
CONDUCTOR: Robert Homen



Mixed choir of Jewish community of Zagreb »LIRA« is established in 1954. The main goal was to preserve the Jewish choir music of all sorts (synagogal-liturgical, Yiddish, Spanish-Sephardic romances, Hebrew folk songs) after the Holocaust. We are proud to say that the »LIRA« choir has surpassed all expectations of its founders, not only in Croatia, but in other countries and on other continents as well. In former years, the mixed choir »LIRA« has been the promoter of not only Jewish music culture, but of the Croatian national heritage and world famous composers as well. In its 64 year old existence, »LIRA« has been on numerous tours, on four continents and twenty metropolises in Europe, twice in the US (New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, etc.), Canada (Toronto), Australia (Melbourne, Canberra, Sidney), and six times in Israel.