



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** KUD Plesarin, Rovinj, Croatia

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:** Vladimir Bogosavljević

The “Plesarin” folklore association was founded in May 2005, and has been active in the Rovinj area ever since. It numbers around 20 active members and many more followers. The association's activities focus on the preservation of Istrian folklore. It participates at folklore events in the region, the country and the neighboring countries of Slovenia and Italy. Apart from the traditional Istrian dances, the Plesarin performs dances from other parts of Croatia as well.



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** HKUD “Valpovo 1905”, Valpovo, Croatia

**ARTISTIC DIRECTORS:** Duško Topić, Josip Štefić

The Cultural And Artistic Association “Valpovo 1905” is one of the main factors of the cultural life of Valpovo and its surroundings. This cultural and artistic association has about 100 members, divided according to their personal interests into different sections from the field of artistic amateurism: a folklore section, a tamburitza orchestra with vocal soloists and children's dancing groups. HKUD “Valpovo 1905” is one of the oldest of such associations in Slavonia, founded in 1905. and functioning uninterrupted till today. The folklore section and the tamburitza orchestra with vocal soloists cherish the original folk songs and dances, and their main mission is to keep alive the traditional artistic values of our nation. In the program of these sections there are more than 15 choreographies of folk dances and customs from all parts of our homeland, as well as a large number of folk songs and instrumental pieces.



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** HKD Međimurje-Ljubljana, Folklore section Trsek, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**ARTISTIC DIRECTORS:** Štefan Šimunić

The Croatian Cultural Association “Međimurje-Ljubljana” has been active since 1996 and is one of the largest Croatian associations in Slovenia. The basic goal of the association is to get to know and preserve cultural heritage and traditions from their homeland Croatia, but above all from the region Međimurje in the northern part of Croatia. The association has a drama section, a mixed choir, a children's and a youth section, a hand craft section, a chess section and a tennis section. Folklore section Trsek takes care of presenting folk songs and dances from Međimurje in the original way, thus preserving the folklore tradition of this part of Croatia.



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** Bulgarian Folklore Dance Group “Pendari Vienna”, Vienna, Austria

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:** Galya Mileva

The folklore dance group “Pendari Vienna” was established in May 2013 by enthusiasts wishing to celebrate the prolific Bulgarian folklore heritage and contribute to the cultural variety of the Austrian capital. Their repertoire includes beautiful melodic Bulgarian folk songs and original choreographies based on traditional dances from different ethnographic regions of Bulgaria. The folklore ensemble “Pendari Vienna” is a source of positive energy for anyone who wishes to build new friendships. The name of the group is symbolic – as the gold coins (pendari) show off their full splendour when strung together, so do the performers – hand in hand – increase the beauty of the Bulgarian dance. The group has already participated in numerous festivals in Austria and other European countries.

**NAME OF THE GROUP:** Folklore Association Pazin, Pazin, Croatia

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:** Davor Zović

The Pazin Folklore Association actively preserves traditional values. Constant research of the history of Istria inspires us to protect traditional heritage in its most original form possible and present it to younger generations. The activities of the dancing, singing and instrumental sections of the association have been expanded to include the reconstruction of old customs, with constant cooperation with related institutions and associations. They place great emphasis on working with younger people, therefore, they run two sections adapted to different age groups.



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** KUD Sv. Križ Začretje, Sv. Križ Začretje, Croatia

**ARTISTIC DIRECTORS:** Martina Jakuš

The Cultural and Artistic Association “Sveti Križ Začretje” was founded. In 1976. The fundamental goals of the association is the preservation of traditional and original music, songs, dances, customs, and folk costumes of its region, as well as the performance of music, songs, dances, and customs from other parts of Croatia. Today, the association consists of 6 sections: the junior and senior folklore sections, the large folklore ensemble, the tamburitza section, the Eco-ethno handicrafts section, and the vocal section. They have around 100 regular members. They proudly present their beautiful homeland, and it's inevitable to mention their performances abroad: Turkey, Greece, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria, Macedonia, and Bulgaria.



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** Folklorna skupina Kulturno prosvetnega društva Lesce, Lesce, Slovenia

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:** Aleksander Sašo Zupan

The folklore group of the Cultural and Educational Association of Lesce is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. Currently, the group consists of nineteen male and female dancers, three strings, and a choreographer. Through their activities, they contribute to the preservation of folk traditions and the revival of ancestral customs. They mainly present Slovene dances and songs recorded in the Gorenje region, and they are also dressed in the Gorenje national costume. They participate in folklore meetings and they are happy to present their rich heritage to foreign guests. Members are united by the desire and joy of dancing, singing, acting, and, of course, socializing, all of which keep them flexible and young in heart.



**NAME OF THE GROUP:** Volkstanzgruppe Villanders, Villanders, Italy

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:** Andreas Mayrhofer

The Villanders folk dance group was founded in 1968 in Villanders, a village and commune in South Tyrol in northern Italy. The aim of the foundation was already at that time the care of the folk dance, the folk song and the customs of their region. Since the activity of the group ended with the year 2006, there was a re-establishment of it in 2010. Since then, there are about 35 members in the group, who regularly attend the weekly rehearsals. In addition to these “full rehearsals”, the men also meet regularly for the so called „Plattlproben“.





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*Dear friends of traditional music and dances,*

*Welcome to the fourth edition of FAKS Dance festival, part of FAKS - Festival of amateur cultural creation in Croatia. FAKS festival is a festival of art and culture lovers, festival of friendship, connections between local and international performers, connections with local and international audience, festival of inspiration, innovation, new modern creation, festival of celebration of art work of amateurs and culture itself.*

*In eight years, FAKS Festival became a meaningful and important event for all its participants, primarily because it gives people the opportunity to test their abilities, to believe in themselves. Therefore, all participants are presenting their tradition, their cultural heritage, their rituals and habits, as well as their traditional folklore in spirit of promotion of the topics high on the agenda of Europe. Through the presentation of their own cultural heritage, they learn from each other and develop cultural understanding on individual basis. Also, they are able to have a better insight in other nations life style influenced by their cultural heritage. The language of dance is easy to understand and clear to everyone, it demonstrates national traditions and customs, helps to convey emotions and experiences, and it is an expression of freedom and inspiration.*

*I would like to thank Maistra hospitality group and Touristic board of Rovinj for their support. In the name of FAKS festival team and Ars Cultura Association, I wish to all participants a creative success, overcoming all difficulties and tireless energy in reaching new horizons, new heights for the benefit of world's culture!*

*Ines Kovačić Drndić*

*President and artistic director*

*FAKS festival*

## FESTIVAL PROGRAM

### Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Arrival in Rovinj in the Resort Amarin

20:00 Opening ceremony, presentation of folklore groups and welcome party in the Resort Amarin, at the terrace by the pool

### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

10:00 Sightseeing with professional touristic guide

14:00 Round-table discussion with folklore group representatives, Resort Amarin

17:00 Walking parade of all groups and performances of groups on the main square M. Tito in Rovinj

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

10:00 Dance workshop featuring folk dances of the participating countries in the Resort Amarin

18:00 Concert in the concert hall Spomen Dom, Pazin

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

10:00 Boat excursion around the Rovinj archipelago

Departure of all groups



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