

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Thursday 05.05.2022. / 19.05.2022.

17:30 Meeting with the Organization team in front of the restaurant of the Resort Belvedere, Vrsar

19:30 Walking parade from the Resort Belvedere to the concert

20:00 Gala Opening Concert in the Church of St. Mary by the sea, Vrsar

Friday 06.05.2022. / 20.05.2022.

10:00 Excursion to Rovinj: singing and sightseeing

18:30 Concert of friendship in Rovinj (Church of St. Francis) and Poreč (Theatre)

Saturday 07.05.2022. / 21.05.2022.

10:00 Vocal workshop for all participants by the pool in the Resort Belvedere

11:00 Boat trip from Vrsar to the Lim bay

14:00 Round table, discussion of all presidents and choral conductors

18:00 Show Concert in the Concert hall Spomen dom, Pazin

Sunday 08.05.2022. / 22.05.2022.

10:00 Sightseeing Vrsar

13:00 Farewell greetings

Dear friends of choral music,
Welcome to the spring edition of FAKS festival in 2022., dedicated to the beauty of choral music. 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 artwork of amateurs and culture itself. FAKS is taking place in Croatia, beautiful cities in Istria, such as Vrsar, Pazin, Pula, Poreč and Rovinj. In six 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 as well as their rituals and habits in spirit of promotion of the topics high on the agenda of Europe. The language of the choral music is easy to understand and clear to everyone, it helps to convey emotions and experiences, and it is an expression of freedom, positive energy and inspiration. 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 FAKS festival team, 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

13. The Cantemus Boys Choir (HU)

CONDUCTOR: Soma Szabó

The Cantemus Boys Choir was founded in 1983. The members are selected from the pupils of the Kodály Zoltán Primary School ranging from 10 to 18 years old. The Tenor and Bass singers are former members who came back to carry on singing in the choir even after they have left primary school. The choir visited and performed at concerts in a number of European countries: Slovakia, Italy, Transylvania, Bohemia, Poland, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Scotland, Estonia, Czech Republic. One of the highlights in the history of the boys' choir was the CD recording of the opera Mefistophele by Boito, conducted by Giuseppe Patane, with Plácido Domingo, Samuel Ramey and Eva Marton.



14. Coro Città di Morbegno (IT)

CONDUCTOR: Gioele Peruzzi

The "Città di Morbegno" choir was established in Morbegno on 20th September 2021 from the fusion of two choirs well rooted in the lower Valtellina area, named the "Coro Alpi Retiche di Civo" and the "Coro Alpino di Berbenno", respectively with 25 and 40 years of activity and both directed by the conductor Gioele Peruzzi. This choice was made for several reasons, but mainly in order to not waste the work of many years of activity. The choir operates within one of the most important associations of the city "èValtellina" and it is the first and only male choral reality of the place with a popular repertoire. The choir officially debuted on 11th December 2021 at the Auditorium of Sant'Antonio di Morbegno, on the occasion of the event "Reading the mountains".



15. Acapellart Singers (HU)

CONDUCTOR: Attila Nagy

AcapellArt Singers was founded in May 2013. Each of the 6 singers grew up as students of the Kodály Zoltán Primary School and as singers of the choirs of the Cantemus Choir Family. So, they have years of experience in choral singing, although none of them are exclusively artists in their profession. One of the hallmarks of the choir's performance is that, like the traditions of the English King's Singers, they build exclusively on male voices. The similarity in the tone of the men in these harmonies gives a uniquely clear sound when performing choral works.



16. Kap (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Doris Kovačić

Children's Choir "Kap" operates within the Mixed choir Josip Kaplan both directed by Doris Kovačić. Choir Kap brings together children from 7 to 15 years and has around 20 members. The choir's repertoire consists of artistic, folk and popular compositions for children, adapted to the age of the singers. Special attention is paid to vocal technique, voice setup, breathing technique and pure intonation. The choir performs in opera projects of Croatian Theatre in Rijeka and participates in various meetings and festivals of choirs, national and international competitions where they already won several prizes.



17. REVOZ (SLO)

CONDUCTOR: Cvetka Krampelj

In 1978 a group of workers from the former IMV (Revoz d.d. now) car factory in Novo mesto founded the Mixed Choir. For more than four decades, singers of different generations have been united by their desire to create, to socialise and, above all by their love of singing. Since 1993, the choir has been led by conductor Mrs. Cvetka Krampelj and performs songs of various genres. Their repertoire includes folk and art songs, song adaptations, but they are also willing to take on more challenging works by Slovenian and foreign composers. They take part in concerts and singing meetings in Slovenia while they have also successfully presented themselves at singing competitions abroad.



18. Poreč Art School Choir (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Marijana Gulić

The members of the Poreč Art School Choir are students from 4th to 6th grade. The singers in the choir practice singing in unison and part-singing in Croatian and foreign languages. Over the last years the choir has had many memorable performances and concerts in Croatia. They are active in the community with performances at award ceremonies and charity concerts, as well as singing for the elderly at the nursing home in Poreč. They attended many important choral events in Zagreb at the Croatian Musical Institute and Maksimir park, where they had the opportunity to sing with other choirs from the country. Also, every year they participate in a choral event "Mali Kanat" in Pazin.



19. Lavanda (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Branislav Ostojić

The choir "Lavanda" started its activity in March 2005. First it was a vocal group and later became a Female choir. Today it's a Mixed choir with 23 amateur singers who cure different kind of music and in its repertoire. The choir takes part in various manifestations all over Croatia but also Slovenia, Italy and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The choir has been awarded several times and invited to take part in some TV programs. The choir collaborates with other societies and groups. Since 2009, the choir has been guided by Mr. Branislav Ostojić, ethnomusicologist.



20. Korona (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Branislav Ostojić

KORONA choir from Umag was founded in 2002. The tradition nurtured by the choir from the very beginning are the songs covers and four-part singing of traditional folk songs. Choir's repertoire includes entertaining, sacred, artistic and revolutionary songs, as well as Christmas pieces. Since its beginnings choir performed at different competitions and festivals throughout Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and Czech Republic. Choir Korona also performed at international choirs competitions in Karlovac, Osijek and Šibenik, where they won bronze plaques in a very tight competition. For more than 15 years choir Korona is led by professor and ethnomusicologist Branislav Ostojić.



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1. Roženice (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Ines Kovačić Drndić

Mixed choir "Roženice" Pazin was founded in 1979. Till the end of 2002 the Choir was led by maestro Nello Milotti, recognized Istrian educator, composer and conductor. Since 2003, the artistic leader is Ines Kovačić Drndić. The choir won several domestic and international prizes. They proudly celebrate 42 years of continuous and successful work. The Choir's repertoire is focused on the works of Istrian composers and those based on the Istrian scale, but also works from Croatian and foreign composers from all periods of music art, spirituals, lyric and modern music. Their most recognized project is "Vjeruj u ljubav" (translated: Believe in love) where they present popular music with orchestra and special guests in the big concert hall in Pazin.



2. Koralisti Sv. Franje (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Ronald Braus

Chamber ensemble "Koralisti Sv. Franje" continues the tradition of the famous Schola Cantorum, which has operated in the St. Francis monastery since the 18th century by singing on the liturgical celebrations. The choir consists of singers of different age who share a love for singing, while the repertoire is composed of local and famous world composers.



3. KPZ VITA Lendava (SLO)

CONDUCTOR: Danijel Berden

KPZ Vita Lendava Choir has been active for 18 years. Choir pride itself with the fact that its conductor, Danijel Berden, frequently writes song arrangements for the Choir, which gives them a very special and unique sound. It consists of a group of people of all ages, singing modern and traditional songs which love spending time together at festivals and contributing to the general good feeling. Previous years have been challenging for any group but they've managed to record 2 new songs and renew their looks, which they are looking forward to present to as many people as possible.



4. Rijeka Chamber choir "Val" (HR)

CONDUCTOR: Doris Kovačić

Rijeka Chamber Choir "Val" is a mixed choir founded in September 2012. It consists of about twenty middle-aged members who are mostly experienced singers. The choir's repertoire consists mainly of Croatian and foreign artistic compositions of all stylistic periods. Given the area in which the choir operates, it seeks to nurture the cultural heritage of its region. During its work so far, the choir has presented itself to the public with concerts and various occasional performances in the country and abroad. Choir gladly participates in charity concerts. It has won numerous silver and gold awards at competitions in the country and abroad. Due to the difficult work of amateur choirs during the last two years, its work is currently mostly focused on recording videos. This year it is celebrating its 10th anniversary.



5. Melicus (IT)

CONDUCTOR: Cinzia Zanon

Melicus choir was founded in November 2013 in Marostica (Vicenza - Italy) from the association "Gioventù in cantata" in order to continue the choral activities with more than 20 years of tradition. The majority of singers can boast a wide expertise in the choral field including many competitions, international tours and participation in significant Festivals. Since 2014 the choir has attended many different Italian manifestations and has joined FAKS festival in 2016. In October 2016 the choir participated in the 9th Veneto's Choral Festival, gaining the excellence. The repertoire, sacred and profane is mostly characterized by contemporary compositions, sung a cappella. The choir has been directed by Cinzia Zanon since its foundation.



6. Monte Vignol (IT)

CONDUCTOR: Filippo Bandera

Monte Vignol Choir was named after a peak above Avio. The Choir was founded in 1976 by a few friends passionate about typical mountain's songs with a determination to make this shared passion a reality. They founded Monte Vignol Choir that soon became a traditional cultural symbol. The Choir's repertoire now includes traditional mountain songs as well as songwriter's songs and love songs. The Choir can count a few significant moments of its life: the organization of the Mountain Songs' Festival, the participation in various festivals around Trentino and in other Italian regions and worldwide such as in Germany, Switzerland, France and Croatia. Since 2011 the Choir is directed by the choirmaster Filippo Bandera.



7. Cor de' Vocali ensemble (IT)

CONDUCTOR: Leonardo Morini

Who would have thought all of this would started back in October 2014, when twenty of them met and blended their voices to create the show La Terra delle Donne e degli Uomini integri (directed by Vincenzo Picone, screenplay by Francesco Camattini and music by Alessandro Sgobbio and Leonardo Morini). Perhaps none of them imagined that at the end of that show the magic of singing would have lingered between them so strong, that they decided to dream about new projects together. That group of young people who had nothing in common except a shared experience in the school choirs and director Leonardo, concluded to stick together and continue their adventure by creating a whole new choir: the Cor de' Vocali ensemble.



8. MOPZ Maj (SLO)

CONDUCTOR: Andrej Zupan

The men's choir "MAJ" from Kranj performs choral and popular music by Slovenian and foreign authors at their performances in their own country and abroad. Parts of their performances are enriched with instrumental accompaniment of their own instrumental group and adaptations of popular and own compositions. The Choir has been rejoicing its public with beautiful and carefully selected repertoire for more than 26 years. They enjoy inviting other singing and music groups to its annual concerts organized in May and December in Kranj as well as take part at other festivals in Slovenia and abroad. The fifth season is led by the conductor Mr. Andrej Zupan, who has brought a new dimension to the choir with his experience and



9. MPZ Lipnica (SLO)

CONDUCTOR: Andrej Zupan

The Lipnica Mixed Choir has been operating under the auspices of the Kamna Gorica Cultural and Tourist Association since 2004. It has approximately 20 singers. It is currently led by choirmaster Andrej Zupan and chaired by Polona Zalokar. In its varied history, the choir has performed a variety of performances, themed concerts, solo concerts, guest appearances at home and abroad. It is also presented every year at the regional magazine of choirs. The choir's repertoire is constantly expanding: domestic and foreign choral classics, sacred, black spiritual music, gospel, swing, African rhythms...



10. Fior di Roccia (IT)

CONDUCTOR: Nicola Lombardi

The "Fior di Roccia" male choir was founded in 2004 by a group of friends from the town of Mori, near Trento (Italy). The "raonzolo di roccia" is a very rare flower which grows in the high mountains and keeps its roots tight on the rock, holding out against any kind of weather, the same way as we cling on our traditions and we cherish our difficult, but beautiful land. The choir is directed by Nicola Lombardi and consists of twenty people, all amateur singers who share a strong passion for singing, aiming at the artistic and human growth of the choir as a way to express emotions, looking for musical intensity and lyrical interpretation.



11. The Czech Boys Choir Boni Pueri (CZ)

CONDUCTOR: Pavel Horák

Founded in 1982, the Czech Boys Choir Boni Pueri is one of Europe's leading ensembles, carrying on the tradition of a choir that has been active in the Metropolitan Chapter of St. Vitus in Prague since 1252. The present choir, which has 200 members ranging in age from 4 to 19, has performed at more than 3.000 concerts not only in the Czech Republic, but also on tours in Japan, the Unites States, Canada, South Korea and many more European countries.



12. Coro Polifonico di Trichiana (IT)

CONDUCTOR: Stefano Bitante

The Trichiana Polyphonic Choir was established in 1983. Currently the choir is directed by Maestro Stefano Bittante and is composed of 23 choir members. It has a repertoire of both popular and sacred and liturgical music. In 2013 the choir celebrated its 30th anniversary with a great concert in Trichiana, on the occasion of the Literary Prize "Trichiana Paese del libro", held by the choir and orchestra "In Musica Gaudium" of Oderzo, directed by Maestro Battista Pradal. In 2016 and 2018 the choir participated in the FAKS Festival in Croatia.

