



16th Mediterranean Folklore Dance, Choir and Traditional Band Festival

Cyprus

14th - 19th September 2023



Organizer:

Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia in cooperation with Larnaka Municipality is organizing the 16th MEDITERRANEAN FOLKLORE DANCE FESTIVAL in Larnaka and Nicosia, Cyprus from 14th to 19th of September, 2023. Groups from countries from all over the world and from Cyprus will be chosen to participate at the Festival. Our Festival has been Awarded in 2019 with the EFFE award as one of the best folklore dance festivals in Europe. It is about the commingling of cultures with live music and musicians, synthesis of colours and original traditional costumes. It is an institution that fosters mutual interaction and cultural exchange, it is a matter educating culture. This festival is the product of the desire and love of the friends of the foklore dance and heritage. They give people the opportunity to meet and coexist through music and dance from other countries.





DISCOVER LARNAKA

Beautifully compact, easily accessible and truly authentic, Larnaka is Cyprus' oldest soul with a history that dates back 10,000 years, making it the longest continually inhabited region of the island. And with its status as the most centrally positioned city, Larnaka also offers easy access to the island's other regions, making it the ideal destination for a Cyprus holiday.

Whilst the region is rich in the ancient culture of hundreds of years of contrasting civilisations and architecture, Larnaka is also a thriving and modern European city that offers the best of all worlds. A characteristic feature is that tourists will find that there is no distinction between resort and town; locals and visitors alike can enjoy the same daily experience of a charming and diverse Mediterranean city. From stretches of varied coastline, a mix of traditional and cosmopolitan establishments and fascinating monuments, Larnaka seamlessly blends its two 'faces'. Recent developments are the Larnaka Marina creating 4,000 jobs and generating for the economy and tourism due to the new hotels and establishments built.

DISCOVER NICOSIA

Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, has built-in elements of the many empires and kingdoms that have claimed it over the centuries, starting with the Bronze Age. Narrow winding streets lead visitors from the Cyprus Museum, with its collections of Neolithic and Roman exhibits, to the city walls. Today, the walls, built at the beginning of the 17th century by the Venetians, separate the ancient city from the modern one. Pass through the stone gates and you will enter a place where the past is still alive. Your shopping experience can start with either a cup of coffee or a meal with friends at one of the trendy cafes / restaurants on Ledras and Onasagorou streets. The shops on this busy street are small, unlike their counterparts abroad, and offer a distinctly personal and friendly customer experience. It is suitable for browsing the shops at any time of the day or simply for an evening stroll when the shops are beautifully lit up.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All folklore dance groups from Mediterranean countries may participate, but we are also accepting folklore dance groups from anywhere in the world, as we want to give the opportunity to anyone that wishes to join. (If you know someone who would be interested in joining our festival then please feel free to forward the information to them)

All members (Leaders, dancers, musicians and extra people joining) must follow to Covid-19 guidelines according to the Cypriot government. Ofcourse, everything depends on the spread of Covid-19 by that time.

The organisers of the festival are not responsible for providing any Visas to International individuals (outside the EU) that are applying for the festival. So make sure you get in contact with the embassy in time before your arrival. We can only provide help with communication.

Maximum dance group, choir and band members is twenty-four (24). For music bands the minimum number of members is twelve (12). (Please note that we encourage music to be live for dance groups and choirs, not from a CD). - If groups however wish to bring more members then it is permitted, just contact us. We encourage dance groups to bring their own traditional choirs and bands if any available in their own company. In this case, the maximum number of participants including all, dance, choir and band members of the same group, will be sixty (60) people.

We will be accepting groups from the age of seventeen (16) year olds,.

Groups interested for participating must send a **DVD of their own work**, along with a **biography of their group and CV's** to 17 Iliá Venezi street, Engomi 2401, Nicosia, CYPRUS or an email with the above information to **Elia24@cytanet.com.cy** . For the one's interested in applying, please send this information at once, and latest submission is 30th of March 2023.



PARTICIPATION FEE

Every member of the Dance group, including musicians must pay a participation fee of **220 euros per person which you must pay in advance.**

Any extra people that wish to join the group for purposes of visiting Cyprus and have fun during the days of the festival as escorts of the group must pay **250 euros per person. They will also receive the same benefits described.**

100 euros per person must be paid as soon as you get accepted to the festival as a holding fee and the rest 120 euros can be paid until the one month before arrival. The amount of 100 euros is non-refunded if any cancellations occur from the groups side or from the organisers side incase of any pandemic, natural disasters or war circumstances. This is because we still require to pay reservations for hotels and bookings.

The Leader of all groups will be our guest and therefore not pay the registration fee. You are also welcomed to bring representatives from your country; that may be the Mayor of your town or a professional well-known journalist that may want to cover the promotion of Cyprus to their country. They will also be our guests and not pay any fees.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCES

There will be a total of **eight (8)** performances over the **6 days** of the festival.

Four(4) of the performances need to be with a different choreography and costumes for dancers and for choirs and bands it needs to be different songs and outfits.

Some of the performances are in the morning, so please be prepared with also a lighter/cooler traditional outfit from your country, since Cyprus is still really warm in September.



THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OFFERS:

- Accomodation in Hotel Apartments of 1-2-3-4 bedrooms or 3-4 star hotel rooms for 2-3-4 persons in a room. People who want accomodation in a single or double room should pay the difference of the price. **A single room costs 35 euro per person per night and a double costs 25 euro per person per night extra**
- 3 buffet meals per day
- Internal Transportation (transfers from airport to hotel and back, or transportations from and to venues if needed)
- Free entrance to venues and archaeological museums.
- Free mini cruise, party on boat and diving
- Traditional Parties with free food and drinks
- Day trip tour to Nicosia
- Presents and Tshirt
- We can organise extra excursions for each group for a small fee for the transportation
- **We are NOT responsible for the expenses for your transportation to Cyprus (airplane tickets, lateral flow tests if needed, etc.)**

EXHIBITIONS OF COSTUMES AND PRODUCTS

The chosen groups will have the opportunity to exhibit traditional items and costumes from their country

During the festival, a Costume Exhibition will take place, where all the chosen countries will exhibit the traditional costume of their country. A special ceremony will take place at the venue.

Groups can bring souvenirs from their country to the festival to exchange with other country groups.



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