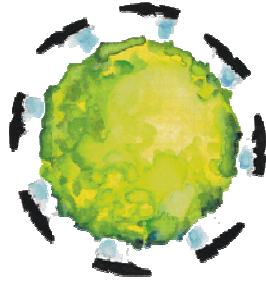


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*Najstarejši folklorni
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Jurjevanje v Beli krajini 2008

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The Green George in Bela Krajina Folklore Festival 2008

Črnomelj, Slovenia

18th – 22nd June 2008

Jurjevanje v Beli krajini Folklore Festival

Some general information:

Location: Črnomelj, Slovenia
Scope: authentic, folk dancing, folk singing, folk music, traditional trades

Festival Office:

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Date of the festival: 18th -22th June 2008

Arrival of groups: 19th or 20th June 2008

Departure of groups: 22th or 23th June 2008

Official invitation: official invitation of groups to the Jurjevanje folklore festival will be sent by post after the groups are chosen by the organizer and finished discusses with group leader, the invitation will also be an agreement about conditions of both sides

Basic requests for groups:

- adult authentic or elaborated group
- max 30-35 members
- live folk music
- at least three different performances + folk music and folk singing
- the group covers the cost of transport and insurance for the group, the organizer of the festival covers the cost of all meals, accomodation and other activities during the festival (tourist trip, gifts, water etc.)

Some notes about the festival

Jurjevanje in Bela krajina is the oldest folklore festival in Slovenia and one of the largest as well. In its more than a forty-year tradition, it has become an integral part of Črnomelj and its people and we are very proud of it.

The festival started in 1964, making it the oldest folklore festival in Slovenia. Until 1964 the organizers faced a lot of problems because the local authorities did not allow the organization of festivals where tradition and folklore dancing would be celebrated. They thought of it as unnecessary, old-fashioned and unsuitable for modern Socialist times.

Today the festival is the oldest in Slovenia and we are also trying to make it the most quality folklore festival. Every year there are several thousand visitors at the festival. It is also well covered by media. A lot of other activities are present during Jurjevanje.

Every year all folklore groups from Bela krajina, the southern region of Slovenia, perform at the festival. Each year there are several foreign groups performing and we are very proud to host "Le plesat me pelji" - the final national meeting of best Slovenian folklore groups. Jurjevanje is a dance, music and song festival. Visitors can hear music played on traditional Bela Krajina 'tamburica' instruments, 'brač', 'berda', 'bisernica', 'bugarija', 'gudalo', 'white birch leaf', 'rug' and some other traditional instruments. We also invite individual folk musicians and singers. The dances, songs and music performed by local folklore groups date between the end of 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. Most of the groups performing at Jurjevanje are authentic groups, as defined by CIOFF. Jurjevanje is also a national CIOFF member and would like to become an International CIOFF Festival in a few years' time.

Stages and other technical information

The main stage is open air, situated in a nature-made valley called "Jurjevanjska draga" and surrounded by white birch trees. It is situated between the railway station, the Bojana Hotel, the old and new city centre. Here the main performances take place daily from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The stage is professionally built, (its dimensions are 18x14x4m), wooden, roof-covered. A two special, smaller stage for musicians are attached to the main stage. Behind the main stage there is a small tent where groups can leave their personal things during the waiting and performance period.

The main stage has a professional powerful **loudspeaker system** also with at least nine hanging microphones and head microphones if needed. Also, all equipment for musicians is there.

The performances are all filmed and photographed by official festival photographers and cameramen.

The **dressing rooms** for changing into costumes are nearby, some are next to the stage, the others in *Miran Jarc primary school* circa 500m distance from the main stage.

There are a lot spectators in Jurjevanjska draga, approximately 4000 every evening.

The old city centre stage is situated on Črnomelj's main square. It is smaller – its dimensions are 6x6m and it comes with a roof. It is also equipped with a loudspeaker system and other necessary equipment. The performances on this stage are for folk singing and folk music, there is no folk dancing on this stage. The performances are from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. The distance from the main stage to this stage is approximately 1000 meters. The dressing rooms are between the stages.

Performances

- The main performances are in Jurjevanjska draga, each day from 20.00 till 22.00.
- The group performs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday two times, with each performance lasting 8-12 minutes. This performances can be talked over if group has special performance or can not perform under there terms
- The performances on Old city centre stage are from 09.00 till 13.00 on Saturday and Sunday. The group performs with folk music or folk singing one day with a 30-minute programme.
- On Friday morning there is a reception at Črnomelj's mayor Mr. Fabjan and after it a press conference. The group is requested to be represented by one pair (women and man) dressed in national costumes and one leader of the group (leader of the group or art leader or some other representative). At the reception there will also be the director of the Jurjevanje festival, the programme manager, representatives of other groups, town's cultural workers, the official photographer etc. Some presents (i.e. typical for the performing group's country) are requested to be brought – they will be exchanged between the mayor and folklore groups after the meeting.

Accommodation and food

Accommodation and all food is provided by the organizer. Folklore groups will sleep in Črnomelj's Youth Hostel or be accommodated with the families of the local folklore groups. Each folklore group will also be guided by an English or a German speaking guide. Food will be provided in a restaurant, youth hostel or

in the Jurjevanjska draga venue. Organizer will also provide enough drinking water during rehearsals and performance on both stages.

On Green George mythology and the town Črnomelj

The festival got its name by an old traditional Slavic custom Jurjevo – Green George's. That was the time in spring when young men, covered with white birch leaves (thus representing an anthropomorphic mask) came into the country, and nature became green. Flowers flourished, trees became green and seeds on fields sprouted. It was a very important time for the lowland farmer people.

Črnomelj has a population of 6000 inhabitants, and is situated in the region of Bela Krajina (White Carniola) which lies in the south-east of Slovenia, on the borderline with Croatia.

The old city core of Črnomelj is an archeological monument that because of its rich archeological finds is called "a city above a city." Some of the archeological finds are exhibited in the Pastoral Centre where the remains of buildings and walls from the late Roman period and the late Middle Ages can be observed through a glass floor. Also interesting is the restored Malerič House where domestic crafts are exhibited and sold. With its white birch trees, excellent wines, snow-white national costume and a unique, exquisite cuisine, Bela Krajina offers a palette of flavours for your tastebuds and soul.

About Bela Krajina national costumes

Women's white costume in which they dance the traditional circular dance 'Zeleni Jure' (lit. Green George) consists of a big white kerchief known as 'pec' which is bound into one wedge (in Metlika and Semič they wear two wedges), a blouse or 'rokavci' laced with 'pipke', a pleated skirt, a waistcoat or 'lajbelc', apron or 'fertuh', white stockings or 'stumfi', and ankle-high black shoes also known as 'cezme'. Around their necks girls wear multi-coloured strings of beads (necklaces), on their chests they have a small bunch of flowers and a white handkerchief with which they greet the audience. Men's costume consists of a white shirt, trousers (brgese); everything is made of home made linen, thick leather belt, black hat with wide edges on which they wear a small bunch of flowers, and black high boots or 'cezme'. When the ritual of 'Jurjevanje' is finished, the participants prepare a feast which is usually followed in the evening by an open folk party with a brass band and dancing.

Some e-links:

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| - official festival page | www.jurjevanje.si |
| - municipality of Črnomelj page | www.crnomelj.si |
| - tourism in Bela krajina | www.belakrajina.si |
| - Youth Hostel Črnomelj hostels/youth-hostel | http://www.belakrajina.si/en/accommodation/homes- |
| - 3D pictures of Črnomelj | http://www.burger.si/Crnomelj/CrnomeljENG.htm |

Requests for groups:

- authentic or elaborated group
- filled e-application form for Jurjevanje (attached to this document)
- three colour digital pictures of group ~ size min 1280 x 960 pixels, sent two months before the festival to
- national flag size ~ approximatly 120 x 200cm sent to organizer at least 14 days before festival
- preferred size of the group is 30-35 members
- live folk music
- at least three different performances + folk music and folk singing
- group covers cost of transport and insurance for group, organizer of the festival covers the cost of all meals, accomodation and other activities during festival (tourist trip, gifts, water etc.)
- video or DVD with a video of your performances not older than a year

Notes:

Gallery:

Jurjevanje in Bela krajina folklore festival :



First Jurjevanje in Bela krajina festival 1964.

