



**SECOND INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS
„UNITY IS POWER - BOTEVGRAD 2022“
28.06 – 30.06. 2022**

In 2022, in the picturesque Bulgarian town of Botevgrad, International Children's Art Festival "Unity is a Power" will be held for the second time.

The idea of its implementation is carried out with the joint efforts of Botevgrad Municipality and Botevgrad Community Cultural Center "Hristo Botev 1884 ". The project was implemented with the financial support of the National Culture Fund.

The participants in the Festival and our guests will be acquainted with the most interesting geographic, historical, cultural and tourist attractions of Botevgrad and the Municipality. The town is situated in the Botevgrad valley, at the foot of the Balkan Mountains, which is separated by the river Bebreș. There is a lake with the same name close to it. It set up its foundations as a Thracian settlement and passed through the villages of Zelin and Samunjevo, it grew up in the town of Orhanie after the strategic road Rouse-Sofia and in 1934 it was renamed Botevgrad.



The Clock Tower, built in 1864, is not only a symbol of the city, but also one of the 100 national tourist sites. The rich history of the city is kept in the Fund and the exposition of the Historical Museum. The Branch of the museum is the Hermitage School in the village of Bozhenitsa. Bozhenitsa is famous for its fortress "Bojenski Urvich" known for its medieval rock inscription, the chapel carved inside the fortress and the open treasure of silver coins from the time of Ivan Shishman's kingdom.



There are two church temples in the town, several monasteries in the municipality, but the most visited are the “Holy Forty Martyrs” Monastery and the Zelin Monastery „Birth of the Most Holy Mother”.

In the central part of the town are the monuments of national revolutionists: Hristo Botev, Vasil Levski, Stamen Panchev, the Monument of Freedom - in memory of the Russian heroes who participated in the liberation of the city.

In the village of Skravena there is a memorial-ossuary of Botev's rebels.

The Municipal Library has more than 84,000 units of a library fund.

Botevgrad is the largest community center in the municipality where a rich cultural program is realized.



There are three primary schools, four secondary schools and branches of two higher education institutions in Botevgrad. There is developed industry and infrastructure in our town. The production of electronic components is strongly covered. Not only the municipal centre, but also most of the villages in the municipality, have gas heating.

There is a big sports complex: Sports Hall „Arena Botevgrad”, Training Hall „Georgi Hristov”, a football stadium, tennis courts, outdoor pool, sports complex with year-round working swimming pool and training hall, ice skating and ice hockey rink, Acrobatics Hall, etc.

There are many natural sights, caves, tourist routes.



Purpose of the festival:

- The festival will contribute to the presentation of the talents of the participants, to the enhancement of their performances, to the development of the children's creativity through communication between the leaders and the children from different teams and countries.
- One of the main tasks of the festival is the Unification of children from Bulgaria and abroad into a creative union, acquaintance with the history and culture of Bulgaria, familiarization with the sights of Botevgrad and the municipality.

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REGULATION:

1. Folklore groups, cheerleading groups, groups for different styles of modern dances, singing vocal groups and choirs, individual performers, art clubs, can participate in the festival.
2. Age of performers: 8 to 14 years' old
3. Each group must be up to 30 people / incl. group- leaders and drivers/.
4. Groups of over 30 participants pay a fee of 30 EUR per person per day.
5. Groups must arrive on the first festival day
6. The performances of the groups should be up to 10min.
7. The music can be live or CD or USB.
8. Groups will be accommodated in a hotel. The festival provides three nights only for groups from abroad. For the Bulgarian groups, the festival will provide two nights.
9. Food - breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided by the hosts.
10. Transport costs are at the expense of the groups.
11. Each group will have a guide from the hosts.
12. Any foreign group should bring its national flag.
13. All groups will receive prizes and Certificates of Attendance.
14. Groups must be insured.
15. The application form could be send till 15.05.2022 to this email detskifest.botevgrad@gmail.com or on a paper form to address:

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