**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

 **Municipality of Nessebar**

**Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar**

XV INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN FESTIVAL
"SUN – JOY – BEAUTY”
 Nessebar 2014

We invite childrens’ and adolescents’ creative groups from Bulgaria and abroad to take part in the XV International children festival “Sun, joy, beauty” – Nessebar 2014. The festival takes place in Nessebar, as a peculiar blend of history and modernity.

Nesebar, located on the Black Sea coast, has rich history. It is unique in its location - among the sand dunes and vegetation, spacious beaches, hot sun and rich history. The city is under the auspices of UNESCO.

The XV International children festival “Sun, joy, beauty” is held with the participation of creative teams and performers from Bulgaria and other countries. Тhe organizers of the contest are Nessebar and Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar under the patronage of The Mayor of the municipality of Nessebar.

The aim of the organizers is to promote the development of youth creative work through communication between leaders and youths from different teams, to enrich their repertoire of classic and contemporary works. The festival helps the participants to show their talents and increase their performing mastery.

One of the main tasks of the festival is the integration of adolescents and young people from Bulgaria and abroad in a creative union, and the familiarization with cultural-historical and natural landmarks of Bulgaria.

The festival is organized each year from 15th June at Nessebar – Bulgaria.

**Terms of the festival**
 Groups, chamber ensembles, ensembles and solo performers can take part in the festival.
The festival takes place in two parts - contest and festival. Participants can join at their own will in both parts.

Competitive sections:

• Music:
- music groups for classical music - academic choirs, soloists;
- vocal groups and solo performers of folk songs and pop music;
- instrumental ensembles and solo performers - folk, classical and other instruments;
• Choreography:
- groups of folk dances, classical ballet, modern ballet, ballroom, sports, characteristic, cheerleading, sports rock’n’roll, etc.;
• Fine Art - Artists;
• Non-standard forms of youth creativity:
- group and solo performances of circus acrobatics, magicians, juggling, pantomime, fashion;

**Festival forms:**
Miss and Mister Festival
Family Talents
Review of authentic costumes
Friendly football matches
Concert in Sunny Beach
Entertainment - museums, discos

**Age categories:**Group I A - junior age group - up to 7 years;

Group I - junior age group – 8 to 10 years;
Group II - junior age group - 11 to 14 years;
Group III - middle age - 15 to 18 years;
Group IV - senior age group - 18 to 21 years;
Group V - senior age group - over 21 years.
Age is determined as of 31.12.2013 year.

**Competitive sections, categories and terms for participation**

**Section “Music”**Categories:
**a /** folk song - soloists and ensembles;
**b /** classical singing - solo, duet, trio, quartet, choir;
**c /** pop and variety songs - solo, duet, trio, quartet, vocal group.
**d /** classical instrument - piano, violin and more.
**e /** folk instruments.

**Section “Choreography”**Categories:
**1.** Folk Dance - Bulgarian folklore and folklore of other nationalities:
**a)** processed folk dance;
**b)** authentic folk dance;
**c)** stylized folk dance.
**2.** Classical Dance:
**a)** Ballet;
**b)** neo-classical.
**3.** Characteristic Dance - stylized theatrical forms of dances of the peoples.
**4.** Oriental dance *“belly dance”.*
**5.** Modern dance - performances in this category may be in styles:
**a /** jazz dance;
**b /** modern dance /contamporent/;
**c /** Graham;
**d /** disco;
**e /** freestyle / free dance / - allowed mixing of styles in this category;
**f /** non-standard forms - mime, step, sports rock'n'roll, circus acrobatics, magicians, fashion and more.
**6.** Street Style /street dance/ - performances of this genre category must be kept in the style of urban dance and include all styles:
**a /** Hip-Hop;
**b /** Break dance;
**c /** New Style;
**d /** Locking & Popping;
**e /** Krumping;
**f /** Clown dancing;
**g /** Free dance /by category/, etc.
**7.** Sports /Ball/ Dance - duets and ensembles.
**8.** Cheerleading.

**Section “Fine Arts”**
Workshop - 3 days.

**Additional festival forms**
**1.** Miss and Mister Festival.
**2.** Nomination "Family and family talents (not a competition).
**3.** Nomination “Authentic folk costume" - Review (not a competition).
**4.** Friendly football matches - (not a competition)

**Terms
for participation in the competition sections**:

Section “Music”

Collective and individual permormances:

**1.** Performances in category "Music" - are alive with musical accompaniment or sinbek (optional).
Playback and duplication of the soloist is not allowed.
**2.** Vocal ensembles are composed of at least two participants.

**3.** Formations involving performers from more than one age group compete in the age group of the oldest participant.
**4.** For the participants in the category "Funny Music" one of the performances is required to run on native language.
Only one performance in foreign language is allowed.
**5.** For the participants in the category "Folk Song":
- Up to 14 years - one song to be bezmenzurna /slow/ and the other to be fast. The accompaniment can be with sinbek /Instrumental Recording/ or with live accompaniment.
- Over 14 years - not allowed additional vocals in the live performance or sinbek.
**Note:** The application form must contain - repertoire, song title, author, music, editing, lyrics and arrangement, duration.

**Section “CHOREOGRAPHY”**

Individual performers, groups, duets and chamber ensembles (trio, quartet) can take part in the competition.

 **Group performances** **I.** Category "Folk Dances"
Groups dances - ensembles, composition, chamber music groups.

**1.** Folk Dances / processed folklore - Bulgarian folklore, national folklore of the country of origin of the participants.

**2.** Authentic dances and folk customs of the region. The participants’ performance must be up to 15 minutes.

**3.** Stylized folk dance
- Folk music.
- People's choreography on music updated with stylized national costumes.

Number of participants:
- dance groups in the chamber – up to 8 persons;
- ensembles and dance groups - no restriction.

Duration: chamber groups must present a program up to 8 minutes; dance groups - up to 15 minutes; ensembles – up to 20 minutes.
Recommendations: The chamber dances must be with a thematic or story form.
**Note:** In the application form must be indicated the name of the dance choreographer, of the author, composer, name of the music and timing.

 **II.Classical Dance**
Performs an original choreography from the classical heritage or a new interpretation on familiar excerpts from ballet works. The performances must be held in the style of classical dance. The movements used from the classical vocabulary must be tailored to the age of performers.
**Note:** In the application form must be indicated the name of the dance choreographer, the author, the composer, name of the music and timing.

 **III. Characteristic Dance**
Stylized dance gained popularity on the stage in opera and ballet. The choreography has the character of urban folk dances of different nationalities connected to the genre category.
**Note:** In the application form must be indicated the name of the dance choreographer, the author, the composer, name of the music and timing.

 **IV. Modern Dance**
The performances from this category can be in styles: jazz dance, modern dance, Graham, neo-classical, etc.
**Note:** In the application form must be indicated the name of the dance choreographer, the author, the composer, name of the music and timing.

 **V. Street Style /street dance/**
The performances of this genre category must be kept in the style of Hip-Hop dance and can include all styles of street dance. For example: New Style, Free dance, Locking & Popping, Krumping, Clowndancing, Break dance, etc.
**Note:** In the application form must be indicated the name of the dance choreographer, the author, the composer, name of the music and timing.

**VI. Sports /Ball/ Dance**
Formations for sport (ballroom) dancing can take part in this category. They must include over 4 race pairs or a minimum of 8 competitors who perform together on a Regulation on the standard racing compositions and/or Latin American dances.
The compositions must be constructed on the basis of five standard or Latin American dances.

The presentation of the formations (including entry and exit) must not exceed 5 minutes.
Lifting a partner is not allowed.
Composition of the formations:
**a)** Children formations / I age group/. In formation of 8 pairs - two may be junior; in 6 pairs – one;
**b)** Youth formations / II age group /. In formation of 8 pairs - two may be youth; In 6 pairs – one;
**c)** Formations with competitors over 19 years old – youths are eligible.

The subject form is recommended.

Each team can participate with a maximum of two dances in a genre category. The duration of each dance must not exceed 5 minutes.

**Category "Non-standard forms"
1.** Mime, step, sports, rock'n'roll, circus, acrobatics, magicians, fashion and more.

**Individual performances in section “Choreography”:**1. SOLO
2. DUET
3. TRIO
Participants are divided into age groups. They perform one dance in the relevant genre category and age group. The duration of each dance must not exceed 2 minutes.

**ASSESSMENT**
Criteria:
**1.** Performance technique;
**2.** Artistry and stage presence;
**3.** Originality of choreography;
**4.** Costumes.

**Section “Fine Arts”**
In the plain air (competition) you draw up to three works with a maximum of 50/70 cm (without limitation in the types of materials for painting). The theme is *"Nessebar - ancient and young”*. The drawings are inscribed with the names of the participant, age, city, country manager and submitted to Municipal Children’s Complex - Nessebar.
Each participant draws with his/her own materials.
The awarded works remain in the fund of the festival.

**“Miss and Mister Festival”**

In order to participate in the competition you must complete a questionnaire - application form, accompanied by a photography.
Participants shall wear:
- National costume of their country (may be stylized);
- For the nomination "Miss" - a festival T-shirt provided by the organizers, a skirt or jeans, hat and more accessories;
- The nomination "Mister" – a festival T-shirt and sportswear;
- A dress in "avangard" style (costumes made ​​from traditional materials);
- Evening, formal suit for boys and ball gown for girls (will be wearing them in the nomination "Ball" and at the awards);
- Shoes and clothes for rehearsals.

**Note:** The costumes for the presentation must be made by the participants and their parents. For any suit or clothing it should be selected appropriate footwear.
Rehearsals are held on 16, 17 and 18.06 (Participation in the rehearsals is mandatory).

**NOMINATION "FAMILY TALENTS"**In the nomination may be involved groups in which participants have family ties in a straight line - son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather and silver line - aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.

The program, with which they will perform, has no restrictions on genre. Duration - 10 minutes.
The nomination "Family Talent" is not a competition. All participants receive a special plaque from the Municipality of Nessebar.

## Terms of Participation

The desire for participation in the competition must be specified in the request for participation.
The Request form must be presented at the Municipal Children's Complex until 30.04.2014.
 A survey must be completed - creative request on the organizer’s sample and sent to the address: e-mail: nesebarfest@abv.bg; tel./ fax: 0554 / 459-52.

 Please, send your Request forms in **Word format**!

The festival takes place in Nessebar from **15 to 19.06. 2014.**
**1.** Participants in the competition shall present two performances - each lasting maximum five minutes in any requested style of nomination, if there are no other requirements noted in the terms of the particular nomination.

**2.** The group leaders are responsible for:

- any accidents and injuries of the participants of their group on the scene;

- the behaviour of the participants of their group during the whole festival.

**3.** The participants are responsible for their own costumes, properties and personal belongings.

**4.** The music for each performance must be recorded on A SEPARATE CD (ONLY one recording /song/ per CD).

**5.** A performance which competes at a definite style and age group HAS NOT the right to compete at another style of the competition.
**6.** The expenses for the stay of the groups and their attendants together with expenses for traveling, daily needs and spending the festival nights are covered by the participants.

**7.** The expenses for the awards, jury and the scenic provisions are covered by the organizers.

**8.** The organizers have the right to take photos, make video clips, record and distribute the performances of the competition program without paying rights and benefits.
**9.** The schedule for the order of appearance is determined by the Organizing Committee 5 /five/ days before the start of the competition. Changes are not allowed.
**10.** It is a right of the jury to determine which winners will be presented at the Gala concert.
**11.** On 12, 13, 14 and 15.06 the organizers hold technical
conferences with the group leaders.
**12.** On 17, 18 and 19.06 at 9:00 AM at the Conference Center "Sochi" are held meetings with the jury about the previous competition day /standings are not declared/.

**13.** Master classes are held during the festival by the members of the jury. It is a right of the organizers to fix the type and schedule.

**14.** Ranking for nominations and awards will take place on 24.08.2013 at 6:00 PM.

**AWARDS**
The winners at I, II, III place in each nomination and age group receive a diploma, a plaque and prizes.
Each team and individual contractor receives a certificate for participation.
The jury awards a Big prize for each section: Music - vocal, instrumental, Choreography, Art - artist.
The Municipality of Nessebar has established a prize for: "Music pedagogue"; Vocal pedagogue "; “Choreographer – pedagogue” and “Artist - pedagogue" with a cash bonus.
The jury and the sponsors also award prizes.

**Financial terms**

- Collective participation - 42 leva (VAT) for each participant;
- Artists - 42 leva (VAT);
- Individual Participation - 60 leva (VAT);
- For individual participation and participation in the team paid 60 leva (VAT);
**Miss and Mister Festival - 84 leva.**
Travel and accommodation costs are paid by the participants.
During the festival organizers offer different kinds of entertainment - museums, walking tours in the Old Town of Nessebar, festival concerts in Sunny Beach and others.

**P R O G R A M**
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12.06 and 15.06 Arrival of the participants, registration and conferences in the Municipal Children's Complex - Nessebar, complex "Mladost"62
11.00, 13.00, 15.00 - technical conferences
  15.06. - 19.30 Grand Opening - parade of the participants,
raising the national flag at the gates of the city, introducing the participants - stage
"Amphitheatre"
16.06. -10.00 start of the sessions
Meeting of the Mayor of Nessebar with the group leaders
16, 17, 18.06 Competition program nominations
Festival program
19. 06 - 18.00 - Ceremony, Gala concert – Amphitheater Nessebar

20.06 – 18.00 - koncert

**Annex**

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**1**. Group/Collective (names of the soloist).......................................... ..........................
  , city, country .............................................. ............................................
**2.** Name of the manager/grou leader and his qualifications ................................
Address (work and home ),........................................... .........................
phone (work and home ),................................... fax, e-mail
**3.** Name of the co-repetitor
**4.** Name of the pedagogue
**5.** History of the team (date of creation, creativity, participations, prizes, etc.)

**6.** Name of the director of the office, which the group uses (Cultural house, community center, etc.) Telephone and address
Name ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... / no cuts / of the artistic director / vocal pedagogue, music pedagogue, conductor, .............. ..................../ whose name is entered in the certificate of participation-underline their position; example - Katya Dimitrova - conductor

 Category:
 Age group :............................
№ Name of performance; number of participants; music; vocal pedagogue; Duration
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**7.** List of the participants and the adults (leaders, teachers and others supporting the participants), date of birth.

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**8.** The group will spend the night in a hotel .......................................
**9.** The group is operated by Travel Agency .........................
№ Names; Date of birth; Note
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8. Required materials - number of microphones, media
PS 1. Please, bring promotional materials of the composition or the group, photographs, videotapes, and other materials.
2. Each participant must present a picture with size 3x4.

**name and title

Creative application must be completed for any part of section, category and age group separately!**Please, send your Request forms in **Word format**! **Address: 8230 Nessebar, 62 "Mladost" Str.
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