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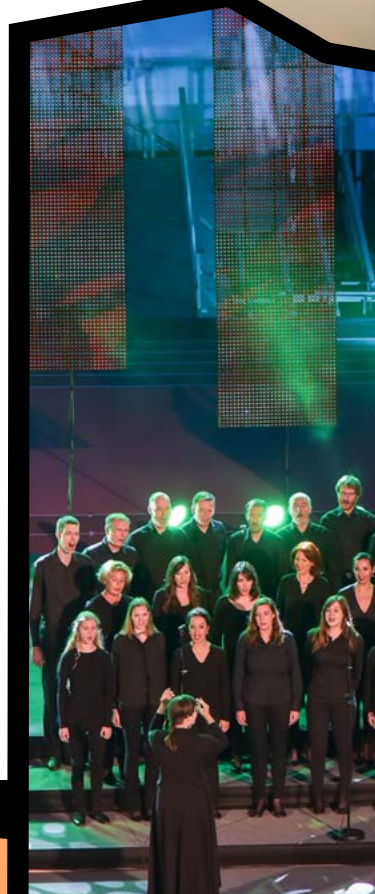
- Choral Gospel Festival

Like throughout Slovenia, the history of choral singing is also rich in Novo mesto, but Novo mesto, on the map of its' artistic activity, does not have the place it deserves. That is why we, Mixed choir Pomlad Novo mesto, one of the most important representatives of Dolenjska choral singing in Slovenia and abroad, decided to bring singing to our city, bring it even closer to the inhabitants and to encourage additional interest.

Gospel is a musical genre that requires a high-quality performance but at the same time this music is attractive for a wider circle of listeners. That's why we chose this genre as the red thread of this festival. The purpose of the festival is to bring music to the renovated city center of Novo mesto and to gather friends from other parts of Slovenia and abroad to Novo mesto. Let music communicate the importance of association, friendship and respect for diversity. Therefore the festival will also have an international note.

In the first performance four choirs will participate at the festival - the host MePZ Pomlad and three chosen ones.

You are invited to take part in this festival.





ABOUT NOVO MESTO

- also the cultural capital of the South-East of Slovenia and Dolenjska

Novo mesto lies on seven hills and is well-wrapped by the Krka River. It is the center of south-eastern Slovenia and the center of the hilly region of Dolenjska. Since then Novo mesto has been moving the development of this part of Slovenia in many areas - in commercial, economic, educational, administrative and also cultural. The amateur culture has a rich history in Novo mesto. It has been existing for more than 100 years when an important social and cultural role was played by the city orchestra and many folk musicians.

The people of the Dolenjska region settled here already two thousand years ago, the settlement on the Krka river branch has been officially established in 1365. Today the Municipality of Novo mesto is the only urban municipality in the region, the real regional and urban center of South-East Slovenia, home to more than 140,000 inhabitants. There are around 36,500 inhabitants in Novo mesto.

ABOUT MePZ POMLAD

- the host of the festival

Mixed choir Pomlad from Novo mesto was founded in 1992. The youngsters soon began to present themselves outside the boundaries of the Dolenjska region and participate in the largest national and international competitions where they won numerous prestigious awards. They became the main ambassador of choral singing in this part of Slovenia. Abroad, the choir has been concerting all over the Balkans and throughout Europe in Argentina and Chile as well. The repertoire of the choir ranges from the most demanding choral music to gospel, pop and rock where, in cooperation with musicians, they perform in the framework of the renowned PoPmlad project. From 2012 Mixed choir Pomlad Novo mesto is led by conductor Alenka Podpečan.



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

11.-13. October 2019

Friday, 11. October

20:30 Concert at St. Lenarta Church (Frančiškanska cerkev)

- Short opening performance of MePZ Pomlad –festival host
- Performance by a choir from Slovenia
- Performance by a choir from abroad

21:30 Dinner time (recommended by host)

Saturday, 12. October

10:00 Guided Novo mesto sightseeing tour

FREE

15:00 Practice of all participant choirs for obligatory pieces

19:00 Open-air performance – Main city square of Novo mesto

- Performance by a choir from Slovenia
- Performance by Mepz Pomlad
- Performance of 4 participating choirs

21:30 Dinner – provided by host

22:00 Organized gathering and party with DJ

Sunday, 13. October

Returning home after breakfast



APPLYING TO THE FESTIVAL

Entry fee for the festival is 350 EUR - this year **0,00 EUR**.

Since this is the first performance of the festival the participation is **FREE of charge**. All costs of the organization will be covered by the organizer with the assistance of the partners - the City of Novo mesto and the JSKD Novo mesto.

- Each choir must provide the organizer with a presentation of the choir and a quality recording of the three compositions.
- The organizer will select three choirs who will attend the festival
- Every choir must perform at least 30 minutes and no more than 40 minutes of pure music at the festival.
- A cappella music is planned and the organizer will also provide clavino. Other instruments must be provided by the choirs themselves.
- The Festival foresees four obligatory gospel pieces. Choirs will perform together at the final concert. Each conductor will conduct one piece.
- The deadline for applying for the festival is **June 17th 2019**.

The organizer will provide participants with:

- Organization of the festival
- guided tour of Novo mesto
- guided professional practices led by Alenka Podpečan
- Final dinner on Saturday

Other:

- The organizer will provide the guests with a reservation of accommodation in the center of Novo mesto at festival prices - Hostel Situla, Hotel Center (paid by choirs themselves).
- The organizer will provide special menus for dinners at chosen restaurants at special festival prices (food is paid by choirs themselves except dinner on Saturday).

Additional information and festival application:

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