

# MACEDONIA

## Association of Accordionists from the Republic of MACEDONIA

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### News from Macedonia...

## Zorica Karakutovska



The Association of Accordionists "Ljubiteli na klasicnata muzika"- Skopje, from the Republic of Macedonia, was founded 2001, and the same year, became a corresponding member of the Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA) – IMC-UNESCO.

Our members are young musicians-enthusiasts, and friends-lovers (ljubiteli) of the accordion, who are our faithful audience and support all our activities.

The association was formed to promote the accordion in Macedonia, as a classical instrument and to elevate the status and popularity of the instrument, which is widely represented in our traditional folk music.

We have been very satisfied of our achievements and results since the Association's formation.

We hold regular concerts across whole country, and our members are part of all national competitions for accordion and chamber music, as well of international competitions.

The amazing New Year's Concert in the Music High School "Ilija Nikolovski-Luj" - Skopje was the start of a series of performances by students of Prof. Zorica Karakutovska in Macedonia and abroad.

On April 29th, an accordion concert was held in Gevgelija, as part of this year town's "Spring Festival", where very famous musicians have had their performances.

On the invitation of the High Music School in Plovdiv, Bulgaria and accordion teacher Zdravka Andreeva, seven young accordionists from Macedonia, directed by Prof. Zorica Karakutovska, performed a two-hour concert in the Balabanova Kashta, one of the most beautiful halls in Plovdiv.

The Bulgarian critic about the concert wrote: "The audience admired the beautiful interpretations of Russian accordion classics and French jazz-musettes.

Those who were at the concert have talked about the exciting performance of 14 year old Aleksandar Kolovski saying there was very little doubt that the youngster was one of the stars of the new Macedonian school."

In March, on the annual festival "Days of Macedonian Music 2004", organized by the Composers Association of Macedonia - SOCOM, included on their festival program a large number of premiere performances where a few Macedonian composers presented their new works for accordion.