

Association of Accordionists from the Republic of MACEDONIA

The composition "Odiseja Balkanika" for piano, bassoon, accordion, violin and 2 cellos by Darija Andovska, and the works for accordion solo from Elizabeta Ilievska were very well received by the large audience and also received positive reviews from the music critics.

The increased presence of the accordion on the "Days of Macedonian Music 2004" is presentation of the big popularity and great reputation of this instrument in Macedonia lately.

On May 13th, the Macedonian Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra under the direction of French conductor Patrik Sujo performed "Le Carnaval des Animaux" by Camille Saint-Saens with guest accordionist Zorica Karakutovska.

On 26th May at a concert held at the Army Hall in Skopje, accordion student of Prof. Zorica Karakutovska, Zoran Kirjakovski, won the annual "Klimentina Rafajlovska" award for Best Instrumentalist in the Generation 2000/2004.

In a competition of 8 great instrumentalists, winners of special and first prizes on national and international competitions, a special jury declared accordionist Zoran Kirjakovski the winner of this prestigious award. This year an award was the 10th anniversary of the "Klimentina Rafajlovska" Foundation and was the first time an accordionist has won this prestigious award!

Kirjakovski's win was a success not only for Zoran but also for the Macedonian accordion community.

Every year our members take part on all national competitions for accordion and chamber music, as well international competitions, and always win great prizes.

This year, for the fifth time, our representatives will participate on the CIA Coupe Mondiale World Accordion Championships. The jury member from Macedonia is President of the Association of accordionists "Ljubiteli na klasicnata muzika"- Skopje, Prof. Zorica Karakutovska.

The Association of music and ballet pedagogues from the Republic of Macedonia (member of EMCY - European Union of Music Competitions for Youth) in co-operation with the Macedonian Association of Accordionists organize two competitions for next year:

- the 43rd National Competition for chamber music for students of music, which will be held in April in Skopje, and
- the 4th International Competition of Young Musicians "Ohrid Pearls 2005", which will be held in June in Ohrid.

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