

PRESS RELEASE

Folklore festival Východná 2019

4. – 7. July AMPHITHEATER VÝCHODNÁ

Bratislava, May 22, 2019 – This year, the biggest folklore festival in Slovakia, will be even more attractive. Few changes and surprises are prepared for the 65th edition of the festival, such as various festivities in the village, a programme full of famous performers, convenient transport as well as new types of tickets.

There will be two visible changes in the programme of the festival. For the very first time of the 65 years history of the festival, on the 6th of July, there will be a traditional parade through village, which will finish with the festivities of the folklore groups. Festival will end up with a Galaprogram, which will be held on Sunday, 7th of July.

Three famous art groups will meet together on the stage.

The evening programme on the 4th of July will start with a performance by the famous Lúčnica. On Friday, 5 July, the programme will highlight the performance of SL'UK, which will celebrate the 70. anniversary of its existence. On Saturday, 6th of July, the performance of Ifjú Szivek will take place. You can find the whole programme of the festival here: <http://www.festivalvychodna.sk/aktualny-program/>.

There are some changes in the visual of the festival, too. “We have worked with the black colour and with the motive of the female dancer. Internally, we have called her Alžbeta, but also call her Beta. She will be part of the advertisement. Beta has also her male dancer, which can be seen in the graphics,” said Michal Bartók, general director of National Centre for Culture and Education that organizes the festival.

Transportation to the festival has also been improved. For the first time, visitors will have a chance to take a bus from the main train station straight to the festival. This shuttle service will be free of charge. Furthermore, since 4.-7. July, all trains passing the village of Východná, will stop in the

village. There will also be a chance to purchase family tickets 2+2 (two adults+two kids up to 15 year of age) or 2+1. Children up to 6 year of age will have free entrance. Tickets for the festival are already available on the following websites: predpredaj.sk or festivalvychodna.sk.

BORDERS-is the leitmotif for this year's festival:

both existing and imaginary, the boundaries between people, regions, generations, the past and the future. Together, we can cross them or even demolish them, because humanity is the thing we all have in common. Humanity is the source of inspiration for the organizer of the festival-National Centre for Culture and Education. Festival is also being organized thanks to the support of Ministry of Culture of the Slovak republic.

Free entrance to the festival is available only for those journalists, who will receive accreditation through this online form until 10th of June 2019. <http://www.festivalvychodna.sk/akreditacny-formular/>.

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