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16th International Festival

Ethno Hairstyles of the World

Croatia, Vinkovci, 19th – 21th September 2025

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I. PRINCIPLES OF THE PROGRAM

1. The International Event *Ethno-Hairstyles of the World* is part of a national folklore festival of Croatia, Vinkovci Autumn Festival. The Event Organizer is the Cultural Centre *Gatalinka* from Vinkovci with the support of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia and Vukovar-Srijem County.

The Event *Ethno-Hairstyles of the World* is a continuation of many years' work of the Organizer on the Project *Ethno-Hairstyles of Croatia*. In Croatia, there used to be a very complicated method of braiding hair, where many small strands (250 or more), by interbraiding, created a flat strip of hair, which was raised from the back of the head to the top of the head or placed on the forehead. This kind of combing style can be closely compared with the female portraits of the late Roman Empire from the mid-third to the late fifth century BC. This complicated hairstyle has persevered in this area for nearly two thousand years, despite turbulent times on this soil. According to their techniques and shapes, the preserved hairstyles represent a unique world heritage in hair styling.

This material was the starting point for organizing the Event *Ethno-Hairstyles of the World*. The Festival also provides the base for co-operation and exchange of participants' experiences regarding the preservation, ways of spreading of shapes and techniques, and presenting traditional hairstyles on stage today.

2. A Participant of the Event makes one or two traditional hairstyles from their own country.

3. Participants are obliged to bring their traditional dress that is worn together with the corresponding hairstyle, and the flag of the country they come from (without the flag holder).

4. By 5th Sep 2025 Participants should send a 3-minute long piece of traditional music electronically, as well as a description of a hairstyle and historical data on the hairstyle. Participants should provide information about the region their ensemble comes from, with special emphasis on folk culture, photographic material (1 photo of the region they come from and at least one of the hairstyle) of the quality that allows publication (minimum resolution: 10 cm at 300 dpi, size not less than 800 KB). The Organizer does not cover the expenses that may arise from copyright.

5. All the above items should be sent by September 5, 2025 to the following mail address:

gatalinka@gatalinka.hr

Coordinator: Blanka Žakula

Phone: 00 385 98 890 163

6. Long hair models are provided by the Organizer.

7. The main program principle of the Event is that one Participant from abroad has a partner from Croatia.

8. The Event has no competitive character.

9. The Event is held as part of the national folklore festival with around 80 folklore groups with several thousand participants from Croatia and abroad and 30 horse teams. The Participants of the Event *Ethno-Hairstyles of the World* can visit a handicrafts fair, a folk art fair, culinary presentations, a number of other cultural events as well as the common dance at the main square until morning hours.

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II. ORGANIZATION

1. *Hotel Admiral*, 6 Bana Josipa Jelačića (St), Vinkovci. All accommodation costs are covered by the Organizer.
2. Transport costs will be borne by Participants of the Event.
3. A maximum of two Participants from one country may take part.
4. The organizer provides interpreters for English. For the Participants who cannot speak English, the Organizer will try to provide interpreters for other languages if possible.
5. Arrival date is 19th September 2025 from 12 am, and departure date is 21th September 2025 until 12 am. For Participants from distant countries, the organizer will arrange arrival the day before and departure one day after the scheduled date of the Event.
6. The Organizer retains the rights of Croatian radio, television and media to photograph, record audio and video without any special fees for Participants.
7. Participants are obliged to have insurance in case of illness and accidents which covers potential hospital care.

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III. PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION

1. First-time Participants have precedence in the Event.
2. The Organizer selects a maximum of 15 Participants from abroad.
3. Certificate of Participation in the Event is the official letter of invitation of the Coordinator of the Event Blanka Žakula.
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18.09. – Arrival of participants from faraway countries

Hotel Admiral, 6 Bana Josipa Jelačića (St), Vinkovci - Welcome, free day

19.09. – Arrival of participants from Europe

Hotel Admiral, 6 Bana Josipa Jelačića (St), Vinkovci - Welcome, free day

20.09. – *Cultural Centre Gatalinka, Duga 11, Vinkovci*

11 am – 1 pm - Lectures and workshops

2 pm – Lunch

4 pm – Dressing up models in traditional dresses

5 pm – *Ethno-Hairstyles of the World,*

Main square Josipa Šokčevića in Vinkovci

10 pm – Presentation of hairstyles on the

main stage of the national folklore festival

11pm – Joint dinner party for all participants

21.09. – Main square Josipa Šokčevića in Vinkovci –

National folklore festival – free day.

In the afternoon hours the departure of the participants from Europe.

22.09. – Departure of the participants

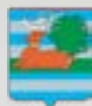
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