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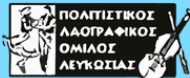


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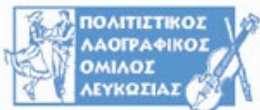
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20th Mediterranean Folklore Dance, Choir and Traditional Band Festival Larnaka Cyprus 9th - 14th September 2027



Organizer:

Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia

General and Artistic Director of Festival:

Rea Madella Ioannidou President of the Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia, in collaboration with the Municipality of Larnaka, is organising the 20th Mediterranean Folklore Dance, Choir and Traditional Band Festival in Larnaka, Cyprus, from 9 to 14 September 2026. Selected groups from Cyprus and countries around the world will participate in the festival.

In 2019, our festival received the EFFE Award, recognising it as one of the ten best traditional dance festivals in Europe. It is an important cultural institution that promotes mutual understanding, strengthens communication and encourages cultural exchange between countries.

The festival is the result of the love and passion of people who cherish traditional dance and cultural heritage. It also provides an opportunity for people from different countries and cultures to meet, communicate and live together in harmony through music and dance, celebrating the richness and beauty of their cultural traditions.





DISCOVER LARNAKA

Larnaca is a city with a rich and authentic cultural identity that has remained alive for more than 10,000 years, making it one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Cyprus. Thanks to its central location, it offers easy access to the entire island, making it an ideal base for a holiday in Cyprus.

With its rich heritage of ancient civilisations and impressive architecture, Larnaca is also a modern European city that harmoniously combines tradition with contemporary living. Here, the city and the seaside resort blend seamlessly, allowing both locals and visitors to enjoy everyday life in a charming Mediterranean atmosphere.

With its beautiful coastline, a blend of traditional and modern facilities, and its significant historical and cultural landmarks, Larnaca uniquely combines two distinct worlds: the charm of history and tradition with the vibrancy of a modern city.

ENJOY LARNAKA

Golden Sun and Sparkling Sea - Diving at the Zinovia ship wreck, Water activities at the beach and boat parties.

Food and Wine - wine tasting and traditional specialties and delicacies.

Rich Culture and Religion - Awarded Museums, Monuments, Galleries and a UNESCO heritage.

Once you fall in love with Larnaka, you will discover for yourself why both flamingos and visitors always return to their favourite Mediterranean region!



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We warmly invite dance groups, choirs, bands and majorette teams from the Mediterranean region and around the world to participate in our festival. Our aim is to give as many groups as possible the opportunity to become part of this unique cultural experience. If you know of any group that may be interested in participating, we would be grateful if you could share this information with them.

1. Visas and Travel Expenses

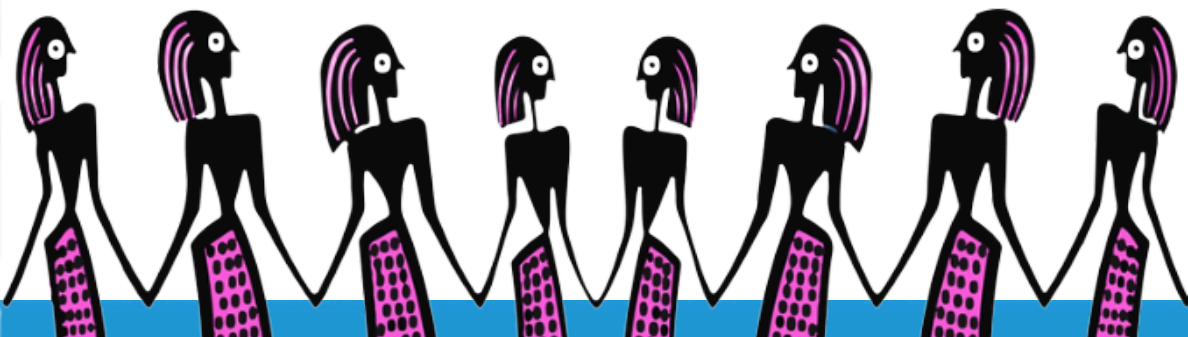
The festival organisers are not responsible for arranging or issuing visas for participants travelling from countries outside the European Union. Participants are strongly advised to contact the relevant embassy well in advance of their planned travel dates.

The organisers can provide relevant information and guidance; however, the responsibility for submitting visa applications and obtaining the necessary visas rests entirely with the participants.

The organisers do not cover travel expenses to Cyprus, including airfares, or any additional costs, such as diagnostic tests, should these be required.

2. Insurance and Medical Expenses

Obtaining life and/or health insurance that covers medical treatment and hospitalisation expenses in Cyprus is the sole responsibility of the participants and their respective groups.





3. Group Size

Each group may consist of between sixteen (16) and sixty (60) members, including dancers, choir members, accompanying persons and musicians. It is not necessary for all members of a group to stay in the same accommodation. For musical bands, the minimum number of participants is six (6). We encourage dance groups and choirs to perform live music rather than use recorded music.

Groups wishing to participate with more than sixty (60) members are kindly requested to contact us so that possible arrangements can be discussed. Furthermore, wherever possible, we encourage groups to bring their own traditional choirs and musical bands to accompany their performances.

4. Minimum Age for Participants

Participants must be fourteen (14) years of age or older.

5. Application Procedure

To apply for participation, please send us a USB drive containing samples of your artistic work, together with your group's CV and background information, to the following address:

**17 Ilias Venezis Street
Engomi 2401, Nicosia
CYPRUS**

Alternatively, you may submit the relevant materials electronically to:
elia24@cytanet.com.cy

Please submit your application as soon as possible. The application deadline is **28 February 2027**.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Each member of the dance group, including musicians, is required to pay a participation fee of **€360 per person**, payable in two instalments. Accompanying persons who wish to attend the Festival as visitors may participate for **€380 per person**, enjoying the same benefits and facilities as the group members.

To confirm participation, a **deposit of €260 per person** must be paid once the group's application to participate in the Festival has been accepted. The remaining balance of €100 per person must be paid at least one month before arrival in Cyprus.

Please note that the **€260 deposit per person is non-refundable** in the event of cancellation, whether by the participating group or by the organisers, due to unforeseen circumstances such as a pandemic, natural disaster or war. This is because accommodation bookings and services provided by third parties may have to be paid for regardless of whether the Festival takes place.

For groups consisting of more than thirty (30) members, the group leader will be hosted by the Festival and exempt from paying the participation fee.

We also encourage groups to invite representatives from their home country, such as the mayor of their city or a journalist, in order to help promote Cyprus and the Festival in their country.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

A total of five (5) performances will take place over the five (5) days of the Festival. The first two (2) performances will be exactly the same. One of these will be a street performance lasting just five (5) minutes, featuring an excerpt from any of your group's existing programmes.

The remaining performances will feature two (2) different artistic programmes, each lasting no more than ten (10) minutes. These programmes must differ in choreography, music and the traditional costumes worn by the dance groups.

Similarly, choirs and musical groups must present different songs and wear different costumes for each performance, in accordance with the above requirements.

Some performances will take place in the morning. We therefore recommend that groups bring lightweight, breezy traditional costumes from their home countries, as temperatures in Cyprus remain quite high throughout September.



THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OFFERS:

Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated in hotel apartments with one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) bedrooms, as well as in two (2)- to three (3)-star hotels. Depending on their layout, the apartments can accommodate three (3), four (4), five (5) or six (6) people.

Participants who wish to stay in a single or double room will be required to pay the following supplements:

- **Single room: €70 per person, per night.**
- **Double room: €45 per person, per night.**

Meals

As part of the hospitality package, participants will be provided with a total of five (5) breakfasts, five (5) lunches and five (5) dinners, served daily from 9 to 13 September 2027, inclusive. The arrival date is 9 September 2027, and the departure date is 14 September 2027. No meals will be provided on the day of departure.

Early Arrival (One Day Before the Festival)

If no suitable flights are available to allow the group to arrive on 9 September and the group chooses to arrive one day earlier, on **8 September 2027**, all additional expenses incurred will be the sole responsibility of the group. The accommodation cost for the **additional night is €39 per person.**



Arrival Time and Transfers

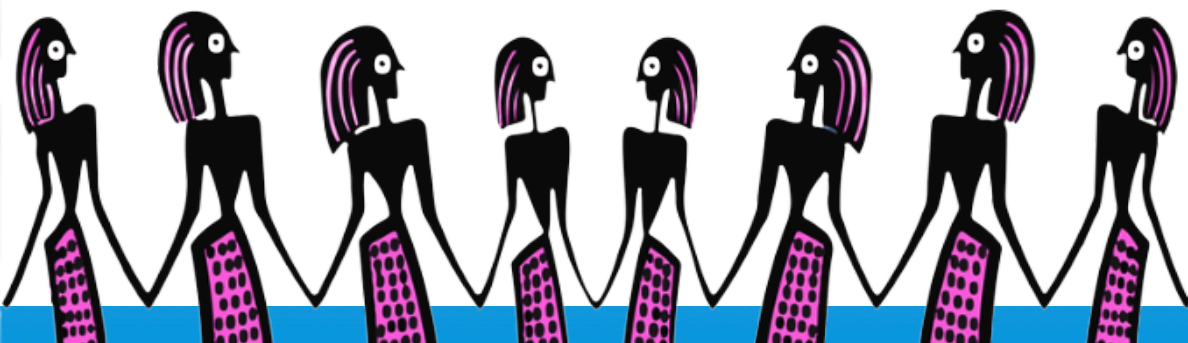
All flights must be scheduled to arrive in Cyprus no later than 10:00 a.m. on 9 September 2027. **Groups arriving after the specified time will not be accepted.**

Groups whose members do not travel together as a single group, but arrive on different flights, will not be met by the Festival organisers.

In such cases, the group and its members will be solely responsible for arranging and covering the cost of transfers from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel back to the airport.

Festival Benefits

- **Transfers:** Transfers to and from the airport, as well as local transportation to and from event venues whenever required.
- **Accommodation and Meals:** Accommodation throughout the Festival, including daily breakfast, lunch and dinner, in accordance with the planned hospitality programme.
- **Cultural Visits:** Free admission to tourist attractions, archaeological sites and museums.
- **Sea Activities:** A mini cruise, a boat party and diving activities, all at no additional cost.
- **Traditional Parties:** Evening events featuring complimentary food and drinks after the performances.
- **Music and Entertainment:** A DJ every evening to entertain participants.
- **Festival Souvenirs:** A complimentary festival bag and t-shirt for every participant.



- **Photos and Videos:** Complimentary professional photographs and video footage of the Festival.
- **Commemorative Plaques and Gifts:** Each participating group will receive an honorary plaque and gifts during the closing ceremony.
- **Optional Excursions:** Additional excursions can be arranged upon request and in consultation with interested groups, subject to a small additional charge to cover transportation costs.

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