



**Brăila County Council**  
**Braila Creation Center**

International Folklore Festival  
*Love song along the Danube*  
8th edition, Brăila, Romania, July 25 – 27, 2014

The thematic variety of folklore imposes, especially, that artistic genre which addresses to soul by the emotional and sensitive states which it transmits, namely the love song. Thus, the organizers intend to rediscover, valorise and promote these creations and launch new performers belonging to the vocal genre, meant by definition to increase the spiritual richness of all the inhabitants of the Danube region and not only.

The contest addresses to the vocal soloists and also to small groups (maximum 5 persons), amateur artists belonging to the communities from the Danube's course: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. In the contest are allowed to participate in persons over 18 years old. It's advisable that one of the contestants belongs to the preponderant ethnic group in the county (Ukrainians, Tartars, Turks, Lipovenians, Greeks, Italians etc.), if case. The laureates from the previous edition cannot participate in the contest. Also, in a case that one contestant already participated at two editions of the festival, a third participation is not possible.

The registration in the contest is done on the basis of a record (according to annex). The record will be sent together with a CD containing the repertory for the contest at the address of The County Center for Preservation and Promotion of Traditional Culture, Piata Traian 2, Braila Municipality, Braila County, or by fax +40239.614.710 until 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. The songs can be sent also in mp3 format on e-mail: [cult.traditional@gmail.com](mailto:cult.traditional@gmail.com)

Each contestant will present 2 songs different as structure (tempo, tune, rhythm, and feature), the first song, without accompaniment, and the second with musical accompaniment and which to represent the ethno folkloric area from which the contestant comes. The songs will correspond, through their content, to the message transmitted by the festival's title – the love song. In other words, the performers will perform in the festival – exclusively – love songs. In the ethnic groups representatives' case, the songs will belong to the repertory of the respective minority.

The contestants will wear the costume specific to the area or ethnic group he/she belongs to.

The persons admitted in the contest will have prepared when arriving in Braila a video material or photos with the Danube from the area they come or the represented community.

The contest goes on live, the accompaniment being assured by *Lautarii* Orchestra, conducted by Nicolae Botgros from Moldavia.

The preselection will be done on the basis of the audio material transmitted – CD or mp3 – on 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2014; the decisions will be made by the contest Jury. The contestants admitted in the contest will be announced during the same day and they have the obligation to send the organizers the scores.

The contest takes place between 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2014. On 25<sup>th</sup> of July will take place the Awarding Ceremony and the Concert of the laureates.

The order of performances will be appointed by drawing lots or, if contestants agree, in the order which will follow Danube River's course from the source to mouth.

The organizers guarantee the accommodation and the meals for the contestants during the contest. Transportation costs will be covered by the contestants or the institutions they represent. The foreign contestants who travel by plane or by train will be picked up by the organizers from Otopeni airport or Bucharest North Train Station and brought to Braila by own transportation means.

For the foreign contestants that come from a distance higher than 800 km the fees for transportation can be reimbursed based on documents (airplane/train tickets).

The Jury is formed by folklore personalities, well-known specialists who, through value and professional competence will guarantee the correctness of the results according to the following criteria: the quality of performance, authenticity and artistic value of the songs, the costume's authenticity, and scenic attitude of the performer.

The following prizes will be granted:

I Prize – 5.000 €

II Prize – 3.000 €

III Prize – 1.500 €

3 mentions at 500 euro each

It is possible to have special prizes.

The awards are taxable, according to Romanian legislation. Foreign competitors which are and can prove they are students are exempted from tax.

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**Registration Form**  
*Love song along the Danube*  
6th edition, Brăila, Romania  
July 25 – 27, 2014

Name and surname.....

Date and place of birth .....

Identity document

Series.....No.....Personal code number.....

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Address .....

E-mail .....telephone.....

Profession, occupation.....

The represented folkloric area .....

Musical studies (if case).....

Relevant data regarding musical artistic activity (if works within an institution, contests, performances, prizes, collaborations) .....

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The repertory proposed for the contest, origin:

1.....

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Signature of the Contestant

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