

REPORT
**on the activities of the Section of Schools with Specialized and
Extended Study of Music /SUPRIM/ in the Republic of Bulgaria to
the Association of European Schools of Music /EMU/ for the
calendar year 2022.**

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED ADDRESS:

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Municipality: Stoliczna

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region Mladost

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THE ORGANISATION'S OBJECTIVES:

1. Protect the interests of its members.
2. Assist in the training and retraining of its staff and members in activities that contribute to the realization of the objectives of the Association.
3. Assist its members in establishing contacts at home and abroad.
4. Exchange experiences in the teaching profession in the field of music.
5. Development and implementation of projects related to the objectives of the association in the EU and other countries.
6. Preparation, application and organization for national and international competitions and festivals, organization and holding of seminars and conferences in the country and abroad.
7. Carrying out other tasks assigned by the General Assembly or the Board of Directors.

TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES:

1. Support the organization and development of cooperation with other organizations in the country, exchange of experience and information for joint activities, as well as for joint events.

2. Conducting consultations with the members of the association and financing the publication of printed publications, an informational website and promotional materials on local and EU programs and projects.
3. Assist members in the development and implementation of European projects.
4. Assist the members of the Association for specialization and participation in international conferences, for the purchase of specialized literature and equipment for the activities of the Association.
5. Conducts meetings and seminars with related organizations and exchanges experience in the country and abroad.
6. Works on projects in partnership with ministries and municipalities in different regions of the country
7. Works in partnership on programs and projects with NGOs and other communities in European Union countries and other countries around the world.
8. Conducts extensive cooperation with Bulgarian and foreign bodies and organizations in order to exchange information for organizing, supporting and implementing the activities of the Association.
9. In order to achieve the objectives, set out in the preceding paragraph, the Association shall establish a comprehensive program for the implementation of the above objectives and supplement them in accordance with new necessities related to its needs and capabilities within the framework resulting from the preceding paragraph.

REPRESENTING:

Velichka Stanchova Nikolova, Country: BULGARIA

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The past reporting period focused on two main areas. The first is related to the direct work on the national and international projects (K1, K2) of the individual schools, members of SUPRIM. In this aspect, numerous digital products as well as specific creative activities of outstanding musical formations were created so the schools participated in various prestigious forums at home and abroad.

The second area was focused on the regional validation efforts of the schools, which resulted in numerous dividends related to upgrading the material and technical base, as well as modernization of the educational and creative process, and the improvement of the working environment.

The schools' management focused their efforts on creating innovations in different fields, which enabled the creation of cross-curricular projects that were highly evaluated nationally and internationally. Efforts were also focused on students of different ages making it possible for the interdisciplinary connections of the various disciplines to be reconciled with the art of music and to become the backbone of educational and creative activity.

- This process, influenced by the world's achievements and practices in this field, brought to the fore such innovative activities as Music and Physics, Music and Technology, Music and Sound Recording, Studying Nature through Music, Musical Theater, and others. These activities serve as platforms for the upbringing and development of adolescents in terms of values and spiritual building.
- Achievements of SUPRIM member schools were student visits to various European institutions as a high benchmark for civic and international education of adolescents and future EU citizens.
- Along with the achievements in the field of music, there were also achievements in various humanities: English, mathematics, civics, etc.

The approved financial estimate by the Ministry of Education and Culture supporting the Extended Education in Music Grades 1 - 7, which came into force from the calendar year 2020, achieved as a result of the long-term and targeted work of the Association, significantly improved the financial framework of the delegated school budgets and enabled the management to plan and develop this type of classes, which are also the basis of profiled music high school education.

Throughout the year, communication and specific work were carried out with universities with a musical orientation for basic activity and professional consultation, in fulfillment of the signed cooperation contracts of SUPRIM with the following educational entities: AMTII, city of Plovdiv, NMA "Prof. Pancho Vladigerov", University of Shumen, SSU Blagoevgrad, SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", University of Veliko Tarnovo.

Last but not least, the SUPRIM organization was presented to the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, the section on pedagogy and psychology. When introducing the schools, some of the academic union members presented at the meeting were recognized by some of the schools' members. They were very impressed by the activities developed by our organization and wished to cooperate in various ventures.

IN SUMMARY WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

- Concert performances by all schools for various holiday events;
- Annual prize distribution on the 9th National Competition for extracurricular and after-school activities, August, 2022. Three awards were awarded by SUPRIM;
- Students from our school participated in the national "Pilentse Pee" competition and awarded prizes to students who performed excellently at the competition;
- Annual qualification of music teachers with the assistance of the Ministry of Education and Culture in Bankya town;
- The National Competition "The Key of Music" - a very good and successful performance of students and active participation of our schools. We traditionally host the regional rounds. I would say that SUPRIM schools also appear as coordinators in this competition.
- Almost all SUPRIM schools are innovative schools and show enviable activity in various innovations and excellent results;
- Presentation of SUPRIM at a major forum at the National Music Academy on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.
- SUPRIM members and activities were presented to the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria.

WHAT MUSIC GIVES US AND HOW OUR STUDENTS PERFORM:

- Our students graduate and return to their beloved schools as our colleagues. The ones returning to the schools are competitive and in no way inferior to their colleagues. It could

be argued that they are more motivated, active, and engaged in school life. They have very good communication skills and a lot of responsibilities.

- This school strategy creates a community with young teachers, whom we rely on and whom we have taught until recently. We have lit the spark for this difficult, but very noble profession of Teaching into the hearts of these young teachers. These teachers do not leave in the first year, but stay in school and work with desire and professionalism.
- Competency approach - very modern, up-to-date and relevant for the education of the 21st century. Students involved in the arts possess it because they put into practice what they have learned in school through their stage performances and participation in various forums.
- Digitalisation at school through the subjects, through the different forms of work, creating video and audio clips, using information technologies to enrich musical literacy, and handling different music and graphical programs.
- There is no aggression in our schools, there are teams and groups. Working in a team, students learn to respect their classmates, value their efforts and skills, support and help each other to reach that beautiful sweet-singing choir, group, band, and get a successful work, product, etc.
- Developing soft skills such as confidence, self-esteem, achieving success in competitive programs, ethical behavior, listening culture in theater and concert halls, etc.
- Opportunities for communication and exchange of students, sharing European experience and practices through our participation in the European Music Association.
- An opportunity to support finding music-oriented schools in European schools for our students moving with their families to live and study in other EU countries.
- Our cooperation with universities is beneficial for both sides. The students are able to continue their education in the preferred university with arts. These universities on the other hand gain highly motivated and very well-prepared students, who receive the proper orientation in their musical development.
- The school curriculum focuses on subjects that develop digital and musical competencies in parallel, helping each other and producing results. These different but sought-after subjects give students and teachers a new horizon, a new attitude. The talented students become competitive not only in Bulgaria but also in the world.

We work with professionalism and confidence, hope and expectation of a better time and we are convinced that art will save the world. Art unites us in difficult and joyful moments.

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