

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Folk Art International Festival "Venok Druzhby" ("Wreath of Friendship") will be held in the town of Bobruisk, Mogilev Region since June, 27 till July 1, 2013. It is aimed at the development and strengthening the international cultural relations, popularization of folk art and traditions.

The festival is organized by Mogilev and Bobruisk Regional Executive Committees and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus.

The creative groups from Austria, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bulgaria, China, Estonia Germany, India, Iran, Kirgizstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine, France, Venezuela have become participants of the Festival for the last ten years.

We invite your folk group (25 members, of 15 years of age and older) to take part in the festival. Your group's repertoire should embody the best local national cultural traditions in dancing, singing and music. Group may have masters of folk decorative and applied arts as well.

Taking part in the festival won't be competitive and will have the motto of equal importance and artistic value of all the participants, national cultures and traditions. The participants of the festival will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the folk culture of other countries, take part in the concerts and performances in Bobruisk and other districts of the Mogilev region, in the exhibition-contests of the decorative-applied creative activity "Wreath, as Symbol of the Festival" and present your national souvenirs and meals.

The Organization Committee will provide the festival participants with the accommodation and meals. The side responsible for sending the group-participant pays for transport to Bobruisk and coming back, visas, medical insurance.

We ask you to send all the necessary materials and a filled-in application form till March 1, 2013 to the following address – 213809, Могилевская обл., г. Бобруйск, пл. Ленина, 1, отдел культуры Бобруйского городского исполнительного комитета (213 809 The Department of Culture of the Bobruisk Executive Committee 1, Lenin Square, Bobruisk, Mogilev Region, the Republic of Belarus), tel/fax 8 (10-375) (0225) 58-60-29; tel. 8 (10-375) (0225) 58-51-14; e-mail [kultura-bobr@tut.by](mailto:kultura-bobr@tut.by). The application form is included.

The group-participant should have the group emblem, two state flags (1m x 2 m) and the city emblem for the official actions and ceremonies.

The additional information about the Festival you may find from the official site of The Bobruisk Executive Committee: <http://www.bobruisk.by/art/venok/>.

We'll be very glad to welcome your group as the participants of the International Festival "Wreath of Friendship".

Sincerely Yours,  
The Chairman of the Bobruisk Executive Committee

Dmitry Bonohov