

Dear Sirs,

the traditional gathering of European children, **Joy of Europe**, will be held in Belgrade between/ October 2 and 5, 2014. The event was founded in 1969.

The theme of this year's gathering of European children Joy of Europe is verse by famous Serbian children's author Ljubivoje Rsumovic, celebrating 25 years from the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. *The Primer of Children's Rights* by Ljubivoje Rsumovic, which vividly describes most important parts of the Convention, is the recipient of the UNESCO award, as well as numerous other local and international accolades. *The Primer* is translated into English, Italian, Hungarian, Romanian, Romany, Slovakian and Macedonian languages.

The selected verse from *The Primer of Children's Rights* that fits the theme of this year's Joy of Europe is:

***Kids will do their parts,  
The right paths will be paved,  
This planet will be saved  
By kids' innocent hearts!***

The theme is inspirational enough for all the fields of artistic expression, while being universally comprehensible in its message of connecting people and overcoming all the differences and boundaries.

The guest group can have **15 child participants** at the most, aged between **seven and 14**, and **two grown up guides**. The children will be accommodated by families of their peers from Belgrade schools, one child per family, since the essence of the gathering is to spend time together, establish lasting friendships and get to know other cultures. The expenses of the half-pension hotel accommodation for two adult guides are covered by the organiser.

Participants themselves will have to cover travel expenses to Belgrade and back, but if during their stay guests use their bus, the organiser will reimburse all the fuel costs for the duration of the event, as well as accommodation expenses for two drivers.

The right to participate in the Joy of Europe have art schools, cultural centres, studios, clubs, associations, but primarily groups which achieved outstanding results at national and international competitions, festivals, contests and similar.

Stage performance prepared by participants may be dance (classical, traditional, jazz and contemporary) drama, music (vocal group or choir), but also have a multimedia character.

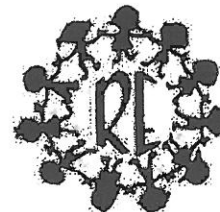
Each country can be represented by one group and in order to have as representative a selection as possible, we implore you to propose two or, if possible, three groups of potential participants from your country.

**Basic sections of the program are:**

1. **CARNIVAL** – ceremonial march by the event's participants in masks through the city centre;
2. **MEETINGS FOR FRIENDSHIP** – concerts in the venue of the Children's Cultural Centre Belgrade (groups have to prepare a program of up to 10 minutes; they can perform music);
3. **GALA CONCERT** – in the Sava Centre (groups have to prepare a program of up to three minutes, but every aspect of the vocal or instrumental performance must be pre-recorded in the studio – a full playback is mandatory).

In those four days of the largest and oldest children's event in the country, children of the same age from all over Europe will have the opportunity to get to know each other, hang out together and present themselves on stage in various forms of artistic expression.

The big final concert will be watched by several thousand children at the venue and millions of viewers at home through live television broadcast.



The participation applications for groups should be sent by **May 10, 2014, at the latest**. The applications which arrive after the deadline we won't be able to take into consideration.

The applications of potential participants should include:

- filled out application form which could be downloaded from our site – send **specifically in electronic form** to the e-mail address of the Children's Culture Centre Belgrade: [info@dkcb.rs](mailto:info@dkcb.rs) ;
- video recording **only** of the up-to-three minute performance intended for the Gala Concert in the Sava Centre (we recommend that you send your video by e-mail).

The founder and sponsor of the **International Gathering of Children of Europe** is **City Administration of Belgrade**, and the executive producer is **Children's Cultural Centre Belgrade**.

All the details about the event itself, propositions and application forms can be found on the Internet site of the Children's Cultural Centre Belgrade [www.dkcb.rs/joy-of-europe/](http://www.dkcb.rs/joy-of-europe/)

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