

Jubilarni 20. Međunarodni ljetni karneval u Kotoru 5. i 6. 08.2022.

Konačno, nakon dvije godine pandemijske pauze, Kotor se vratio ljetnom Karnevalu i dobroj zabavi. Stigli smo u velikom broju. Vrijeme je za feštu!

Karnevalske manifestacije imaju posebnu, više od 500 godina dugu povijest održavanja u Kotoru, gdje ih u posljednje vrijeme uspješno njeguje nevladina udruga „Fešta“, koja je već 20 godina organizator kotorskih karnevalskih svečanosti i osnivač Međunarodnog ljetnog kotorskog karnevala. Slično zimskom karnevalu, i ljetni karneval je namijenjen zabavi i slavlju na ulicama i trgovima. Kotorški karneval je dobitnik prestižne turističke nagrade WBA za najbolju manifestaciju u 2005. godini u Crnoj Gori, kao i nagrade „21. novembar“ grada Kotora.

20. Ljetni karneval u Kotoru održao se u terminu od 05. do 06. kolovoza pod pokroviteljstvom Općine Kotor, Turističke organizacije Crne Gore i Turističke organizacije Kotora. I ove godine, mnogobrojnim karnevalskim grupama iz Kotora i ostalih gradova Crne Gore, pridružili su se i gosti kao i članovi FECC-a iz Italije, Hrvatske, Slovenije, Bolivije, Brazila, Srbije, Bosne i Hercegovine, Njemačke, Švedske i Sjeverne Makedonije. Po broju učesnika i posjetitelja ovaj događaj predstavlja najveću manifestaciju u Crnoj Gori.

U petak 5. kolovoza održan je ABRUM ili poziv na karneval. Karnevalisti i članovi FECC-a prošetali su ulicama Starog grada, a sat kasnije na Trgu od oružja raspjevali i rasplesali se na koncertu poznatog kantautora Petra Graše iz Hrvatske. Već sam ulazak među zidine u grad **star više od 2000 godina**, koji je pod **UNESCO-ovom zaštitom**, izaziva poštovanje i divljenje. Kotor je specifičan i zanimljiv po mnogo čemu i **prepun znamenitosti i gostoljubivih domaćina**.

U subotu 6. kolovoza poslijepodne gradonačelnik Kotora Vladimir Jokić i predsjednik NGO FEŠTA Vasilije Bajrović upriličili su **prijem** za članove FECC-a i predstavnike karnevalskih grupa. Svima prisutnima su zaželjeli dobrodošlicu, uspješan karnevalski nastup i poklonili im medalju Jubilarnog 20. Kotorskog karnevala. U ime najveće karnevalske obitelji na svijetu, Federacije europskih karnevalskih gradova, domaćinima su se zahvalili predsjednik Lars Algell iz Švedske, potpredsjednik Josip Silov iz Hrvatske i glavni rizničar Aleksandar Cicimov iz Sjeverne Makedonije.

Centralni događaj bila je Međunarodna ljetna **karnevalska povorka** koju su uz zastave Kotora, FECC-a i Kotorskog karnevala predvodili Kapo karnevala Luka Knezović i članovi FECC-a. Glavna gradska saobraćajnica podno zidina drevnog Kotora bila je scena na kojoj se predstavilo 20 karnevalskih grupa. Sve je prštalo od kreativnosti, pjesme, plesa, smijeha, sreće, veselja, ljubavi i dobrih emocija. Fešta i muzički program, u kojem su nastupili Trio Gušt i Cubalcanica bend nastavili su se na Trgu oružja. U fešti pod maskama svi smo uživali.

Na glavnoj pozornici predsjednik FECC-a Lars Algell dodijelio je gradonačelniku svečanu plaketu FECC-a Memoriam Vivat, a organizatoru glavni rizničar Aleksandar Cicimov iz Sjeverne Makedonije dodijelio je monografiju „Carnival Pope“. Organizatorima i glavnom sponzoru pripale su i medalje FECC-a, jer se bez njih ovakva velika manifestacija ne bi mogla održati. Kotorani i gosti pozdravili su ih dugotrajnim pljeskom. Zaslužili su. A onda je uslijedio veličanstveni rođendanski vatromet.

Sve čestitke organizatorima i zahvala na toplom gostoprimstvu.

Josip Silov,

Međunarodni FECC potpredsjednik

Jubilee 20th International Summer Carnival in Kotor, 5 and 6 August 2022

Finally, after a two-year pandemic break, Kotor returned to the summer Carnival and good fun. We arrived in large numbers. It's time to party!

Carnival manifestations have a particularly long history of more than 500 years of being held in Kotor, where recently they have been successfully nurtured by the non-governmental association "Fešta", which has been the organizer of Kotor's carnival festivities for 20 years and are the founder of the International Summer Kotor Carnival.

Similar to the winter carnival, the summer carnival is also intended for fun and celebration in the streets and squares. The Kotor Carnival is the winner of the prestigious WBA tourist award for the best event in 2005 in Montenegro, as well as the award "21. November" of the city of Kotor.

20th summer carnival in Kotor took place from August 5th to 6th under the auspices of the Municipality of Kotor, the Tourism Organization of Montenegro and the Kotor Tourism Organization. This year, numerous carnival groups from Kotor and other cities of Montenegro were joined by carnival guests as well as FECC members from Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Bolivia, Brazil, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Sweden and North Macedonia. In terms of the number of participants and visitors, this event is the largest event in Montenegro.

On **Friday, August 5th, ABRUM**, or invitation to the carnival, was held. Carnivalists and FECC members walked through the streets of the Old Town, and an hour later sang and danced on the Square of Weapons (Trg oružja) at a concert by the famous singer-songwriter Petar Grašo from Croatia. Just entering the walls of the more than 2,000-year-old city, which is under UNESCO protection, evokes respect and admiration. Kotor is specific and interesting in many ways and full of sights and hospitable hosts.

On the afternoon of **Saturday, August 6th**, the mayor of Kotor Vladimir Jokić and the president of the NGO FEŠTA Vasilije Bajrović hosted a **reception** for FECC members and representatives of carnival groups. They wished all those present a welcome, a successful carnival performance and presented them with a medal of the Jubilee 20th Kotor Carnival. On behalf of the largest carnival family in the world, the Federation of European Carnival Cities, the hosts were thanked by President Lars Algell from Sweden, Vice President Josip Silov from Croatia and General Treasurer Aleksandar Cicimov from North Macedonia.

The central event was the **International Summer Carnival Parade**, which was led by Carnival Kapo Luka Knezović and FECC members, along with the flags of the City of Kotor, FECC and the Kotor Carnival. The main city road at the foot of the walls of ancient Kotor was the stage where 20 carnival groups presented themselves. Everything was bursting with creativity, song, dance, laughter, happiness, joy, love and good emotions. The festival and music program, in which Trio Gušt and Cubalcanica band performed, continued at the Weapons Square. We all enjoyed the masked party.

On the main stage, FECC president Lars Algell awarded the mayor with the FECC Memoriam Vivat plaque., The organizers was awarded with the monograph "Carnival Pope"

by Aleksandar Cicimov, the General treasurer from North Macedonia. FECC medals also went to the organizers and the main sponsor, because without them such a big event could not take place. Kotor residents and guests greeted them with long applause. They deserved it. And then came the magnificent birthday fireworks.

Congratulations to the organizers and thanks for the warm hospitality.

Josip Silov,

International FECC Vice President



