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The Bulgarian Association and Cultural Center "Bulgare" was established by volunteers with a passion for preserving and promoting Bulgaria's vibrant, thirteen centuries-old cultural heritage.

The center was officially founded in September 2009, but the people behind it had been really active in the previous years organizing concerts, classes, workshops, exhibits and other quality cultural exchanges that for the benefit of the local community.

As a community-based organization, BACC "Bulgare" is driven by its members and many volunteers.

As of May 16, 2016 BACC "Bulgare" was classified as a public charity and is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501 (C) (3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to us under IRC Section 170. We are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522.

Mission

The mission of the cultural center is to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the wealth of Bulgarian historical and cultural heritage by offering a diverse selection of quality cultural experiences through artistic expression in education and the visual and performing arts.

Activities

Bulgarian Folk Dance Ensemble "LYUSH"

Crafted

over the course of centuries, Bulgarian folk dances are world-renowned for their beauty and complex choreography. Bulgarian folk dance and music became more accessible to North Texas, when the first weekly dance class was opened in Richardson in February 2008, and a second one in Colleyville in July 2008.

The Bulgarian folk dance classes continue to attract people of all ages, not only with the enchanting Bulgarian music, but also as a fun and refreshing form of exercise.

As the dance classes gained momentum, the dancers' enthusiasm fueled the creation of the Bulgarian Folk Dance Ensemble "Lyush". Highly regarded, Lyush has been developing and performing regularly for its diverse Dallas audience since the fall of 2008.

The group meets every Thursday, 7:30 PM at Art and Cultural Academy, 2825 Valley View Ln., Farmers Branch, TX 75234. Contact (817) 703-1621.

More details you can find [here](#).

Bulgarian Elementary School "Vassil Aprilov"

BACC "Bulgare" opened the first Bulgarian school in Texas with classes in Bulgarian language and literature, Bulgarian history and geography for first through twelved grade, using the adapted curriculum by the Bulgarian Ministry of Education for children of Bulgarian citizens abroad. The school opened doors on October 4, 2009, and is currently accepting children between 6 and 18 years of age.

It is accredited by Ministry of Education and Culture of Bulgaria since 2011.

Classes are every Sunday at 9:30 AM at 2825 Valley View Ln., Farmers Branch, TX 75234. Contact (972) 989-4305.

More details about the school and how to sign up you can find [here](#) .

Bulgarian Library at BACC "Bulgare"

In honor of Bulgaria's literary contribution to humanity, the cultural center is in the process of opening a library with books, music and movies in Bulgarian.

We have already received several book donations and are working on bringing them to Dallas.

More information about the project you can find [here](#).

Festivals, Concerts and Celebrations

The Bulgarian Association and Cultural Center "Bulgare" is dedicated to presenting and promoting Bulgarian culture and traditions through various events, including festivals, concerts and celebrations, as a significant part of Bulgarian traditions and culture are related to celebrations and festivities.

Here is a list of some annual events where BACC Bulgare presents Bulgarian traditional music, dance or other performing arts on a regular basis:

- Dallas Travel & Adventure Show (in January, annually)
- Bulgarian Food Festival, Addison, TX (in April, annually)
- WorldFest, Addison, TX (in October, annually)
- Texas State Fair, Dallas, TX (in September, annually)
- Bazaar days, Addison, TX (in May, annually)
- International days in various universities (usually in the spring, annually)
- Celebration of Bulgarian Liberation Day (March 3rd, annually)
- Celebration of Bulgarian Literacy and culture (May 24th, annually)
- Thanksgiving concert (around Thanksgiving day, annually)
- New Year's Eve Celebration (New Year's Eve, annually)

BACC "Bulgare" also focuses on bringing to North Texas authentic artists and performers from Bulgaria and other parts of the world. In recent years, the list of such performers include:

- Theodosii Spassov Folk Quintet "O'Maino Horo" - Peyo Peev, Ivan Goergiev, Hrtistiyan Tsvytakov, Genadii Rashkov

(2018)

- Kabile - traditional Bulgarian wedding band (from New York and Bulgaria)(2017)
- Vasko Krapkata US and Canada Tour (2017)
- Kalin Popov, Ilya Pepelanov and Simeon Galabov in "Do Not Bet on the Brits" (2017)
- Asen Blatechki & Kalin Vrachanski in "Emigranti" (2017)
- Donka Koleva with "Trakiiska Troika" (from Bulgaria) (2016)
- "Tonika-Domini" (from Bulgaria) (2015)
- The Fondation (from Bulgaria) (2014)
- Duet "Riton"(from Bulgaria) (2014)
- Orlin Goranov and Kristina Dimitrova (from Bulgaria) (2013)
- Theodosii Spassov Folk Project band - Peyo Peev, Ivan Goergiev, Petar Milanov, Genadii Rashkov (from Bulgaria) (2011)
- Theodosii Spassov - kaval virtuoso and Grammy award winner (from Bulgaria) (2009)
- Dessy Dobрева - singer, musician and performer (from Bulgaria) (2009)
- Poly Paskova - traditional folk singer (from Bulgaria)
- Kabile - traditional Bulgarian wedding band (from New York and Bulgaria)
- Svetlana Atanassova - Bulgarian theater actress (from Boston, MA)
- Peter Petrov - choreographer and traditional folklore dancer (from Boston, MA)
- Daniela Ivanova - traditional folklore dancer (from Seattle, WA)
- Kal - a traditional roma band from the Balkans

Last, but not least, BACC "Bulgare" is also dedicated to supporting local artists in visual and performing arts, and has helped present Bulgarian artists and performers from the area like:

- Rock band "BZ4" (a.k.a. "Bialo Zeleno Cherveno") with Ivan Lefterov, Martin Lefterov, Ilian Georgiev, Yosif Pilov and Chavdar Shumenski
- Violin player Violeta Trapcheva-Fane
- Accordion player Ivo Cocomanski
- Local painter Antoaneta Hillman and
- Local painter Mincho Petkov

- Ivan Ivanov (violine master, fine art, wood carving)

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The Bulgarian
Association and Cultural Center "Bulgare" was established to serve the local
community and will continue to play its role in preserving and
promoting Bulgarian culture and traditions.

