

Folk Ensemble "Doinița Covurluiului" of the Cultural Center
"Dunărea de Jos" - Galați

Established in 2010, the Folk Ensemble "Doinița Covurluiului" performs as a group of the Arts School, a division of the Cultural Center "Dunărea de Jos" of Galați. It is, in fact, "the kid sister" of the professional adult Folk Ensemble "Doina Covurluiului". Split in five childhood age groups, the ensemble counts over 130 members (dancers, singers and orchestra).

FESTIVAL PARTICIPATIONS AND AWARDS:

Every year:

International Folklore Festival "Doina Covurluiului" - Galați -
The ensemble performs in the opening gala and special guests programmes.

2011:

Trophy of 2011 International Festival "Toamna pe Prut" (Autumn of Prut River) - Galați.

2012:

Turkish Child Days - Turkish Cultural Center of Bucharest;
Jury's Special Award in North Dobrogea Folklore Festival - Tulcea;
2nd Place in National Folklore Festival for Children - Vaslui;
Trophy of the International Dance Contest - Râmnicu-Sărat;
1st Place in the National Dance Festival "Flori pentru mama" (Flowers For Mom) - Focșani.

2013:

Folk Festival for Children "Ca la noi în Covurlui" (As in Our Covurlui Land) - Galați, 1st Edition;
Special Award of the Vaslui County Council at the Festival "Cântec, joc și voie bună, la Negrești în bățătură" (Song, Dance And Joy in The Square at Negrești) - Negrești, Vaslui County.

2014:

Excellency Award at North Dobrogea Folklore Festival - Tulcea;
2nd Place in Folk Festival for Children "Ca la noi în Covurlui" (As in Our Covurlui Land) - Galați, 2nd Edition;
3rd Place in Folklore Festival "Floarea Salcâmului" (Acacia Flower) - Liești;
Excellency Certificate in the International Folklore Festival for Children and Youth - Zagreb - Croatia.

REPERTOIRE:

The ensemble included in its repertoire:

- popular dances of Galați County area: "Hora de la Vânători" (Dancing Wheel of Vânători), "Boitâneasca", "Coasa" (The Scythe), "Studenteasca" (Student's Dance), and also from Bucovina and Oaș areas: "Ciobănașul" (The Little Shepherd), "Trilișeștii", "Ursăreasca" (The Bear Handlers' Dance);
- winter holidays traditions: "Plugușorul" (The Plow), "Capra" (The Goat), "Căiuții" (The Horses' Show), Colinde (Carols);
- spring holidays traditions, as "Vălăretul" (a suite of mask dances);

- traditional songs and dances for special moments in youth's life, as "Legarea suratelor" (The Sisters' Binding);
- wedding dances, songs and customs, performed along with the professional adult folklore ensemble "Doina Covurluiului" in the traditional spectacle "Asta-i nunta din bătrâni" (This is the elders' wedding);
- traditional songs for singers and orchestra from all Moldavian area.

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