

Pispalan Sottiisi - Pispalan Schottische International Folklore Festival is organized every second year. The participants will include some 1.500 dancers and musicians from Finland as well as international guests from all around the world. The programme of the festival includes concerts, open-air performances in parks and squares, processions, and seminars, which will be visited by some 20.000 people. The event features prominently in the media, both locally and nationally. The festival is organized by Suomen Nuorisoseurat (The Finnish Youth Association) and the City of Tampere.

Pispalan Sottiisi is a member of CIOFF (The International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art). Membership in CIOFF requires festival to fulfill certain criteria concerning the number of groups invited, duration of the festival, and quality of the festival organisation.

These rules apply on groups, which will be selected based on the CIOFF conditions:

1. The group may consist of up to 30 people, including leaders and musicians.
2. The group should prepare programmes of 5 to 30 minutes, 1-2 / day.
3. The group should arrive in Tampere on 10th of June, and depart on the 14th of June 2020.
4. The festival will offer the group a lodging (incl. breakfast and 2 meals a day at the canteen).
5. Accommodation will be in a hostel; there will be beds, bedsprings and bed linen.
6. For each artist the festival will pay a daily allowance in USD.
7. The festival organizes and covers costs of transport inside Finland.

These rules apply on every international group on the festival:

1. Group should take a travel insurance in the case of illnesses or accidents. Festival doesn't take insurance for the group.
2. At least one person of the group should speak English and be the contact person.
3. Group should fill in the application form latest September 30th 2019.
4. Director of each invited group is responsible for every member of group during festival.
5. The group pays for its travel costs outside Finland and arranges the travel to Finland.
6. Groups will have the possibility of presentation of their handicrafts.
7. Groups will be hosted by qualified festival guides.
8. Music should be played on original instruments (playback is not allowed).

Pispalan Sottiisi is intended to be a review of folklore, not a competition. Festival performances and group's presentations take place in Tampere and in Tampere region. The Organizer reserve the right to record festival concerts for the radio and TV purposes, and to use recordings without additional payments to the participants. Fuel costs of transportation not connected to festival program will be at participant's expense. Other artist groups outside the CIOFF allotment will be charged a festival fee, which includes the festival pass, accommodation, meals, and transportation.

Thank you for your cooperation, and welcome to Finland!

The Pispalan Sottiisi Festival Team

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