

# 19 WFTGA

NOVI SAD 2022 SERBIA  
19<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION WORLD FEDERATION  
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**Vojvodina** is a Balkan melting pot, with over 20 nationalities living here. With such cultural diversity comes many celebrations filled with a rainbow of customs all year long. During early spring we have two Easters – one celebrated following Catholic and the other celebrated following Orthodox customs. Most of the families celebrate both, as friends of a family or as a multinational family. It is usual to see the Easter theme around Vojvodina cities for more than a few weeks.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATES**

**PRE-TOUR**  
2-6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**MAIN CONVENTION**  
7-11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**POST-TOUR**  
11-14<sup>th</sup> February 2022



One egg, amongst all the many coloured eggs is saved as the omen of prosperity until the next Easter. This egg can be chosen in different ways, depending on the accepted custom: the first coloured egg, preferably red; the prettiest egg in the household, or the egg that wins the house competition in egg tapping. This is a battle of the coloured eggs, where each competitor gets an egg to hit the competitor's egg, until one remains whole. The rights of the oldest, prettiest and strongest – which custom do you think is the most interesting?

Welcome to





MAIN CONVENTION 7-11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

February is  
a birthday  
month for  
**Novi Sad**,  
since on  
February 1<sup>st</sup>  
it turned  
lucky 272!



**Novi Sad** was born as a small settlement on the Danube shore, a merchant colony developed across a strategic military post, contemporary symbol of Novi Sad - Petrovaradin Fortress. This small community rather quickly progressed and became a strong merchant center, known for trade as well as for its cultural diversity, which persists to be one of Novi Sad's main characteristics to this day. Serbs, Germans, Hungarians, Slovaks, Jews, Armenians, Ruthenians, Romani and others have been walking and are an eternal part of this city. The magnificence of this grand diversity was especially shown when defending Novi Sad during the Second World War. The bravery and brotherhood of all Novi Sad's citizens, regardless of their nationality, brought the city the title of People's Hero of Yugoslavia. Today there are more than 20 nationalities in Novi Sad, and each of them has their own story of coming to and becoming a permanent Novi Sad's citizens.



Picture of  
the Raid Victims Memorial,  
Novi Sad Quay





## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRE-TOUR

One of our stops on the pre-tour is Wooden Town, a village-attraction on Mokra Gora mountain, at the end of narrow-track railway Šargan 8. Mečavnik village is the home of famous international film festival Kustendorf.



Kustendorf is an international film and music festival held at the end of January on Mokra gora mountain, near Šargan 8. It is known for its host, the brilliant director Emir Kusturica, as well as his even more famous guests, such as Nikita Mikhalkov, Monica Bellucci, Peter Handke, etc. This festival is open for new generations and progressive ideas, although the tradition and the old stars are never not presented and appreciated. Each year there is a presentation of the short movie, a homage to a legendary actor/actress or director. We recommend checking out their official website, as well as their social media, filled with amusing content.



# KUSTENDORF

INTERNATIONAL FILM AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

22 - 25 JANUARY 2021



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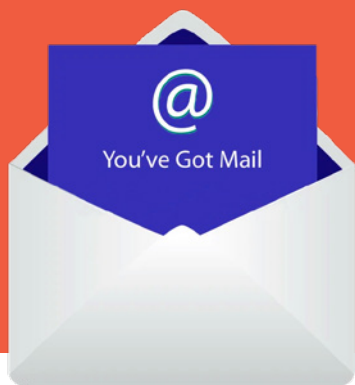
**Emir Kusturica** often portrays the simple life in a village or a small community which, even though European, still holds a magic of the non-urbane society, natural landscapes in moments which contemporary society can't see anymore. Sarcasm, drama, burlesque, hysteria, fine traditional Balkan and Romani music, you will discover a hyperbolic dimension of our society, its dreamy heights and lethal abysses.

## Kusturica and chill:

**Underground** (1995): In Belgrade, during World War II, Marko hides his friend Blacky from the Nazis in a cellar where a group of partisans live underground, manufacturing weapons. For Marko, it is a lucrative business and a way of separating Blacky from the girl they both love, the actress Natalija. For 20 years, Marko tells the people below that the war is still on, manipulates and feeds them false information. He becomes a rising political figure in communist regime.

**Maradona** (2008): A documentary on the life of Argentine footballer Diego Maradona. Kusturica himself said: The film will show "the three Maradonas" I've discovered during the shooting : the football teacher, the politically incorrect citizen against the unilateral politics of the USA and the family man. These three Diegos will be in the end of the film I will shoot in the Aztec Stadium in Mexico, where Diego scored one of his most famous goals, during the World Cup 1986 against the English team.





## SIGN UP FOR [ PRE-REGISTRATION ]

Express your interest to join us in Novi Sad, Serbia in February 2022 by pre-registering. **Pre-registration** will give you direct access to the Convention Newsletter, the latest news and you will be the first to receive the opportunity to register for the Early Bird registrations and choose your preferred Convention hotel.

**Pre-registration opens on 17th May 2021. Follow the link provided.**

<https://convention.wftga.org/registration/>



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**FUN  
FACT**



**DID YOU KNOW**

that the citizens of Novi Sad have broken the world record for the most musicians playing one piano simultaneously?

**Yes!**

It was achieved by the Music School Isidor Bajic and OPENS 2019 - European Youth Capital Novi Sad in Novi Sad, Serbia, on 20 September 2019.

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**Novi Sad**

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**covid19.rs**