

21ª INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ACCORDION

“Alcobaca 2017”

2 COMPETITIONS - 5 CONCERTS - 3 MASTERCLASSES!!!

The **ASSOCIAÇÃO DE ACORDEÃO DE PORTUGAL** in partnership with **MUNICÍPIO DE ALCOBAÇA**, **MOSTEIRO DE ALCOBAÇA** and **ORQUESTRA TÍPICA E CORAL DE ALCOBAÇA** will carry out the

21ª International Week of Accordion “Alcobaca 2017” between May 27 and June 4.

The 22nd National Trophy / 3rd International Competition of Accordion "City of Alcobaca" - 3rd and 4th of June - expects to receive many participants from all over the country and from several countries such as Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Denmark, Spain, France, Italy, Czech Republic, Russia, Serbia, etc..

As members of the jury there will be performers and teachers such as: Daniel Meiriño (Espanha), **Franck Angelis** (França), **Juan Carlos Carcamo** (Espanha), **Ladislav Horack** (Republica Checa), **Marco Gemelli** (Itália), **Natália Semyonov** (Rússia), **Olivier Douyez** (Bélgica), **Wyatcheslav Semyonov** (Rússia), **Zoran Rakic** (Bósnia-Herzegovina), among many others.

We will carry out 5 Concerts distributed by the Mosteiro de Alcobaca, Cine-Teatro de Alcobaca and Auditório Dr. Gonçalves Sapinho (Benedita). With the exception of the first concert, everyone of them will have free entry!

The presence of **Duo Semyonov**, **Marco Gemelli**, **José Valente** and **Typical Orchestra and Choir of Alcobaca** will be a guarantee of quality but also the participation of **many young Portuguese concertists** will certainly provide moments of enormous artistic value.

As for Masterclasses (June 1st and 2nd), we will offer all accordionists the possibility of attending 3 Masterclasses (with W. Semyonov, F. Angelis and Diana Freire).

The Masterclasses directed by Profs. **W. Semyonov** and **F. Angelis** are well known for their quality and the technical and interpretative skills they convey to those who attend them. And this year we will have - for the first time in Portugal - the approach to the theme "Yoga for Musicians" - which will be directed by **Diana Freire** and intends to transmit and practice breathing techniques and mental control so that each participant can improve concentration and memory, develop muscular strength / agility for better musical technique and resistance against possible injuries and manage anxiety before performing, in the moment when they have to reveal their skills, their capacities on stage - or outside of it .

We sincerely hope that, once again, the **INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ACCORDION** will be a success and that all of those who come to watch and participate can take our city in their hearts and remember, forever, fantastic moments of high artistic level.

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