

Organizers:

Obec Oravská Polhora

Oravské kultúrne stredisko v Dolnom Kubíne a ŽSK

Cech slovenských gajdošov

Partners:

Obec Sihelné

Múzeum oravskej dediny Zuberec-Brestová

Main partner:

FPU

23rd International Bagpipe Festival

Gajdovačka 2023

September 15th – 17th 2023

Oravská Polhora

Gajdovačka:

- . music-dance stage programs
- . international playing and singing competitions
- . presentation of musical instruments
- . playing and singing workshops
- . chamber concerts
- . exhibitions and lectures
- . bagpipe Masses

Gajdovačka:

presents, protects and expands the unique Slovak bagpipe culture inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (UNESCO).

The festival takes place in the picturesque village of Oravská Polhora, which houses the European Centre of Bagpipe Culture. In the northernmost corner of Slovakia, archaic forms of Goral culture are still preserved in their natural environment. The largest bagpipe festival annually presents more than 100 bagpipers from all over Europe.

Friday

13:30 Old bagpipers trail – Oravská Polhora

When bagpipers play

Opening of the exhibition and awarding of children's artworks

14:00 European Centre of Bagpipe Culture -Oravská Polhora

Along the trail of old bagpipers

Educational trail tour, salt cooking and drying demonstrations, traditional gastronomy

14:00 Námestovo - Hviezdoslavovo square/ amphitheater

Bagpipes in the city - invitation to the festival

15:00 House of Culture -Oravská Polhora

That's how my granny sang - an international children's competition in singing folk songs

16:30 House of Culture -Oravská Polhora

Opening of the exhibition on the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Polhoranka folk group and on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jozef Kostúr sr.

17:00 House of Culture -Oravská Polhora

Stage program for the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Polhoranka folk group

18:00 Roman Catholic Church in Sihelné

Solemn bagpipe Mass

19:00 House of Culture- Sihelné

With bagpipers in Sihelné

18:00 House of Culture - Oravská Polhora

CHÝR LETEL KRAJOM – Partia dance group

A dance production about personalities from the village environment in Oravská Polhora in honor of Anna Rusnáková

19:00 Large capacity tent - in front of House of Culture

In Oravská Polhora's yard - Market and traditional meals

19:30 Large-capacity tent - in front of House of Culture

Welcome in Oravská Polhora - welcome and presentation of bagpipes

22:00 Large-capacity tent - in front of House of Culture

Bagpipe party in Oravská Polhora's yard- free entertainment with a dance school

23:00 Babia hora – Oravská Polhora

Night hiking to Babia hora- historical traces of bagpipe culture with a guide

Saturday 16.9.2023

9:30 European Center of Bagpipe Culture- Oravská Polhora

How we do it in Oravská Polhora - Music workshops

Whistle lessons

Bagpipe lessons

Interplay of violins and bagpipes

Teaching singing techniques accompanied by bagpipes

9:30 Touristic Bagpipers' trail – Oravská Polhora

Bagpipers' trail to the northernmost point of Slovakia

Unveiling of an information board dedicated to bagpipers on the Slovakian-Polish border

11:00 European Center of Bagpipe Culture- Oravská Polhora

Bagpipes across Europe - presentation and lecture about different types of bagpipes from all over Europe.

13:00 European Center of Bagpipe Culture- Oravská Polhora

History of music in Slovakia - professional seminar

15:00 Museum of the Orava village in Zuberec-Brestová

Concert of foreign bagpipers

17:00 House of Culture - Oravská Polhora

For Zboroň's note - international competition of young bagpipers

18:00 European Center of Bagpipe Culture- Oravská Polhora

Chamber concert of Polish bagpipe bands

20:00 House of Culture - Oravská Polhora

Gala program full of bagpipes, singing and dancing

22:00 Large-capacity tent - in front of House of Culture

Bagpipe party in Oravská Polhora's yard _ free entertainment of bagpipe groups

Sunday 17.9.2023

09:00 Cemetery in Sihelné

Tribute to deceased bagpipers

09:30 Cemetery in Rabča

Tribute to deceased bagpipers

09:00-14:00 European Center of Bagpipe Culture- Oravská Polhora

Audio recordings of Gajdovačka 2023 participants for the ECBC needs

11:00 Roman Catholic church in Oravská Polhora

Solemn Bagpipe Mass

12:00 Cemetery in Oravská Polhora

Tribute to deceased bagpipers

12:30 House of Culture - Oravská Polhora

Ceremonial closing of the festival