

THE IIMM IN BULGARIA

AUGUST 2022, 2023 | MASTER-CLASS | RILA



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In 2021, the **Ardenza Foundation**, directed by **Ms Daniela DIKOVA**, Head of the Department of Chamber Music and Traditional Music at the Sofia Academy of Arts, asked **Ms Milena JELIAZKOVA**, a teacher at the IIMM, to lead a master-class in Rila in Bulgaria, in «Bulgarian traditional songs» for French, Italian and Belgian students, as well as IIMM students. Since August 2022, this partnership has materialised itself in the form of the said master-class, which is repeated annually and attracts a growing number of participants each year. From 28 students in 2022 to 35 students in 2023, this course is attracting a great deal of interest from people wishing to become more professional and improve their skills and knowledge in the field.

This unique experience allowed them to discover new repertoires, and above all to experience total immersion in a place where the musical and vocal heritage is still alive. Throughout the week, the students sang in musical evenings and in the presence of local residents. Musical encounters also took place in the town of Smotchevo. This was an opportunity for the participants to explore the specific characteristics of this region of Bulgaria, in particular secular and sacred polyphony. In turn, local teachers were invited:

- **Ms Fiki MILOVSKA**, a traditional dancer from the Pirin folk region
- **Mr Ivica ANTEV**, a traditional dancer from Serbia and Macedonia

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This master-class aroused the interest - and enthusiasm - of journalist Lalka RADKOVA from Blagoevgrad Radio - a branch of Bulgarian National Radio. She came to interview **Ms Milena JELIAZKOVA**, teacher, **Ms Daniela DIKOVA**, Director of the Ardenza Foundation, **Ms Margaret DECHENAU**, Founder and Director of the IIMM, and **Mr Damien JACOBEE**, trainee and Bulgarian speaker.



NEW : « MILENA JELIAZKOVA » ENSEMBLE



In 2016, **Ms Milena JELIAZKOVA** created the Bulgarian Song Course at the Institut International des Musiques du Monde. This apprenticeship naturally led to the creation in 2022 of the « **Milena Jeliazkova** » Ensemble, made up of students from the IIMM.

This ensemble works on traditional Bulgarian secular and sacred polyphony and Bulgarian Orthodox liturgical songs, with **Ms Milena JELIAZKOVA** as artistic and musical director.

The Ensemble has given several concerts of traditional Bulgarian songs, both secular, sacred and liturgical, over the last year and a half. Thanks to its strong emotional charge, this music continues to appeal to all audiences.

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In 2024, the IIMM plans to step up its exchanges with the Plovdiv National Academy of Music and Dance by developing bilateral partnerships.

Mr Vladimir VLADIMIROV, an eminent Bulgarian musician and tamboura teacher, will be invited to France to give a masterclass.

PARTNERSHIPS :



- Ardenza Foundation represented by its Director and Founder **Ms Daniela DIKOVA**
- Partnership agreement soon to be signed with the Plovdiv National Academy of Music and Dance, represented by **Mr Vladimir VLADIMIROV**, tamboura teacher.