

**The XVII Annual International Festival**  
**“MOSCOW MEETS FRIENDS”**  
**REGULATIONS**

The 17th International Festival “Moscow meets Friends” will take place in Moscow November, 25 – December, 20 2020. It is the largest project of Vladimir Spivakov International Charity Foundation. The Festival takes place annually at the best concert halls and exhibition venues in Moscow and Moscow Region.

Festival-2020 will be dedicated to the Year of memory and glory in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945.

The Festival has an extensive program including concerts, art exhibitions and master classes.

**Festival Organizers:**

Vladimir Spivakov International Charity Foundation with support of Moscow Government, City of Moscow Department of Culture, Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, UN, UNESCO and other departments and organizations.

The Organizing Committee of the Festival includes prominent politicians, public figures, scientists, representatives of culture and art.

**Expected Results:**

At least 20 thousand people will attend concerts and other events of the Festival. The Festival will be broadcast in the news and other media. Ten million people can follow the Festival in the media and social networks.

The Festival will bring visibility to talented young people.

The exhibition of paintings by young artists will be located in the lobbies of the Svetlanov and Chamber Halls of the Moscow International House of Music.

## **Financing for participants:**

*The duration of stay in Moscow for each participant is determined by the Organizing Committee of the Festival according to the schedule of concerts.*

1. The organizing committee of the Festival makes reservations and pays for hotel accommodations for one Festival participant (soloist) and one accompanying person for the period of stay from the day of arrival in Moscow, but not earlier than the established date, and until the day following performance at the concert.
  - For ensembles, the organizing committee of the Festival makes reservations and pays for hotel accommodations for 12 members of the group and 2 accompanying guests for the duration of their stay from the day of arrival in Moscow, but not earlier than the established date, and until the day following performance at the concert.
  - Festival participants who live at the hotel (1 soloist and 1 accompanying person / 12 group members and 2 accompanying persons) are provided breakfast.
  - Festival organizers can book the hotel for additional accompanying persons at the expense of the participant.
  - Artists do not come to the festival personally. They send their works by mail after the decision of the organizing committee.
2. The Organizing committee of the Festival pays for the transfer costs only in Moscow: airport (railway station) - hotel - concert venue - hotel - airport (railway station) as part of the Festival program.

**Shipping costs for intercity / international travel (tickets for airplane or train to Moscow and back) are the responsibility of the participant(s).**

3. Participants and accompanying persons who have received an invitation to participate in the Festival and who live in a country that has a visa regime with Russia must independently apply at the

nearest Russian Consulate for a visa. The Organizer of the Festival will provide an official invitation for obtaining a Russian visa to participants and accompanying persons.

**Participants are responsible for any and all costs for obtaining a Russian visa.**

4. The Festival organizers do not provide any type of insurance.
5. Festival Participants who come to participate but do not perform shall be responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses.

### **Accompanist:**

Participants of the Festival can perform only with their accompanists, who may be the accompanying person on the trip. In a special case, the Organizing committee may provide the accompanist from Foundation based on a preliminary application. Please send the application with sheet music to the Foundation e-mail [info@spivakov.ru](mailto:info@spivakov.ru) Applications without musical material are not considered.

The conditions for providing the accompanist are negotiated in each case with the Organizing Committee of the Festival.

### **Categories of participants:**

*Festival participants must be 18 years of age or younger.*

1. Soloist
2. Ensemble, group, team
3. Artist

### **Specialization:**

- Musical instrument
- Vocals
- Choreography
- Circus art
- Painting
- Graphics
- Sculpture
- Photo art
- Arts and crafts

**To participate in the Festival please complete the form on the website [www.spivakov.ru](http://www.spivakov.ru).**

**Deadline is September 10, 2020.**