

INTERNATIONAL MUMMERS FESTIVAL «KUKERLANDIA» - YAMBOL - 2018

22 - 25 FEBRUARY 2018



Under the patronage of the Minister of tourism Nikolina Angelkova

EVENT PROGRAMME

❖ **22 February (Thursday):**

“My Kukerlandia” - children’s exhibition

Giving awards to the winners in the competition of the same name for children’s pictures

17:30, Community Centre “Saglasie – 1862” - lobby

Evening mask ball

19:00, “Savremennost” Hall at Cultural and Information Centre “Bezisten”

❖ **23 February (Friday):**

Children’s folklore festival

Giving awards to the winners in the competition of Municipal Children’s Centre – Yambol for elaboration of kukeri masks

10:30, Bezisten stage

Round table “Popularization of festivals for development of tourism”

14: 00 conference hall, 1st floor, Municipality Yambol

“Rodopi patterns” – photo exhibition of Tsoncho Balkandzhiev

17.00, Art Gallery “George Papzov”

“The festival captures the city”

Carnival parade of kukers and masquers

17:30 - beginning; route: the square in front of Yambol Municipal Hall – G. Rakovski Str. - Preslav Str. - Targovska Str. - Bezisten South.

“UNDER THE SIGN OF THE KUKER”

Official opening of Kukerlandia – Yambol 2018

Festive performance, illuminations

18:30, Bezisten stage

❖ 24 February (Saturday):

Kukers' chain dance

09:30, City Park, Stage one

THE MUMMERS PARADE

Competitive parade "Kukerlandia" 2018 – Part I – main event of the festival

10:00 – 16:30, City Park – Stage one

Introduction of the foreign participants (*outside the competition programme*)

12.00 – 13.00

Show in "Kukerovo"

Stage two for group performances

10:30 – 16:30, City Park – Stage two

On the day of celebration – city meets the village

Presentation of typical elements of the everyday life and traditions in Yambol and the villages in Tundzha municipality: clothes, customs, open-air food market with tasting, workshops, concert performances

11.00 – 15.00, stage of Osvobozhdenie Square (Bezisten)

Photo-documentary exhibition "The heritage of Yambol – colours and festivity"

Osvobozhdenie Square

Exhibition of kukeri costumes and masks "Kukeri games - extravaganza of colors, magic and mystery"

Cultural- information center "Bezisten"

INTERNATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION AND PHOTO EXHIBITION KUKERLANDIA

Awarding the winners in the photo competition

"The magic of Kukeri" - pieces of art of Yambol artists

13:00, Art gallery "George Papazov"

Kuker's day in the village of Kabile

Recreation of the traditions of the kuker plays from the villages in the municipality of Tundzha (Recreation of the custom Kukeri in a house, folklore concert, etc.)

15:30 – 19:00, village of Kabile

Feast without borders

Concert of guest foreign groups

16:00, City Park – Stage one

Sirni Zagovezni (the first day of Lent)

Recreation of the traditions of the holiday, jumping over fire, arrow throwing, "hamkane" with halva. Folklore programme.

18:00, City Park – Stage one

❖ **25 February (Sunday):**

THE MUMMERS PARADE

Competition parade “Kukerlandia” 2018 – Part II

10:00 – 15:00, City Park – Stage one

Show in “Kukerovo”

Stage two for group performances

10:30 – 15:30, City Park – Stage two

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Cultural- information center “Bezisten”

“Kukeriada” in the village of Chargan

80 years Kukeri formation “Kikeri”, village of Chargan

11.00, square of the village of Chargan

VIVA Kukerlandia!

Conclusive concert

15:00, City Park – Stage one

❖ **Permanent events during the festival:**

In the City Park:

Kukerland – Open-air installation – territory for fun, photos, street theatre, graffiti, creative workshops

Alley of the gigantic masks

Open-air souvenir market

Open-air market of regional producers of wine, milk and meat products (24-25 February)

Osvobozhdenie Square (Bezisten)

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Exhibition of kukeri costumes and masks “Kukeri games - extravaganza of colors, magic and mystery” (23-25 February)

On the day of celebration – city meets the village (24-25 February)

Community Centre “Saglasie – 1862”

Exhibition of children’s paintings “My Kukerlandia”