

## Creative description of the boys and youth choir "Ladya"

The boys choir "Ladya" was organized in 1994 in Municipal Educational Centre "Musical Academical Gymnasium. For this period of time the choir got acknowledgment in native town and in many other cities. This group took part in many international competitions. The boys choir "Ladya" is very popular, it is a visit card of Togliatti. The repertoire includes Russian and foreign classic, the folk songs, the church songs and modern songs. In 2001 the youth group of leavers was included in the staff of the choir.

There are 130 boys and young people in the choir. Their age is from 8 to 20. Concert's staff of "Ladya" is 60 people. The difference of ages allows to form the choir of boys and youth, the choir of youth only and the choir of boys.

This group traveled around the country and visited such cities as Jaroslavl, Ribinsk and Nizhny Novgorod. "Ladya" took part in festivals in Bulgaria, Belgium, Germany and the Crimea. Galina Devjatkina is the author of the 15 projects. One of them is international which is called "The dialogue between two cultures" (October 2002-march 2003). The dialogue took place in Germany in Hamburg between two collectives "Ladya" and the youth orchestra from Waldorf's school. The choir was the participants of the festival "Russia in Russia-our future stars" in the Central Concert Hall "Russia" in Moscow. They were invited there by international charity fund of Vladimir Spevakov in 2003.

Since 2002 Galina Devjatkina is a manager of the boys choir department in Musical Academy Gymnasium in Togliatti and a director of ANO "Boys choir Ladya".

Since 1998 - 2007 the choir "Ladya" is the participant of the prestigious all-Russian festivals, initiator of choral art exchanges and touring trips around Russian and European cities.

The choir's leader, Galina Devyatkina, had a period of trial with the choir "Ladya" in that period of time, visiting master class of people's artist and professor of Russian Soviet Federative Republic L.Sivuchin, V.Emcljanova. She also is the participant of master class of people's artist and professor of Ukraine academician A.Afdievskv and professor of Kiev conservatory E.Vinogradovoy in the international center "Artek" and international choral seminar "Tonika", Kiev. In 2006 by virtue of the blessing of Samara and Syzranskay archbishop Sergiy the youth choir became the choir of Pontifical church of the Director of Samara Eparchy and Orthodox Classical Gymnasium of city Togliatti (the director is the master of theology, the doctor of philosophical sciences, arch-priest Dimitry Leskin).

The basic aim of work with the youth choir is allegiance to your motherland for the sake of Holy Orthodox Church. For this purpose can

be achieved following aims: maintenance of traditions of man and youth choral singing which is the ancestor of choral singing in Holy Russia (the choir of Patriarchal singers of the list of boys, youth and men, Saint-Petersburg, Synodical choir Moscow - 18-19 centuries); popularize of men choral performance, as one of the most important requirement of patriotic accomplishment of teenagers; forming the repertoire on the basis of national composing school.

## Significant Events

1997 – Region competition of educational institutions of culture and art among junior choirs (the first place) – the boys choir.

1997 – The city's competition of educational institutions of culture and art (I place) – the boys choir.

1998 – Creative tour to choir school "Zhavoronok" (Nizhni Novgorod) – the boys choir.

1998 – International art festival 'Albena-98" (Bulgaria) – the boys choir.

1999 – Region competition of educational institutions of culture and art among vocal groups (I place) – the boys choir.

1999 – Creative tour to the boys choir "Sokoljata" (Ribinsk) – the boys choir.

2000 – Region competition devoted to the 55 anniversary of the Great Victory in the II World War (I place) – the boys choir.

2000 – 48's International competition "Nuts on Notes" (Neerpelt, Belgium) (I place, rank-"The Best" (Cum laude) – the boys choir.

2000 – X festival of boys and youth choirs, devoted to the 55 anniversary of the boys choir Nizhigorodski choir college (Nizhny Novgorod) – the boys and youth choir.

2000 – VI festival of choir music for children "With melodious name of spring" devoted to the 150 anniversary of Samara region (Samara) – the boys and youth choir.

2001 – I International competition "Samarskaja Lyka" (Samara) (2 place) – the boys and youth choir.

2001 – IV International competition "Artecovskie zory" (the Crimea) (I and 3 place) – the boys and youth choir.

2002 – Choir camp "Chexovsky" (Yalta) – the boys and youth choir.

2003 – Region competition among junior choirs "Singing youth" (diploma) – the boys choir.

2003 – Creative tour to the youth orchestra of Voldorf's school taking part in the project "The dialogue between two cultures" (Hamburg, Germany) – the boys choir, the boys and the youth choir.

2003 – Recording the CD – the boys choir, the boys and the youth choir.

2003 – Taking part in the concert "Russia in Russia", by invitation of international charity fund of Vladimir Spivakov (The Central Concert Hall "Russia", Moscow) – the boys and youth choir.

2003 – Celebrating the 10 anniversary of the choir "Ladya" with the assistance of the boys and youth choir from Nizhniy Novgorod (Concert Hall of Musical Academical Gymnasium, Togliatti) – the boys choir, the boys and youth choir.

2004 – Festival of sacred music (St. Petersburg) – the boys and youth choir.

2005 – International competition "The ship of hope" (Saratov-Volgograd) (Grand Prix) – the boys and youth choir.

2006 – The city competition of educational institutions of culture and art (1 place) the boys choir, (1 place) – the youth choir, (The prize - winner) – the boys and youth choir.

2006 – XI All-Russian festival of boys and youth choirs, devoted to the 60-anniversary of the boys choir Nizhgorodski choir college (Nizhny Novgorod, Vladimir, Suzdal) – the boys and youth choir.

2006 – All-Russian festival - "The Great Russia" (Dagomys) (1 place) – the boys choir.

2007 – The city competition of educational institutions of culture and art (2 place) – the boys choir.

2007 – Region competition among junior choirs (2 place) – the boys choir.

2007 – International competition (Slovakia) (1 place) - the boys choir, (1 place) – the youth choir.