

Dear Group

EuroArt production, would like to invite you to attend the international festival:

**3rd TAORMINA
MUSICAL BANDS FESTIVAL
Sicily, Italy
28 - 29 April 2018**

The festival will be held in Taormina and its hinterland.

The following group categories are eligible to participate: **bands (concert, marching, street, pipe and drum), wind orchestras, folk groups, flag-throwing groups, bands with majorettes, groups of majorettes, and historical groups, Guggen Bands.**

Presentation



Sicily, has been for millennia place par excellence of encounter, between different cultures, and lends itself extremely well as a frame encounter between different musical cultures. The festival is open to all kinds of bands, folk groups and various formations. It will enable participating groups to perform, introducing participants to other groups and to the audience, their own music, their own

culture and traditions, all in a unique and unparalleled, as is Taormina and its territory.

The music and dancing folk have no bounds, they connect people and overcome any language barrier. They help to express feelings in many different ways and approach cultures, even the most distant. In this sense, the festival aims to provide a basis for meeting and socializing between the groups and an audience of music lovers and folk traditions.

The event is organized by EuroArt production, with the support of Taormina's Municipality, and Sicily Region Tourism and Culture office. EuroArt production for over 10 years dealing with the promotion and organization of festivals in various countries, such as Tunisia, Malta, Spain and Italy. The event will be a unique opportunity to know this part of Sicily, the most charming places, the customs, the food, and also learn about other artistic realities.

The location



Taormina, and its hinterland, are a wonderful piece of paradise located on the Ionian coast of Sicily. The mild climate, the panoramic position, the monuments and lush vegetation, have made Taormina an exclusive resort appreciated worldwide. The city lies on a terrace overlooking the sea and Mount Etna, and its ancient theatre at the top of the rise, opens in a hug to the Ionian Sea and the scenic green

citrus groves. Goethe wove the praises of the city in his "Italian Journey", so Taormina became one of the preferred destinations of the Grand Tour, so popular among the intellectuals of that made a city exotic and whimsical and favoured the birth of numerous hotels.



The Greek theatre with Mount Etna behind



Each group is responsible for airfare/transportation to Taormina

During the stay, optional daily excursions will be planned. We'll visit some of the most famous places in Sicily. A detailed itinerary will be sent in the near future.

There is the possibility for those who would like to have a longer permanence than that of the festival. Depending on the flights schedule you can arrive a day before and leave a day after.

Programme

Friday, 27th April

Arrival of the group at the Catania International airport and transfer to the hotel, in Taormina sea side/Letojanni/Giardini Naxos Area.

Depending on the time of arrival, a programme can be arranged so that the group will have an optional guided excursion visiting Catania city centre. You can visit the city's wide central square, *Piazza del Duomo*, features the whimsical *Fontana dell'Elefante* statue and richly decorated Catania Cathedral. The Greek/roman Theatre and amphitheatre. The typical fish market. The medieval castle *Castello Ursino*, and many other things. The group can decide also for another optional excursion for example to Mount Etna, (The Highest active European Volcano) or other wonderful venues.

Saturday, 28th April

Free excursion with open top bus "The God Father Tour".

Afternoon: Street Parade and performance in Taormina city centre.

Sunday, 29th April

Free morning or optional excursion to Mount Etna (The Highest active European Volcano) or other wonderful venues

Afternoon: Parade in Taormina, along the main streets of the town. When the show is over there will be a closing ceremony of the festival with the presentation of plaques and certificates of participation for participating groups, from the Italian authorities and the Organization.

Free Afternoon or optional excursion to Mount Etna (The Highest active European Volcano) or other wonderful venues

Monday 30th April

Breakfast

Departure

Depending on the time of departure, a programme can be arranged so that the group will have an optional guided excursion visiting Catania city centre. You can visit the city's wide central square, *Piazza del Duomo*, features the whimsical *Fontana dell'Elefante* statue and richly decorated Catania Cathedral. The Greek/roman Theatre and roman Amphitheatre. The typical fish market. The medieval castle *Castello Ursino*, and many other things. The group can decide also for another optional excursion for example to Mount Etna, (The Highest active European Volcano) or other wonderful venues.

The hours and days of exhibitions and outings are provisionally approximate. The program can be modified for the times, places for exhibitions and excursions, for organizational purposes .

We will be handing out the finalised definitive program 15 days before the event.

The groups must send their application form as soon as possible and before the **15th March 2018**. You can get the form from our website www.euroartproduction.it on the section Taormina Festival. All the interested groups have to wait for confirmation that they have been accepted by the Organisation.

The group, at the discretion of the organization, could also be able to attend the Famous Carnival of Flowers of Acireale, which will take place within the same days.

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