

OPINION

by Prof. Dr. Simo Lazarov

on the contributing nature of the artistic and creative activity of

Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Georgi Metev Petkov**

I. Background

Position held: Since 1998, associate professor Dr. Georgi Petkov has been teaching music-theoretical and practical courses related to musical folklore, and since 2012 he is an associate professor doctor in the Department of MUSIC of New Bulgarian University in the field of 8.3. Musical and dance art.

His scientific research activity is in the field of ethnomusicology, composition and choral conducting. As a creator and conductor of the original University Mixed Choir "Folk-Jazz Formation" of the NBU, the polyphonic Folk Choir at the National Music School "L.Pipkov", vocal trio "Euridika" and choir "New Bulgarian Voices" and as the author of their repertoires, he presents a rich composer's creativity including over 300 titles, some of which have been circulated by world music companies, winning international awards.

II. Research activity and results

The reference to the artistic and creative activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov is rich in activities that show the creative and scientific potential, as well as his professional musical and pedagogical activity, components necessary to achieve high results.

As a composer and teacher, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov presents a wide range of questions and problems related to folklore creativity, refracted through musical-educational and musical-teaching activities.

12 articles and reports and 2 studies, published in specialized publications in the field of arts, are indicated.

III. Publications

Since 1995, he has been a composer-collaborator of the Bulgarian National Radio with over 15 hours of recorded production. His international activity is related to sound recording productions for BBC-London, CNN, JARO Medien, ZDF, Balkanton, BTR, BNT, BNT and other Bulgarian and world media.

IV. Reference for fulfilment of minimum national requirements

According to ADASRB (Act of Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria), the minimum national required points by groups of indicators related to the scientific, teaching and artistic creative activity, which are defined in the appendix by scientific fields and professional fields for the academic position of professor, with the necessary required points by groups of indicators for the academic position of professor are 500. With Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov, the total sum exceeds multiply the required points and it is 2140.

V. Reference-citations

The citations in the specialized referential and authoritative sources are related to his activity as a conductor, composer and participant in our and world music events. He is probably cited by more authors in more of their works, but this is beyond the scope of the reference made.

VI. Evaluation of the results of participation in research and creative projects and application of the obtained results in practice

The work of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov is distinguished by a creative attitude towards the assigned tasks. A successful teacher and composer, a good organizer with managerial skills presenting a high-performance production. For the past period, the projects in which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov presents himself as a conductor cover over 900 concerts at home and abroad.

VII. Educational and teaching activity

The intensive teaching activity stimulates the creative performances of the students, and the artistic and creative activities on behalf of the NBU with students help to strengthen the name of the NBU on the world stage.

The participation of the choral formations led by him in various public events contribute to the popularization of folk art, raising its socially beneficial activity to a high level. Of great importance is the ability of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov to motivate students and to enthuse their participation in mass performances.

VIII. Administrative and public activity

Assoc. Dr. Georgi Petkov is also active in charitable and public activities. Since 2014, he has been a Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Music and Folklore Union "Orfevo Izvorche". As the main organizer of the National Music-Folklore Competition "Orfevo Izvorche", he also initiated the financial support for one-year scholarships and one-time

targeted aid for children studying musical folklore under the Program of Measures for the Protection of Gifted Children of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria.

IX. Personal impressions of the candidate

The activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov in his public appearances speaks of the fact that exceptional professionalism has a purposeful attitude towards the achievement of high musical mastery. His organizational qualities contribute to the achievement of the set artistic and creative goals. He fulfills the necessary requirements with skill and logistical focus. Our joint work in many of my performances is a vivid proof of that.

X. Opinions, recommendations and notes on the activity and achievements of the candidate.

I have no doubt that the activities of Associate Professor Dr. Georgi Petkov will continue to develop in this right direction. His collegial attitude and desire to achieve high results speak of him as a person of high moral and human qualities.

XI. Contributions

A great scientific contribution is his deepening interest in the constant research of performing-musical activity in his choral site, which traces the right path to theoretical-practical realization in the process of performance and music education.

The combination of pedagogical focus with the high artistic-creative and musicianship is an important contributing element that emphasizes creative efforts to achieve high concrete results.

XII. Conclusion

The activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov has indisputable merits in the artistic-creative musical and educational process.

Considering everything mentioned above, as well as due to the indisputable qualities of the candidate, I propose to the members of the honourable Scientific Jury to elect Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Petkov as a professor in a professional field 8.3. Musical and dance art.

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