



Festival of sand sculptures



Whatever the mood is, the face of a happy kid or a thought of some unforgettable moments of our childhood always bring a smile on our face. And as if we instantly immerse into another world where time has stopped and everything is so carefree, joyful and spontaneous. For the past 10 years such a small world opens its doors every summer. It is located in the Sea Garden of the city of Burgas. This is not a fictional place - it is quite real, even though it whole is created of sand.

So in the not too distant 2008, the first of its kind Festival of Sand Sculptures welcomed its first visitors and for a short time it became a favorite exhibition not only for citizens of Burgas but also for the guests of the city during the summer season. The location has always been the same - Park Ezero, next to the Horse Riding Base, but the whole resource which is used for the festival to be build gains larger measures every consecutive year.

The real process of preparation begins much earlier than the traditional opening wich is in early July. The area is being prepared, the sand is screened and the tireless work of the sculptors who breathe life into their creations begins. Every subsequent edition of the festival manages to express so much emotions with its whole new vision and proves that during the years its popularity grows. In its first edition, 20,000 visitors touched the magic of the art of sand, as their number has increased every year, reaching up to 100,000 people per season. We can proudly say that more than 810 000 people have stamped their smiles in the book of sand filled with fairy tales.



Since its first edition the festival has become one of the most anticipated events in our city: "Carnival" - 2008, "Fairy Characters" - 2009, "Circus" - 2010, "Cinema" - 2011, "The Magic World" - 2012, "Alley of Fame" - 2013, "Tales of Sand" - 2014, "To Go On Safari with a Camera" - 2015, "Cinema Characters", "Sandy Tales" - 2017.

And all this can not be a fact without the tireless work, talent and passion that have been put in the production of over 200 compositions by sculptors gathered from four continents: Europe, North America, Asia, Australia. Sculptures from Bulgaria, USA, Portugal, Indonesia, England, Australia, Germany, Ukraine, Turkey, Russia, Slovakia, Poland, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Belgium, Latvia, France, Norway and Italy have been part of the festival during the previous years. Using their creativity and unconventional vision, the authors make every visitor of the festival immerse in an unique fairy tale atmosphere.

Each year, characters more than 8 meters high, made of 5600 tons of rain-resistant sand are situated on an area of 5000 square meters. Over the years, the city's audience has admired strange creatures, castles, towers, all kinds of marine (and not only) dwellers, mermaids, pirates, carriages, princesses, animals and many other fairy creatures.

The 10th Jubilee edition of the Festival presented more than 50 characters, entangled in 20 compositions. The theme was a retrospection of the previous editions but with a new storyline. All visitors of the sand city had the opportunity to remind of their childhood looking at King Kong, Smurfs, Cinderella, Gulliver, Pinocchio, Beauty and the Beast, and many others.

In 2018, the 11th edition of the Festival is about to be held. It surely will surprise its audience again and will create a magical experience in a different world.

For those who can not wait to see the magic of the art of sand, Municipality of Burgas has prepared a special surprise. They can visit Flora Exposition Centre in the city of Burgas, where 3D mini models are exposed. They are small copies of the figures from the last 2 editions of the festival under the titles "To Go On Safari with a Camera" and "Cinema heroes". During the 34th edition of the National Exhibition for Flowers with International Participation "Flora Burgas" 2018 will be exhibited a model from the anniversary edition in 2017 - "Sandy Tales".

Welcome and experience a fairy tale that will surely touch your soul.

Tickets and prices:

- BGN 1.50 for pensioners and students
- BGN 2.50 for a group ticket (group of 10 people)
- BGN 3.50 standart ticket
- free entrance for children under 7 years old and people with disabilities

Opening times:

- in July and August - no day off, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
- in September and October (in good weather) - no day off from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

For up-to-date information on the next edition, please follow:

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