

Elementary school Donji Kraljevec

“SMALL EXPLORERS  
IN A MAGIC WORLD  
OF A EUROPEAN FOLK “

# EUROFOLKLORE

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## INTERVIEW WITH A FAMOUS FOLK-MUSICIAN

-14/06/2016. we held an interview with the famous folk musician from Međimurje, Mirko Švendom-Žiga

-He was born in Čehovec

-He deals with folk music of Međimurje

-He published 11 albums, from which 9 of them are folk thematic

-He uses two ways of performing music:

-cimbal(established 5 years ago)

-bandisti(established 10 years ago)

i-n elementary school he sang a solo performance, and frequently partisan songs.

-With 14 years he established his first band- AMOR

-In addition to their songs, and performed other people's songs and collaborating with other musicians.

-Himself fund and writes songs.

-Very sought-after RH his tenor



-His love for music has gained from his late mother „Žigova Mare" of which he inherited stage name Žiga.

-25 years he is known as Žiga.

-“Family Album" - the last album which was published

- His favorite song is "Mama"

-Role models: Andrea Bocelli-Italian singer

Jacques Houdek-Croatian singer



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-The song he wrote and composed himself

i-t emphasizes respect kajkavian language in Međimurje, Zagorje and Podravina

-Together with him, the song recorded Vid Balog and Adam Končić



# Folk mores

The play „Wedding“ on the 115th birth anniversary of dr. Rudolf Steiner



The play showed us mores before the wedding.

Humorously they showed us mores like making wedding apple (bride was not allowed to be present), carrying cock...

Most of the weddings were in winter.

If bride was working before the wedding, it was believed that there will be a bad weather.



# Tradicional musical instruments of Međimurje



TAMBURA (tamburitza) – a group of traditional Croatian string instruments, especially popular in certain parts of Croatia like Slavonija, Podravina and Međimurje

Kinds of tamburitza:

- bisernica
- brač
- bugarija
- čelo (cello)
- čelavić
- berda (bass)

bisernica: prim or prima, the smallest instrument in tamburitza orchestra, it has 3 strings

brač: it is bigger than bisernica so it has a deeper sound

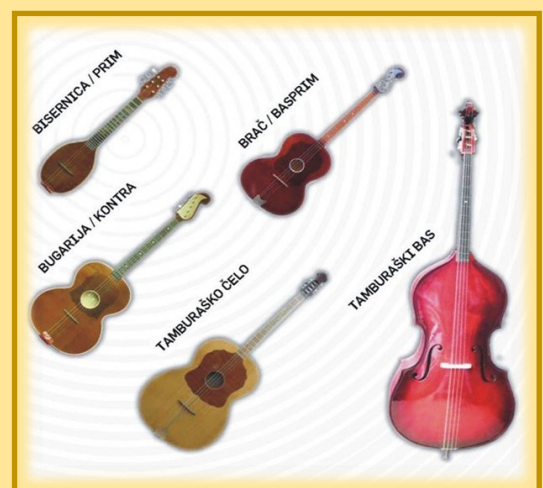
čelavić i čelo (cello): they are similar to bugarija in size. They are responsible for the dynamic of a musical number. In a way they emphasize interpretation. Every year there is a New Year's Concert by tamburitza orchestra of HRT, held in Croatian National theatre and it is broadcasted through national TV station and radio



•berda (bass): it is the biggest instrument of tamburitza orchestra. It is also the main instrument in constructing the orchestra

•bugarija: it is similar to a guitar. It has 3 or 4 strings. Chords are played on bugarija. It has a higher sound than the guitar

•cimbal: it is an instrument that consists of a wooden resonance box in a shape of trapeze. It has many strings which are played with wooden sticks. It can be played solo or with a singer. It is played laying on a table or on a special stand. A person who plays the instrument when walking, has it tied around the neck



# Medjimurje

... exploring  
ethnographic heritage  
of Medjimurje ....

## Private collection of Marija Šavora



## Center dr. Rudolf Steiner



## Mill on the Mura



## Insula intra Dravam et Muram



The most significant religious buildings in Medjimurje

Church of St. Jerome in Štrigova, church of St. Martin in Sveti Martin na Muri, church of St. Nicholas Bishop in Čakovec, church of Most Holy Trinity in Nedelišće, church of St. Jakob in Prelog, church of Seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, church of The Holy Cross in Kotoriba.