

BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2018

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Albania

How about a morning coffee with Albanian Ballokume cookies?

They are most popular in mid-March to celebrate summer solstice, but why not try to cook a traditional recipe yourself? For Albanian #Ballokume you will need just 4 ingredients: cornflour, eggs, sugar and butter.

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Romania

Peles Castle in #Romania is so beautiful in autumn! Nestled at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains in the picturesque town of Sinaia, Peles Castle is considered to be one of the most stunning castles in Europe. Three facts you didn't know about this place:

- 1. Peles Castle was the first European castle entirely lit by electrical current. Electricity was produced in the castle's own power-plant.
- 2. The castle draws its name from neighboring Peles Creek, which passes right through the courtyard.
- 3. The first movie projection in Romania took place in 1906 in the castle's Theatre Room.

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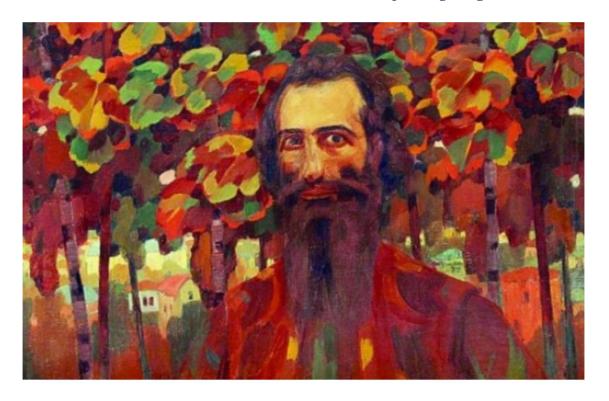
Bulgaria

Vladimir Dimitrov - Maystora ('The Master') (1882 – 1960) is one of the most renowned #Bulgarian artists.

His specific style cannot be mistaken – the paintings of Vladimir Dimitrov are exceptionally impressive with their vivid colors and unique painting style.

Below you can see the self portrait painted by the Bulgarian Master.

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Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2018 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies, the ICBSS is launching the 2nd "BSEC Month of Culture", a month long programme of cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine).

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, the ICBSS launches the 2nd "BSEC Month of Culture", from 1st to 30th November 2018, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The programme will feature online tributes on *literature*, *music*, *theatre & performance art*, *painting/sculpting*, *monuments* and *gastronomy*, including short videos and photos.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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