

FOLKLORE GROUP

Penyo and Maria Children's Home has the only amateur Folklore group from an orphanage in Bulgaria. In 2012, they performed a traditional dance and songs for the President and Vice President on National TV at Christmas Eve.

The Folklore club is one of the most important parts of the Children's club funded by the Friends of Bulgaria because it gives opportunities for children to perform at different festivals and concerts which helps raise their self confidence and development. Every child needs to the chance to shine to prove he or she is important and has the confidence to perform. The Folklore group also helps to preserve Bulgarian traditions by teaching the children traditional Folklore music and dance. Around thirty children take part in the group.



Yasetrobino Festival



Pavelinki Festival



Obedinenie Festival

Sevda is an 8 years old girl with very low self esteem, she recently entered the orphanage. Since she started to participate in the folklore classes and concerts her self-esteem has greatly increased. *"It is so nice to sing, I like it and I think we are very good singers, aren't we?"*

Emiliya is 10 years old who has had problems with behaviour and concentration. Since participating in the Folklore group and music and dance lessons her behaviour has greatly improved and she is able to work much better as part of a team. *"We got great time at festivals, we wish we could do it all the time!"*

Severina: is 12 years old girl she is very quiet and shy and finds it hard to communicate. Since participating in the Folklore dance sessions she has become more confident. Singing and dancing helps her to express her emotions. She has taken part in three festivals. *"Music is my life, I feel free and happy while singing, thank you for making this club".*



Performance in front of the Vice President of Bulgaria