

On August 30, the XI “Sharq taronalari” International Music Festival has come to the end.

Music, song – powerful force that can awaken the deepest feelings in a human soul, inspiring, invoking noble and good deeds. Music does not choose a language and a nation, it is capable of penetrating deeply into the hearts of people without any translator. It brings people closer together, promotes peace, culture, spirituality, exalts the highest human qualities.

“Sharq taronalari” International Music Festival has been serving for such noble purposes for twenty years. This festival of art, organized on the initiative of the First President of our country Islam Karimov, over the past time has turned into one of the largest music forums held under the auspices of UNESCO and aimed at

preserving and promoting traditions of the national musical culture of people of the world, their rapprochement and unity through art.

This year, artists from 58 countries have presented their own traditions of musical and song art, culture in “Sharq taronalari”. Honored guests – leaders of several authoritative international organizations, who attended the festival, emphasized the role and significance of this festival of art in strengthening friendly relations

between people of different nationalities, promoting peace and tolerance, noted that Uzbekistan conducts great preparation for this international forum every time, and events within its framework are always held at the highest level.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev took part in the opening ceremony of the festival and congratulated

participants and guests of the forum. This encouraged domestic and foreign artists and musicologists.

As the head of our state noted, at present extremely difficult time, when various challenges, threats and confrontations are

intensifying in the world, the role and importance of musical art, which unites millions of people of different nationalities, languages and religions is increasing, the ties of friendship, cooperation and harmony is further strengthening. In this regard, “Sharq taronalari”
International Music

Festival acquires a special meaning.

Participants of the international forum became well aware of this during the events held within the framework of the

festival. Songs and melodies of people of the world were heard almost for a week on the main stage in Registan square, as well as in the parks of culture of Samarkand, Akdarya, Pastdargom, Jambay, Samarkand

districts, music and art
schools, national
dances were
performed.

Friendship between
nations, kindness
and mercy, unity

and solidarity,
peace and harmony
were glorified in
concert programs
organized jointly
with artists and
young performers
of our country. The
guests also took

part in the festive events under the motto “My love and devotion to you, my dear Uzbekistan!” in honor of the 26th anniversary of the independence of our Motherland.

Exhibitions
dedicated to the
history of the
festival, products
of national
craftsmanship,

musical
instruments were
organized in
museums,
handicraft centers
and hotels of
Samarkand.
Excursions were

organized around
historical
monuments,
complexes
associated with
the names of our
great scientists,
educational

institutions,
modern
manufacturing
enterprises.

The

international
scientific and
theoretical
conference on
“Formation and
development of
national
traditions in a

musical culture
of people of the
East” was held
within the
framework of
the forum. It
was devoted to
the discussion

of important and actual issues in this sphere. At the event, scientists and specialists from more than 20 countries made

reports and
presentations.

On August 30,
participants

and guests of
the festival,
cultural and art
figures,
representative
s of the public
of our country

gathered at the
amphitheater
on the majestic
Registan
square for the
solemn closing
ceremony of

the
international
music festival.

Speakers at

the closing
ceremony of
the festival –
participants
and members
of the jury

emphasized
that the
festival was
organized at
a high level.
They

expressed
gratitude to
the leadership
of our country
and the
organizers of

the forum, as
well as to the
people of
Uzbekistan
for their
sincere

hospitality. It
was noted
that the
opinions and
wishes
expressed by

the President
of our country
Shavkat
Mirziyoyev in
his welcoming
speech to the

festival
participants
were reflected
in all the
events
organized

within the
forum,
inspired
participants.

The

ceremony of
awarding
winners and
prize
winners of
the XI

“Sharq
taronalari”
International
Music
Festival was
held in the

amphitheater
of Registan
square.

Special
prizes of

UNESCO,
the Ministry
of Culture of
the Republic
of
Uzbekistan,

the
directorate
of “Sharq
taronalari”
International
Music

Festival, the
khokimiyats
of
Samarkand
region and
the city of

Samarkand,
and other
organizations
were
awarded in
a number of

nominations

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Representa

tives of
teams from
Iran,
Indonesia
and Turkey

came on
the stage.
They were
awarded
diplomas of

the third
degree of
the festival.

The
second
place was

taken by
artists from
Kyrgyzstan
and Latvia.

The first
place was
awarded

to the
team of
Goseong
Folk-song
Preservati

on
Foundation
n (South
Korea)
and the

represent
ative of
our
country
Mokhiche

khra

Shomurod

ova.

According
to the
decision
of the

authoritati
ve jury,
the Grand
Prix of

the XI

“Sharq

taronalari

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International Music
Festival
was

awarded
to the
honored
artist of

the

Republic

of

Azerbaija

n Sahib

Pashazad

e.

The festival

ended
with a
concert
program

of local
masters
of arts
and

young
artists,
as well
as

“Cultural heritage of Uzbekist

an –
property
of all
mankind”

musical
and light
show in
3D

format.

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