

My name is Nadia Abdelhady, and I am the Director of Cultural Programs at the American University in Cairo and responsible for the university's Egyptian Folklore & Music Ensemble, among many other cultural groups.

Last year in the summer of 2010 the group participated in the GANNAT Folklore Festival in various parts around France. The group received various awards and appreciation letters for their commendable performances.

This year, we would very much like to take part in your folklore festivals this year (2011) and get a chance to visit the lovely and majestic country of Austria.

Earlier, in 2004 we participated in the Chateau Gombert festival, in the south of France. To our pride, we have received a special thank you letter from its organizers. The group participates in festivals alongside other professional groups from various countries.

Our University folklore group has participated in several CIOFF folkloric festivals worldwide since 1986 and we can readily document the fact that we have given thrilling performances in over one hundred countries over the past twenty years.

In 2008, our Folklore group received a generous invitation from the Beskidy Highlanders Festival-Poland, and had the chance to give performances in five towns south of Poland. In the year 2006, our group participated in two international festivals in Seville and Cadiz, South of Spain. In the year 2005, we participated in the Karagoz Golden Festival in Bursa-Turkey, and dazzled our audience with enthralling dances, costumes and music.

Now we are looking forward to participate with our Folklore Troupe in your highly esteemed festivals and would very much appreciate it if you guide us for what to do. Our possible time frame is **early June to end of July 2011**. We are familiar with CIOFF Festival guidelines and regulations. However, and in case there are any changes, we are open to any information, questions or suggestions and look forward to your reply.

We can also provide you with a complete profile of pictures, recommendations and thank you letters. You can also log onto the web sites of the Pyrenes festival, the Karagoz Festival, Chateau Gombert or Beskidy Highlanders festivals, GANNAT Festival, for photos and participation history of our group.

Thank you and awaiting your kind reply, I remain,  
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