



**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
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NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Athens presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and has the honour to inform that the New Bulgarian University (NBU) is organising the prestigious 25th International Masterclass of the world-famous Bulgarian soprano Raina Kabaivanska, which will take place from 4 to 19 September 2025 at the Sofia Opera and Ballet. This event is part of Sofia Municipality's 2025 cultural calendar.

During the Masterclass, Mrs. Raina Kabaivanska will work with participants to help them to improve their vocal technique and acting skills in pieces of their choosing. The most successful participants will perform in a gala concert with the Sofia Opera and Ballet orchestra. Those who demonstrate the greatest achievement during the masterclass and gala concert will be awarded scholarships from the Raina Kabaivanska Fund at NBU for further training in Italy. Prominent participants in the masterclass will also have the opportunity to perform with the Sofia Opera and Ballet and the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra. During the 25th International Masterclass, Mrs. Raina Kabaivanska will select a cast of soloists for the operas "Cavalleria rusticana" and "Pagliacci", to perform in the 2025/26 season at the Sofia Opera and Ballet.

Eligible applicants are singers up to the age of 32 who have completed their musical education, or who are currently studying at a conservatoire, music academy or university. Completed application forms should be submitted online by 25 July 2025 at <https://shorturl.at/ncjsi>.

Further information about the Masterclass can be found at: <https://shorturl.at/MbPcY>.

This Embassy would be grateful if interested parties in Greece could be informed of the above.

The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Athens avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic the assurances of its highest consideration. *ACN*.

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