



Singing in the Forest

Join the Forest Singing Movement, 12th May, 2023

To celebrate the Day of Birds and Trees (10th May in Hungary), The Hungarian Gift of the Forest Foundation is organising a forest singing get-together. Singing in the Forest is a joyful and elevating experience that connects people with nature and especially with birdsong in the trees. We would like our gift to the forest to be a heartfelt song expressing our thanks for the life-giving spring water, the clean air, and healing plants that the forest provides. The Gift of the Forest Foundation intends to expand this tradition to as many countries in the world as possible and make this event worldwide.

The event was received so wholeheartedly last year by kindergartens, nursery and elementary schools that it exceeded all our expectations. More than 28,000 people joined us, making the initiative successful both in Hungary as well as internationally.

Join this singing movement on Friday, May 12th at 10:00 am., experience and feel the special energy of singing in the woods with the birds! At the central event on Normafa hill, Budapest, hundreds of voices will gather together at this time to sing from the heart.

Join in from wherever you are, alone or with family, friends, choirs, schoolmates etc, just sing your favourite songs in a park, in the forest or to your favourite tree in your garden, botanic garden etc.

Take a photo, or video of yourself/your group and send it to us, or post it to <https://www.facebook.com/dalostalalkozo> to see how many of us will sing together.

Please use #singingintheforest2023 in your social media if you participate.

If you like, you could combine your singing with tree planting, garbage collection, bird watching, and any forest school programmes of your choice. You could also strengthen your connection with the forest and nature by inspiring drawings, poems or writings of your choice.

Zoltan Kodaly, the world-famous Hungarian composer, ethnomusicologist, pedagogue, linguist, and philosopher wrote: "Music is spiritual nourishment and cannot be replaced by anything else." We are convinced that the life force originating from the forest is exactly the same, it cannot be replaced by anything else. Through this Singing in the Forest event, we are fully connecting to music and the forest with our heart and soul.

Come and join us! register here: <https://forms.gle/cJXkDUPL2UdwWJfE6> Please spread the word of this event within your communities, schools and friends to have as many people as possible singing in forests all over the world with us on 12th May, 2023 at 10.00 am. (Central European Time). Every voice counts!

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