

VOCAL GROUP DOMEN

(A group of ten male singers from Črnuče, Ljubljana)

The vocal group Domen was formed in 1994, when a group of boys wished to introduce male polyphonic vocal singing in their hometown. At first, their repertoire included mostly folk songs, but later more works by native and foreign composers were added.

In the following years the group received various awards, including two silver plaquettes at the Slovenian choir competition *Naša pesem* in 2001 and 2003. In 2001, the group also received an award for *The best male choir* at the same competition (*Naša pesem*). In 2002, they performed a series of high-profile concerts entitled Dekletu as a part of a traditional festival Jesenske serenade. The group participated in regular concerts of *Zeleni abomna*, where they performed with Symphonic orchestra RTV Slovenija in *Cankarjev dom*. The album of folk and conducted songs entitled *Pod oknom* was also released.

The group earned their respect among Slovenian vocal groups under **Karmen Banko**, who acted as an Artistic Director from the beginning in 1994 to Fall 2004. Her work was continued by **Matjaž Prah** until 2008. In these 4 years, the group performed numerous Christmas and concerts and contributed at Holy masses. Now the group is working with **Aleksandar Spasić**, one of the regular conductors at *SNG Opera and Ballet*, on various projects.

Domen has evolved into a band of ten male singers. Their mission is to preserve Slovenian cultural and musical heritage of male polyphonic vocal singing. They are hoping to meet the expectations of all generations with their quality singing. To read more about the journey of VG Domen, performances and news, visit www.vokalnaskupina.si.

