

## **OPINION**

by

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of dissertation for the award of the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”

Professional field 1.3 Teaching Pedagogy in...

Doctoral program: Methodology of Music Education, Department of Music Pedagogy and Conducting, AMDFA "Prof Asen Diamandiev" Plovdiv,

Author: **Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova**

Title: *Pedagogical technologies for building singing skills in children aged from 7 to 10 years in an extracurricular vocal group*

Academic supervisor: Prof Tsvetanka Kolovska, PhD

### **1. Procedure**

On the grounds of art. 24, para. 4 and para. 6 of the Regulations on the implementation of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, and based on the decision of the Faculty Council at the Faculty of Music Pedagogy, the doctoral student state contract, full-time studies, Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova has been discharged with the right to defend a dissertation work.

The procedure is observed. The documents and publications submitted by the candidate have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

### **2. Information about the doctoral candidate**

Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova is born in Plovdiv. In her hometown, she graduates National School of Music and Dance "Dobrin Petkov" with a specialty in Classical Singing. At AMDFA "Prof Asen Diamandiev" she obtains Bachelor's degrees in Pedagogy of Music Education with professional qualifications Music Teacher and Teacher of Folk Singing, and Master's degree as Music Teacher.

In her creative biography as a vocal pedagogue, music teacher, conductor, performer, Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova has completed training courses, scientific publications, significant creative performances, awarded students at local and international competitions.

### **3. Relevance of the topic**

The relevance of the proposed dissertation is indisputable:

1. It is based on direct pedagogical work described by the doctoral candidate.
2. Defines the concept of "extracurricular activity" - essence, organization and main goals.

3. It is related to the description and real application of pedagogical technologies, helping to build singing skills in children from 7 to 10 years of age.

4. It refers to the organization and conduct of an extracurricular form of education - extremely useful and necessary nowadays.

The methods and pedagogical technologies used by Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova are important, useful and necessary components both for building singing skills in children and for developing their artistic skills.

#### **4. Evaluation of the dissertation work**

The sequence in the described theoretical and practical developments are meaningfully linked, outlining the direction of the author, who describes an applicable, expedient and useful approach to work. The theoretical-empirical research presented in the dissertation shows in-depth, responsible and successful work on the part of the doctoral student, both in presenting the issues and in the results achieved.

The dissertation work of Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova shows a logical structure of presentation and mastery of the scientific terminology, through which the research results are presented in a correct way with their practical applicability.

#### **5. Contributions**

1. The historical origin of the extracurricular children's vocal group are studied from various sides and aspects.

2. Some new trends in the organizational and vocal-pedagogical aspects of working with a vocal group are clearly formulated.

3. Described author's methods for building singing skills.

4. Proven effectiveness and practical significance of the author's methods for building singing skills.

#### **6. Conclusion and reasons for proposal**

My assessment of the doctoral student's overall work is positive.

I believe that the presented material meets the requirements of the Development of the Academic Staff Act and the regulations for its implementation. I propose to the scientific jury to accept the results and contributions in the dissertation work and to award the doctoral candidate Anastasiya Ivanova Batkova the educational-scientific degree "Doctor" in professional field 1.3 Teaching Pedagogy in..., in the doctoral program Methodology of Music Education.

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