

# FOLK BAND FRGAL



Folk Band FRGAL is performing folk songs from Slovakia, Moravia, Bohemia, but also Hungary, Romania, gipsy music and others to enjoy ourselves and share the enjoyment with our listeners. You can either listen or if you have courage enough even dance.

Although the band name is a bit misleading, we reside in Olomouc. Wallachian songs belong to our repertoire, but are not the major ones. The town of Olomouc prompts for local "Hana" folklore, but the band enjoys mainly energetic music rich of expression and technique of the performance.

The beginning is dated to the year 1996, when the band did not have refined repertoire neither name. The repertoire has been slowly refined in course of time according to the interest of both listeners and band members. In the time being we have discovered the charm and beauty of folk songs and folklore traditions and adapted our repertoire. An important period in the FRGAL history was the long-term cooperation with the Olomouc Folklore Ensemble Dunajec in the years 2001-2013, with which we have improved our interpretation of folk songs of various Slovak regions. Since 2015 we have been working with the Folklore Ensemble Krajina and we are more acquainted with the folklore of eastern Moravia.

FRGAL performs in various occasions at public events or private celebrations, weddings etc., but also represents the Czech Republic at international festivals and performances in the Czech Republic and abroad (Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Italy, Estonia, Egypt).

In FRGAL, there were many members (28) during its history, and their count has stabilized on 5 musicians, some of which are dedicated to music, and we are constantly improving with the artistic leadership of Mgr. Art. Branislav Lariš, Ph.D. Actual information can be found on the official website of the band [www.frgal.cz](http://www.frgal.cz), where you can also see photos from various performances or play several recordings.

## Members:

Prim ..... Martin Zatloukal  
Terc ..... Petra Daňková  
Viola ..... Branislav Lariš  
Kontrabas ..... Jakub Sobotka  
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