

# FOLK BAND FRGAL



Folk band FRGAL is playing folk songs of Slovak, Moravian, Bohemian folk regions, but also songs from Hungary, Romania or gipsy music and others to enjoy ourselves and share the enjoyment with our listeners. All this to listen to and, for those who dare, even to 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 of the band dates back to 1996, when it did not yet have a refined repertoire or a name. Over the years, the repertoire of music has been gradually refined according to the interests of the listeners and the players themselves. Over time, we began to discover the charm and beauty of folk songs and folklore traditions and adapted our repertoire accordingly. A significant period in the FRGAL history was the collaboration with the Dunajec Folk Ensemble from Olomouc, thanks to which we improved our interpretation of folk songs from various regions of Slovakia.

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 (Italy, Estonia, Hungary, Egypt, Poland, Austria, Belgium, Slovakia).

A total of 27 musicians have played in FRGAL during its existence, their number has stabilized at 5. Some of them are engaged in music professionally (Moravian Philharmonic Olomouc, Moravian Theater Olomouc, musical schools, Palacký University Olomouc), under the artistic direction of Mgr. Art. Branislav Laris, Ph.D. we still like to play folk songs "amateurly" for the pleasure of ourselves and our listeners. You can find up-to-date information on the band's official website [www.frgal.cz](http://www.frgal.cz), where you can also view some photos or play several music or video samples.

## Members:

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Terc .....Petra Daňková  
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