

National Anthems Online

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA: Intermeco

Apart from a mere 26 kilometers of coastline, Bosnia and Herzegovina is virtually a landlocked country with Croatia to the north-west and south and Serbia to the east. The interior of the country is mountainous and divided by various rivers, most of which are non-navigable. The nation's capital and largest city is Sarajevo which in 1984, was host to the Olympic Games. Formerly one of the six federal units constituting the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina gained independence during the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s.

Like the national anthems of Spain and San Marino, the national anthem of Bosnia and Herzegovina has no official lyrics. *Državna himna Bosne i Hercegovine* (The National Anthem of Bosnia and Herzegovina) was adopted on 25 June 1999, by the promulgation of the Law on The National Anthem. It replaced the older anthem *Jedna si jedina*, the text of which evidently excluded the country's Serb and Croat communities.

The anthem was composed by Dušan Šestić who was born in Banja Luka (or Banjaluka), the capital and the largest city in the Republika Srpska entity and the second largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina after Sarajevo. The city was well-known in the former Yugoslavia for being full of tree-lined avenues, boulevards, gardens and parks. Dušan Šestić is well known as a composer in his homeland and surrounding countries. His daughter, Marija Šestić, represented Bosnia and Herzegovina at the Eurovision Song Contest in 2007.

$\text{♩} = 88$ Dušan Šestić (b. 1946)
Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

In Bb, Eb and F

11

18

34

ff *molto rit.*

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