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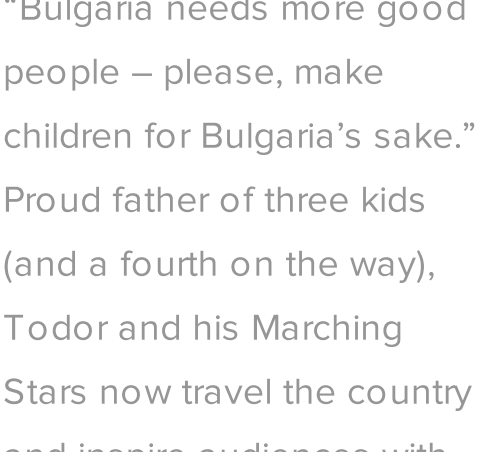
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American optimism meets Bulgarian potential

Are you an optimist? We are. Read Why.

The Latest ABF Community News

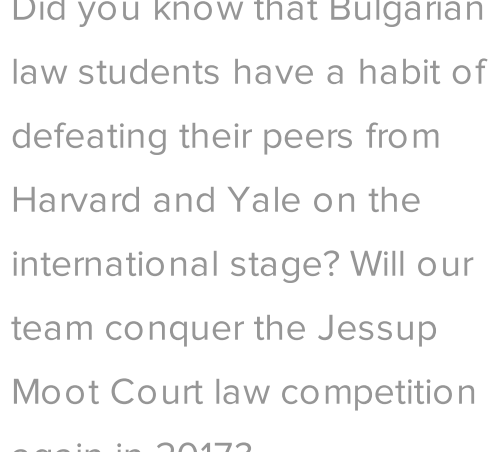
Make Babies for Bulgaria! Now!



"Bulgaria needs more good people – please, make children for Bulgaria's sake." Proud father of three kids (and a fourth on the way), Todor and his Marching Stars now travel the country and inspire audiences with their enthusiasm and optimism about Bulgaria.

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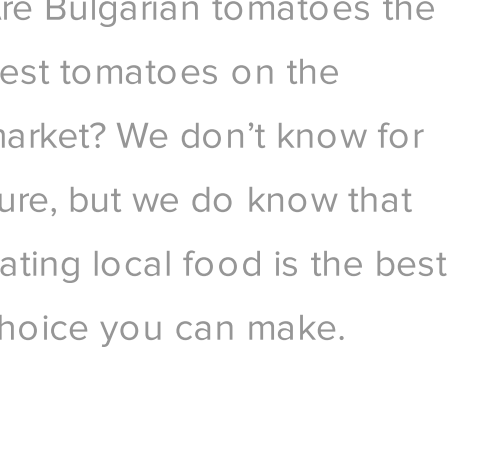
Will We Defeat Harvard and Yale?



Did you know that Bulgarian law students have a habit of defeating their peers from Harvard and Yale on the international stage? Will our team conquer the Jessup Moot Court law competition again in 2017?

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Who Will Win The Tomato War?



Are Bulgarian tomatoes the best tomatoes on the market? We don't know for sure, but we do know that eating local food is the best choice you can make.

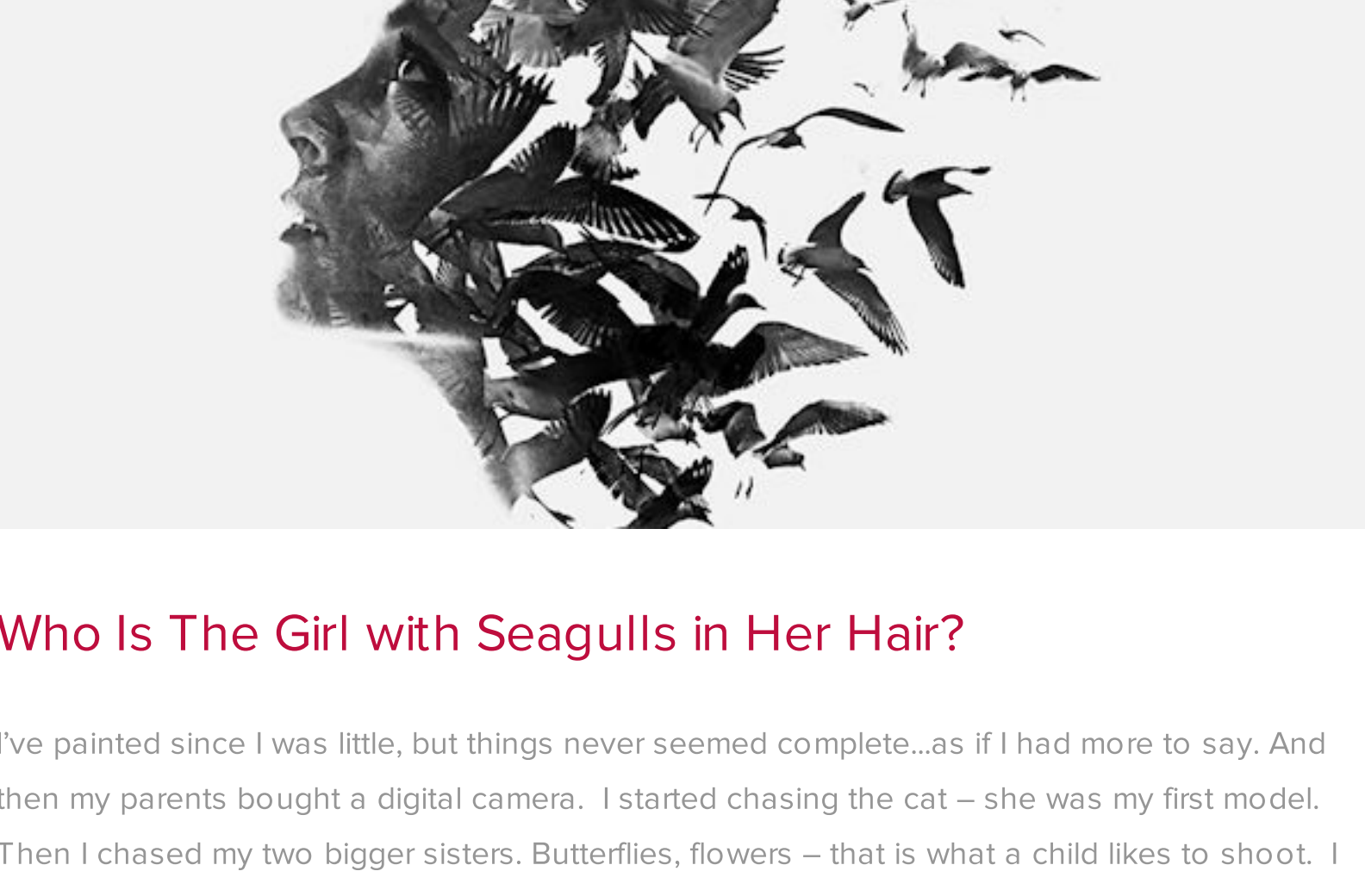
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Who Is The Girl with Seagulls in Her Hair?

I've painted since I was little, but things never seemed complete...as if I had more to say. And then my parents bought a digital camera. I started chasing the cat – she was my first model. Then I chased my two bigger sisters. Butterflies, flowers – that is what a child likes to shoot. I wanted to become a photographer and my parents wanted me to become an engineer. For them, spending money to send me to a photo course was unthinkable...

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Word of the Month: BOOST

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Discover why BOOST is the word of the month.

Do you know what BOOST means? Support, enhance, encourage, strengthen, promote. BOOST is the latest project by TimeHeroes – a platform for volunteering and doing good. And it's a really exciting opportunity for all non-profit organizations. America for Bulgaria Foundation financed the creation of Time Heroes in 2012 in order to help organizations recruit volunteers for their causes. Since inception, over 30,000 volunteers have donated time for causes through the platform of Time Heroes.

The project BOOST, also supported by America for Bulgaria Foundation, aims to enhance the communication skills of civil society organizations in Bulgaria with the help of leading experts in the field. Why is this necessary? Because good communication is of vital importance for every organization.

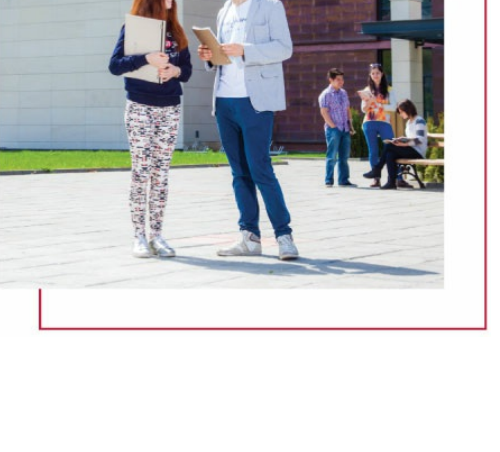
The more interesting and engaging way it communicates with its audience, the more volunteers, donors and supporters will join the cause.

A Bulgarian journalist will win a World Press Institute training in the USA... Could it be you?

The program is open to journalists and photojournalists from newspapers, newsmagazines, wire services, radio, television and online news organizations. Applicants must be available to travel for nine weeks between August and October 2017, be a Bulgarian citizen and have permanent residency in Bulgaria.

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AUBG: Great Education and... Great Cappuccino...

We all know that AUBG stands for great education. But there are not many people who know it is also famous for the cappuccino it serves students. If you are looking for a great education or are just a coffee fan – don't miss out on the AUBG Open House Day on February 25 from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and a visit is worth a million thoughts. Twice a year, AUBG creates a unique opportunity to experience student life and academics through Open House days.

At the AUBG open house, you will be able to:

- Meet with AUBG students, faculty, and graduates
- Take a tour of the campus
- Get personal advice on your application

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What's Next: Music, More Music and Milk?

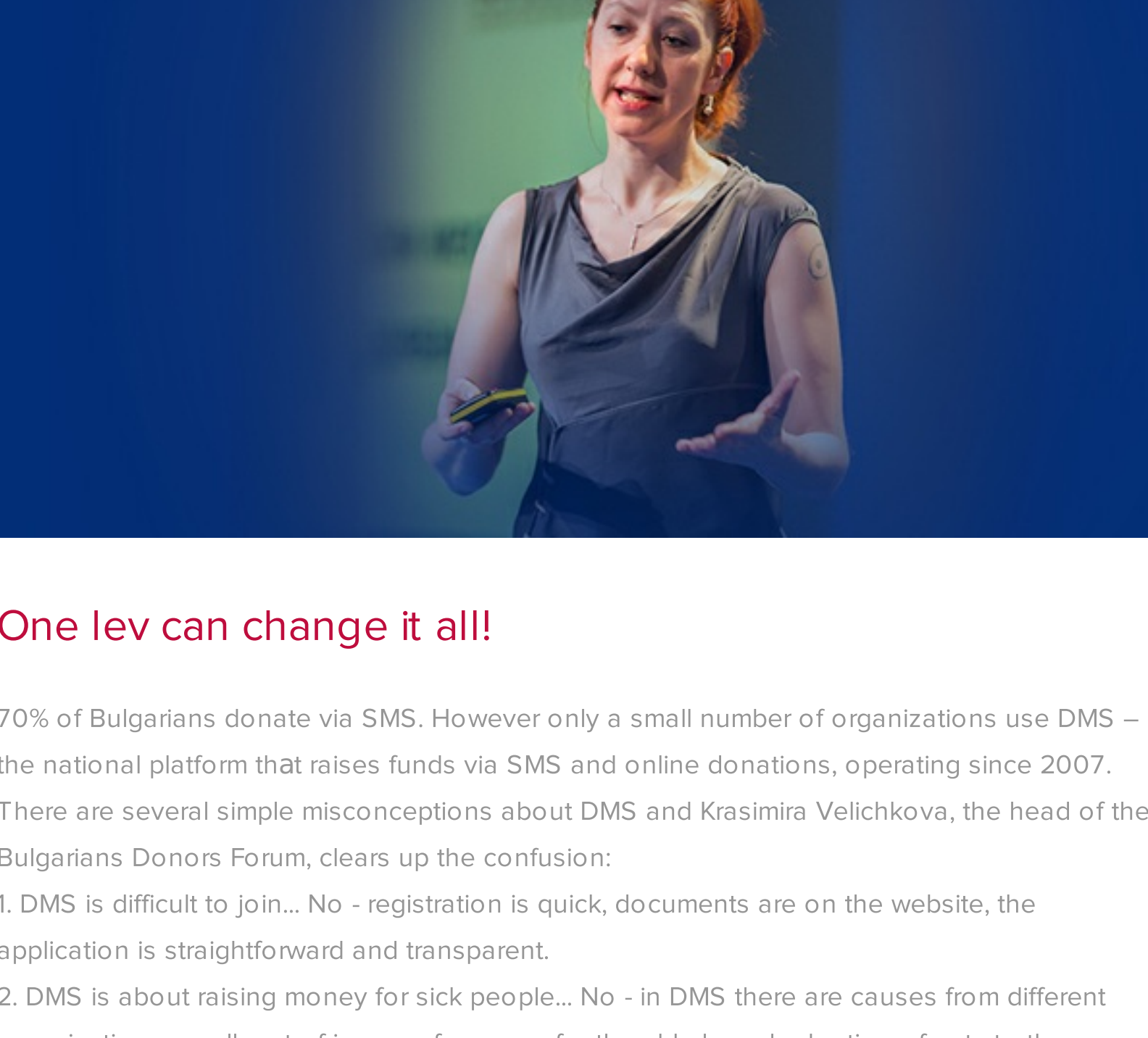
Is your business in the dairy sector? Check the "For More Milk - More Knowledge" traveling seminar calendar! The tour will last until mid-March, visiting nine Bulgarian cities. Select your city and learn about the latest innovative technologies.

On 15 and 16 of February we saw the premiere shows of "Avenue Q", a highly entertaining musical for adults, which communicates all the sensitive issues of our time in an unexpected way. But don't worry! It's not too late to catch up. On February 23, you can have fun with the cheerful parable of growing up and watching television programs like Sesame Street. Tickets are selling fast, so hurry!

On February 19, we offer some culture and interesting debates. The debate on the topic "Is it useful for Bulgaria to idealize Levski?" is going to ignite some passions, so be sure to be there at 11am at the National Museum of Military History. In the early evening (at 7pm) you can stay in awe at the The Shadow of the Ring with conductor Maxim Eshkenazy and magnificent actors Anna Papadopoulou and Julian Vergov. We're definitely not missing out - be there with us in Bulgaria Hall!

March 6 is the deadline for applications for the seminars organized by Elizabeth Kostova Foundation in Sozopol. If you have creative talent for translation, this is the place to be.

The icing on the cake is saved for March 11 - Traviata, live from the Metropolitan Opera with the amazing Bulgarian star, Sonya Yoncheva. In addition, the March Music Days begin in Ruse with children's program and exciting guests from all around the world. Track the program.



One lev can change it all!

70% of Bulgarians donate via SMS. However only a small number of organizations use DMS – the national platform that raises funds via SMS and online donations, operating since 2007. There are several simple misconceptions about DMS and Krasimira Velichkova, the head of the Bulgarians Donors Forum, clears up the confusion:


- DMS is difficult to join... No - registration is quick, documents are on the website, the application is straightforward and transparent.
- DMS is about raising money for sick people... No - in DMS there are causes from different organizations on all sort of issues - from care for the elderly and adoption of pets to the conservation of entire ecosystems.
- DMS allows only one-time donations... No - through the online system your organization can attract regular monthly donors.

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