



Dear Friends,

September saw us and partners on the move: running and walking for breast cancer awareness, driving out to Ruse and Blagoevgrad to celebrate Bulgarian-American partnership in entrepreneurship, civil society, and cultural heritage, biking out to Druzhba Lake for a great evening of film music and along the Danube for a journey of discovery and great natural beauty — and, finally, flying all the way to New York to promote Bulgaria's rich history.

Two remarkable women and artists joined us in our travels this month — Esil Duran and Mihaela Fileva. Scroll down to find out what we cooked up together.

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Bulgaria's Heritage in Focus



Never Heard of Thracians? Here's a Refresher on Europe's First Kings

The ancient civilizations inhabiting what is now Bulgaria and Southeast Europe are the subject of a new traveling exhibit aiming to assert the region's place in world history. It opened in New York City on September 21.

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Meet Boris Begamov, the Entrepreneur Remaking Tourism along the Danube

Every year, he organizes a days-long cycling event to promote tourism along the Danube. This year's edition of Dunav Ultra took place in late August/early September and attracted hundreds of cyclists from Bulgaria and abroad.

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Race for the Cure



Esil Duran and America for Bulgaria Support Breast Cancer Awareness

Internationally renowned pop and jazz music performer Esil Duran visited ABF to talk about raising awareness through events like Race for the Cure and supporting loved ones battling cancer.

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Festivities



Blagoevgrad Festival Celebrates US-Bulgaria Partnership in Entrepreneurship, Civics

The America Meets Bulgaria festival presented Bulgarian businesses and nonprofits changing their communities for the better. Alongside them were Joshua trees, Arizona sunsets, spelling bees, and, yes, a marching band!

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Mihaela Fileva on Artistic Collaborations, Social Engagement, Creativity

The talented Bulgarian singer-songwriter was among the star cast of the I Music concerts in Ruse and Sofia, an extravaganza of classical and folk arrangements and film music from the US and Bulgaria, organized in partnership with ABF.

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