



First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia sent a message of condolences to the family of Jordan Nikolic.

"Jordan chose preservation of authentic Kosovo and Metohija folk music heritage as his life's calling, and it is my hope that, with his passing, the wealth of Serbian songs and culture will not disappear and wither away from Kosovo and Metohija.

I believe that his desire to stay in his homeland is best illustrated by the fact that, following his tremendous success and having been offered a job on Radio Belgrade music desk, he did return to his hometown, wishing to teach language and literature in Prizren's secondary school.

Not even upon his arrival to Belgrade has Jordan left Prizren and his native village of Musnikovo that he visited regularly staying at his ancestral home. To all of us in Prizren he was a true connoisseur and aficionado of Serbian heritage and culture.

His performance at Moscow's great Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, as part of the SFRY Days in the Soviet Union, will always be remembered. After the standing ovation he received, he performed the song Evening Chime ("Vecernji zvon") as an encore. It is my belief that we should all be thankful to him for his preservation of Serbian culture, I certainly am", reads the condolence message by Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic.