17th Budapest International Choir Festival & Competition
April 14 - 18, 2019 | Budapest - Hungary

Announcement
**Participation Opportunities & Activities**

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| A – with requirements (A1 – Mixed Choirs; A2 – Male Choirs; A3 – Female Choirs, A4 – Vocal Ensembles) | • EP - Evaluation Performance  
• IC - Individual Coaching  
• FC - meeting in music Friendship Concerts |
| B – without requirements (B1 – Mixed Choirs; B2 – Male Choirs; B3 – Female Choirs; B4 – Senior Choirs) | The participation at these activities is open to choirs who are taking part at the competition, also. |
| G – Children and Youth Choirs (G1 – Children Choirs; G2 – Youth Choirs of equal voices; G3 – Youth Choirs of mixed voices) | |
| S – Musica Sacra | |
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| J – Jazz | |
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### Festival Participation - The Activities

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<td>• present your competition programme before the competition</td>
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#### IC Individual Coaching | for all choirs

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<td>Perform in concerts together with other international choirs. Friendship Concerts give choirs the opportunity to get acquainted with each other and to provide enjoyable entertainment and time in a friendly atmosphere. We advise you to select your programme in this spirit. Choirs may opt to participate in Friendship Concerts ONLY.</td>
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### Competitive Participation - The Categories

#### I. Category choice

All choirs may participate in only one of categories A or B or G. Choirs may additionally choose to participate in categories F, S, P and J independent of their participation in categories A, B or G.

Female sections of a choir competing in A category may also compete in A3 or A4 categories (depending on the number of singers), while male voices may participate in A2 and A4 categories. Female and male sections of mixed choirs competing in B may also sign up for category B2 respectively B3. Individual choir members may participate in smaller ensembles formed out of their primary choir but may NOT sing in more than one primary choir.

When choosing the category please, keep in sight your choir’s previous experience, results, capabilities in performances at home and abroad.

The A categories are recommended for choirs with:
- more experience in the international choral scene
- a higher grade of vocal and musical training
- choirs of music schools and conservatories

The B categories are recommended for choirs with:
- less experience
- a less frequent rehearsal praxis or more limited rehearsal possibilities
- or recently founded choirs regardless of the number of singers

G categories (Children’s and Youth Choirs)
Participants of the G categories can also sign up for the categories S, F, P and J.

These categories have an age restriction. A limited number of singers may diverge from what is given, up to a certain age. May you have questions, please always consult the organisers.

**Category B4 (Senior Choirs)**

All singers young at heart are welcome to present their skills among like-minded. If you are not sure about to choose please get in contact with us and look at the category description on page 6.

**Category P (Gospel, Pop, Modern)**

All genres of modern choral music are welcome. Choirs have the possibility to perform programmes from Pop, Gospel, Spiritual, or Modern Choral Music. However, contemporary classical choral music should be presented in categories A, B and G.

**UMBRELLA Categories**

Categories S – Musica Sacra, F – Folklore, P – Pop/Gospel/Modern and A4 - Chamber Choirs, B4 - Senior Choirs

All participating choirs of different genres in each of these categories are singing together in the particular, so called “Umbrella Category”. In these categories the jury has the right to award choirs due to their genre (Female, Mixed, etc.) or by the type of their programme (jazz, pop, gospel) with a prize equal to the category winner (e.g. Best Female Choir in Musica Sacra or Best Jazz Choir in category P). Choirs with this award and a result of 23,00 or more than 23 ,00 points (e.g. the best Male Choir in category S, or Best ‘Gospel Performance in Category P and so on) may be entitled to sing with the category winners for the Grand Prize.

#### II. Programme choice

When choosing the pieces, you are kindly advised to carefully consider the whole structure of the programme. Try to set up a well-balanced order of the pieces considering the dramaturgy and the different musical characters. In selecting your programme take into consideration your choir’s knowledge, the singers’ abilities and age group. If it fits your programme choice, it would be advisable to incorporate your national choral traditions.

The organisers are happy to help you in your category and programme’s choice. Do not hesitate to contact us!
Competitive Participation - The Categories

Category A | with requirements

A1 - Mixed Choirs
A2 - Male Choirs (T(T)B(B))
A3 - Female Choirs (S(S)A(A))

Programme
Four (4) pieces have to be performed with respect to these criteria:
1. One freely selected work by a Hungarian composer born after 1945
2. One piece by a composer born between 1809 and 1873
3. One piece by a composer who is alive at the time of the registration
4. One freely chosen piece

Age of singers minimum 16 years
Number of singers minimum 17
Singing time maximum 20 minutes
Accompaniment Maximum two (2) pieces can be performed with instrumental accompaniment.

A4 - Chamber Choirs

Programme
Four (4) pieces have to be performed with respect to these criteria:
5. One freely selected work by a Hungarian composer born after 1945
6. One piece by a composer born before 1715
7. One piece by a composer who is alive at the time of the registration
8. One freely chosen piece

Age of singers minimum 16 years
Number of singers minimum 3 (equal voices), 4 (mixed voices) maximum 16
Singing time maximum 20 minutes
Accompaniment all pieces a cappella

Category B | without requirements

B1 - Mixed Choirs
B2 - Male Choirs (T(T)B(B))
B3 - Female Choirs (S(S)A(A))

Programme
Three (3) pieces of the choir’s own choice from different musical periods, with different character.

Age of singers minimum 16 years
Number of singers minimum 4
Singing time maximum 15 minutes
Accompaniment All pieces can be performed with instrumental accompaniment.

B4 - Senior Choirs

Programme
A programme of 10 to 15 minutes has to be performed.

Age of singers minimum 60 years
Number of singers minimum 4
Singing time maximum 15 minutes
Accompaniment All pieces can be performed with instrumental accompaniment.

Category A4 & B4:
All choirs are competing in one category independently of their genre. However the jury has the right to give an award due to the choir’s genre (e.g. Best Female Chamber Choir, Best Male Senior Choir). In case these choirs achieve a result of more than 23 points, they can be nominated to take part in the Grand Prize Competition.

Category G | Children’s and Youth Choirs

G1 - Children’s Choirs
G2 - Youth Choirs of Equal Voices (S(S)A(A)) or (T(T)B(B))
G3 - Youth Choirs of Mixed Voices

Programme
Four (4) pieces respecting the following criteria:
1. One freely selected work by a Hungarian composer born after 1880
2. One piece by a composer born before 1715
3. One piece by a composer who is alive at the time of the registration
4. One freely chosen piece

Age of singers G1: maximum 16 years | G2 & G3: maximum 19 years
Number of singers minimum 4
Singing time maximum 15 minutes
Accompaniment Maximum two (2) pieces can be performed with instrumental accompaniment.

Category S | Musica Sacra

Programme
Four (4) pieces of sacred music respecting the following criteria:
1. One piece by a Hungarian composer born after 1880
2. One piece by a composer born before 1715
3. One piece by a composer who is alive at the time of the registration
4. One freely chosen piece

Age of singers no restrictions
Number of singers minimum 4
Singing time maximum 20 minutes
Accompaniment Maximum one (1) piece can be performed with instrumental accompaniment.

Category F | Folklore

The ensembles are asked to perform a folklore programme of their home country, which may include folksong arrangements without choreography, or a folk scene, a traditional costume or a scene with choreography from the daily life of the participants. The choreography should reflect traditional customs. The main emphasis should be on the vocal part. The singers are allowed to wear traditional costumes.

Notice: In case sheet music is not available, a short description for the jury written in English is requested.

Age of singers no restrictions
Number of singers minimum 4
Singing time maximum 15 minutes
Amplification Instrumental accompaniment is permitted. Amplification of the voices is not allowed.

Category S, F & P (please see next page):
All choirs are competing in one category independently of their genre. However the jury has the right to give an award due to the choir’s genre (e.g. Best performance of an female choir in Musica Sacra, Best Male Pop Choir). In case these choirs achieve a result of more than 23 points, they can be nominated to take part in the Grand Prize Competition.
### Category P | Gospel - Pop - Modern

**Programme**
A freely chosen programme of popular/modern/gospel/spiritual music must be performed. Improvisation by the vocalists is desirable but not compulsory. Instrumental solos must be kept within limits as only the performance of the choir is evaluated. Classical contemporary pieces are welcome in categories A, B and G.

**Age of singers**
no restrictions

**Number of singers**
minimum 4

**Singing time**
maximum 15 minutes

**Accompaniment, Amplification & Playback**
Instrumental accompaniment including electronic instruments is permitted. Acoustic amplification of the choir or the instruments is possible. Playback is not permitted. Equipment suited to the respective venues will be made available on site. The adequate realisation of technically complex requirements (for example the use of headsets or separate microphones for each singer and so on) cannot be guaranteed. In that case you will be kindly asked to bring your own equipment. In any case: please, attach your technical rider!

### Category J | Jazz

**Programme**
A jazz programme of 15 minutes has to be performed. Improvisation by the vocalists is desirable but not compulsory. Instrumental solos have to be kept within limits as just the performance of the choir is evaluated.

**Age of singers**
no restrictions

**Number of singers**
minimum 4

**Singing time**
maximum 15 minutes

**Accompaniment, Amplification & Playback**
Instrumental accompaniment including electronic instruments is permitted. Acoustic amplification of the choir or the instruments is possible. Playback is not permitted. Equipment suited to the respective venues will be made available on site. The adequate realisation of technically complex requirements (for example the use of headsets or separate microphones for each singer and so on) cannot be guaranteed. In that case you will be kindly asked to bring your own equipment. In any case: please, attach your technical rider!

### GP | Grand Prize Competition

**Programme**
Two (2) freely chosen a cappella pieces which must differ from the ones already performed in the competition programme; the music scores of these two pieces must be approved by the artistic director. Please, choose pieces which best reflects the choirs abilities and knowledge and have an entertainment value for the audience and jury alike.

**Participants**
Category winners with a result over 23 points, and choirs with special awards over 23 points are entitled to take part at the Grand Prize Competition.

**Age of singers**
according to category rules

**Number of singers**
according to category rules

**Singing time**
maximum 8 minutes

**Accompaniment & Amplification**
Both pieces has to be performed a cappella. Amplification of the voices is allowed according to the category rules.
**Competition Participation - Evaluation System, Diplomas & Grand Prize**

The *InChoral* Evaluation System

The *InChoral* evaluation system was presented at 2015 Budapest International Choral Competition. It preserves all the advantages of the well-known evaluation concept that I worked out while introducing new criteria to provide a more efficient assistance to choirs’ learning with a more detailed and perspicuous evaluation system. Beside other aspects the jury will give choirs a feedback about the programme dramaturgy, the selection, difficulty etc. In evaluating a choir, taking all the criteria into account, we aim at finding a most desirable proportion of various elements to provide a realistic feedback on the choirs’ performance. This new generation of choir competitions are united under the auspices of *InChoral – International Choral Festival Network* – and focus on cultural exchange, getting acquainted with one another and a shared musical experience, beside well-deserved success of the choirs. 

Yours Gábor Hollerung

**Diplomas**

According to the score, Bronze, Silver, and Golden Diplomas will be awarded. In case the choir does not achieve a diploma, the choir will receive a Certificate of Participation. The choir with a Golden Diploma and the highest score in each category becomes the Category Winner.

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**Grand Prize**

Category winners and choirs both with a result over 23 points can be nominated by the jury for the Grand Prize Competition.

**Umbrella categories S, F and P as well as A4 and B4:**

The jury can nominate more choirs depending on their genre (Female, Male, Mixed, Children’s Choir, etc.). With a result of 23, 00 or more points they can be awarded with a prize equal to the category winner and have the chance to sing for the Grand Prize.

The winner of the competition will be awarded the Budapest Grand Prize endowed with 2,000 Euros (three thousand Euros).

**Special Prizes:**

The jury may award special prizes for outstanding performances and unique presentations. Choirs with the longest tradition or choral singing may achieve a diploma of honour.

**Competition Rules**

I. General Rules

a. All non-professional choirs are welcome to take part in this event. Except for the conductors, all choir members must be amateurs, e.g. they are not allowed to earn their living from professional singing.

b. The order of the performances within a category is scheduled randomly, with exception of organisational needs due to multiple appearances.

c. **INDIVIDUALLY ORGANISED CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES:** Choirs are kindly asked to inform the organisers about this kind of arrangements as soon as possible, if they plan to do other performances or concerts.

II. Multiple Participation

a. Single choir members may participate in smaller ensembles formed out of their primary choir but may NOT sing in more than one primary choir.

b. All choirs can only participate in A, B or G. Category S, F, P and J are free of choice.

c. Female sections of a choir competing in A1 can sign up for A3 or A4 (depending on their numbers of singers), and male sections to A2 or A4.

d. Choirs competing in B1 can also compete in B3 with their female sections and in B2 with their male sections.

III. Music

a. **CHOICE OF PIECES:** One piece can only be performed in one category. If participating in two or more categories, we kindly ask you to sing different pieces in each category.

b. **ACCOMPANIMENT:** At least one pitched instrument is used. In categories requiring a cappella selections instruments without definite pitch may be used (percussion instruments).

c. **CHANGES OF KEY:** If you wish to change the key of a piece, please inform the organiser prior to the competition in writing.

d. **ACTUAL SINGING TIME:** Actual singing time is the duration of the performance time only. It excludes entrance, exit, and applause.

e. **MUSIC SCORES:**

   - Five copies of every piece should be submitted by postal mail. The scores must conform to internationally recognized sheet music standards (five lines of notes).
   - Submitted score sheets will be given back to the choirs after the competition.
   - If scores with titles and names of composers not written in the Roman alphabet, please write them clearly in Latin letters.
   - Please note that published choral compositions may only be sung using original scores or authorised copies. The use of unauthorised copies or handwritten copies is not allowed.
   - If your scores are published as a score book, we prefer you submit authorised copies.

If you need help or recommendation in choosing your competition repertoire, contact our publisher:

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e-mail: office@ph-publishers.com | www.ph-publishers.com
**Check-List for Registration**

Please provide the following documents together with your registration:

- **APPLICATION FORM**
  Correctly and clearly filled in and signed!
- **APPLICATION FEE**
  Please, enclose proof of payment. Payment with Visa or Master Card is accepted (see registration forms).
- **AUDIO RECORDING**
  Please send mp3, WAV, WMA, or CD with at least three (3) pieces (preferably a cappella) not older than two years. Please write the titles and composers of the pieces as well as the date of recording.
- **SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF your CHOIR**
  Please send the biography in English as an editable text document (e.g. Word).
- **Three (3) PHOTOS OF your CHOIR**
  Please, make sure that it is suitable for reproduction (landscape format, .jpg or .bmp file - no PDF, min. 300 DPI, min. 12 x 7.5 cm). The picture should not be older than two years.
- **MUSIC SCORES OF COMPETITION REPERTOIRE**
  - Submit pdf-scores until official application deadline (December 10, 2018)
  - PDF-files previously sent via e-mail must be submitted as hardcopy until January 31, 2019 as follows:
    - Competition: five (5) copies are requested.
    - EP Evaluation Performance: three (3) scores are requested.
    - IC Individual Coaching: one (1) score is requested.
    - FC Friendship Concerts: no scores need to be submitted.
  
  Please sent the scores to:
  Budapest International Choir Festival and Competition / Interkultur Hungary
  1087 Budapest, Kerepesi út 29/b.
  Hungary

- **Details about your CREDIT CARD and the authorization to arrange payment after the event in case of need.**

Please get in contact with us if you have questions!
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