

VII. INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

December 6th - 9th, 2012

Bratislava, Slovakia

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Dear lover of choral music,

We would like to invite you to participate in the **VII. International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music** that will be held **on December 6th – 9th 2012 in Bratislava, Slovakia**. The Slovak capital Bratislava opens its gates and invites choirs to its charming centre decorated for Christmas. We are inviting music choirs from all over the world; your songs and performances will contribute to a truly heart warming atmosphere for Christmas.

The festival will be managed by Bratislava Music Agency under the auspices of the City of Bratislava.

Choirs can join the festival either as non-competitive choirs participating in all the performances of the festival, or as competitive choirs.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1st OCTOBER 2012

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- A1/** Children's choirs up to 6 years
- A2/** Children's choirs up to 8 years
- A3/** Children's choirs up to 12 years
- A4/** Children's choirs up to 16 years
- B/** Youth choirs (up to 21years)
- C/** Adult choirs (min. 25 singers)
- D/** Chamber adult choirs (12 - 24 singers)
- E/** Vocal ensembles (4 - 11 singers, no microphone)
- X/** Non-competing choirs

In A and B categories minimal 75% of singers are required to be in that age. The time limit of each competition performance is 15 minutes. The programme can consist of advent or spiritual music either a cappella or with instrumental accompaniment (a piano is available).

DIPLOMAS

According the number of acquired points the international jury will award:

BRONZE BAND 60,00 - 74,99 points

SILVER BAND 75,00 - 89,99 points

GOLDEN BAND 90,00 - 99,00 points

GRAND PRIX 100,00 points

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

- Each choir including the conductor, accompanying persons and bus drivers will pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food
- The registration fee for 1 contest category is 200 EUR, each further category is 150 EUR
- The registration fee is not paid back in case of cancellation of the application
- Participation in the festival as non-competitive choir is 100 EUR
- The registration deadline is 1st October 2012. **For online application, please go to www.choral-music.sk**. The application shall be enclosed with following materials:
 - Complete application form
 - Competition programme (name of the composition, composer's full name, length)
 - Sound record of the choir not older than 3 years (CD, DVD, mp3, tape...)
 - Choir's and conductor's curriculum (10 lines)
 - Choir's and conductor's photo
 - Music scores of the competition programme in 3 copies
 - A copy of money order or bank transfer confirming payment of the registration fee
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ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

Each choir including the conductor, accompanying persons and bus drivers will pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food. The organizer reserves the right to arrange accommodation and catering for the participating choirs.

Package:	1	2	3	4
Hotel category:	hostel	hotel**	hotel***	hotel***
Price:	115 EUR	145 EUR	199 EUR	220 EUR

The Package price includes:

- 3 x night and breakfast
- guidance during the whole stay ; • Bratislava sightseeing tour
- opening concert for participants ; • public concert performances for participating choirs
- final ceremony
- information material

Package 1 - Hostel

- 3x night/breakfast, 4-bed rooms, common bathrooms, additional fee of 35 EUR for a single room

Package 2 - Hotel**

- 3x night/breakfast in a **hotel, double/triple rooms, 2 rooms with a shared bathroom, additional fee for a single room

Package 3 - Hotel***

- 3x night/breakfast in twin bedrooms in a ***hotel, additional fee of 60 EUR for a single room

Package 4 - Hotel*** in centre of Bratislava

- 3x night/breakfast in twin bedrooms in a ***hotel in Bratislava city centre, additional fee of 101 EUR for a single room

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 6th December 2012

- 7 pm **Opening concert** for the participating choirs, Jesuit Church

Friday 7th December 2012

- Bratislava sightseeing
- **Choir concerts and performances** at the stage of **Christmas markets** at Hviezdoslav Square
- 7 pm **Advent concert** of the participating choirs, Jesuit church

Saturday 8th December 2012

- 10 am - 6 pm **Competition** in individual categories
- 6 pm **Competition results announcement**, diplomas and prizes awarding
- 7 pm Social evening for choir leaders

Sunday 9th December 2012

- Choir performances during Holy Masses in Bratislava churches

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APPLICATION FORM

Name of the ensemble:

Name of the conductor:

Choir address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Competition category:

Arrival date: Departure date:

Number of overnights:

Number of participants:

Accommodation package:

The choir will participate in : Competition

Christmas concert at Christmas markets' stage

Sacred music concert

Holy Mass singing

Date:

Signature:

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