

MUSICA SACRA BRATISLAVA

The 7th International Sacred Music Festival

May 24th – 27th 2012

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

www.choral-music.sk

Basic information

The competition is for children's, youth, male, female and mixed choirs. Choirs shall present a sacred repertoire sung a cappella. Two compositions a cappella are obligatory for children's and boys' choirs. The other compositions can be with piano.

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

Application deadline: January 31st, 2012

Musica Sacra Competition

Competition Categories in Sacred Choirs Music a cappella

Category A:	Mixed, female and male voice choirs 6 - 15 singers
Category B:	Mixed, female and male chamber choirs, 16-23 singers
Category C:	Female and male choirs, minimum 24 singers
Category D:	Mixed choirs, minimum 24 singers
Category E1:	Youth choirs up to 25 years of age {soprano, alto}
Category E2:	Youth choirs up to 25 years of age {soprano, alto, tenor, bass}

Two compositions a cappella are compulsory, the rest of the programme can be accompanied with piano for the following categories:

Category F:	Children's choirs up to 16 years of age
Category G1:	Boys' choirs {soprano, alto, tenor, bass}
Category G2:	Boys' choirs {soprano, alto}

Competition Repertoire

The following a cappella repertoire up to 15 minutes netto is compulsory:

- Chorus from the period before 1600
- Chorus from the period of Romanticism (19th Century)
- Chorus of a composer born after 1920
- Works of your own choice

Special categories

Category H:	Polyphony - no category difference A work from the period before 1600. Works of your own choice A cappella repertoire up to 12 minutes netto
Category I:	Contemporary music - no category difference A work by a composer born after 1950. Works of your own choice A cappella repertoire up to 12 minutes netto
Category J:	Spiritual, gospel - no category difference Works of your own choice A cappella repertoire up to 12 minutes netto (no microphone)
Category K:	Orthodox Church Music - no category difference Works of your own choice A cappella repertoire up 15 minutes netto
Category X:	Non competitive choirs

Competition Rules

- The competition is intended for amateur choirs
- Each choir can sing in several categories but with different programme
- Competition programme scores shall be sent in 3 copies and cannot be changed
- The choirs will not have possibility for acoustic rehearsal
- The total duration must not exceed 15 minutes and jury will stop longer entries
- In categories A, B, C, D, E1, E2, H, I, J, K all pieces shall be performed a cappella
- In categories F, G1, G2 minimal 2 pieces must be a capella, the rest with piano
- Deadline for sending application for the festival is January 31st 2011

Participation Conditions

1. The competition will take place between May 24th-27th 2012, in Bratislava.
2. Each choir including the conductor, accompanying persons and bus drivers shall pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food on their own.
3. The registration fee for 1 contest category is 200 EUR, each further contest category is 150 EUR .
4. The given registration fee is not paid back in case that the choir cancels the application

ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING:

Each choir including the conductor, accompanying people and bus drivers shall pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food on their own.

Package	1	2	3	4
Hotel Category	Hostel	Hotel **	Hotel ***	Hotel ***
Price	135 EUR	145 EUR	199EUR	266EUR

Package price includes:

- 3x night and breakfast in hotel
- guidance during whole stay • Bratislava sightseeing tour
- opening concert for participants • public concert performance for participating choirs
- final ceremony with cultural programme • information material

Package 1 - Hostel

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

Package 2 Hotel **

3x night /breakfast in two star hotels - 2 rooms with a shared bathroom, WC, 2-3 beds/

Package 3 Hotel ***

3x accommodation with breakfast in twin bed rooms *** hotel /additional fee of 60 EUR for a single room/

Package 4 Hotel *** in BRATISLAVA CENTER

3x accommodation with breakfast in twin bed rooms *** hotel /additional fee of 101 EUR for a single room/

The organizer shall reserve the right to arrange accommodation and catering of the participating choirs.

The application shall be enclosed with the following:

- ◆ Complete application form
- ◆ Competition programme (name of the composition, composer's full name, length of the compositions)
- ◆ Sound record of the choir not older than 3 years (a CD or a tape)
- ◆ Choir's and conductor's description (10 lines)
- ◆ picture of the choir and conductor
- ◆ scores of the competition works in three copies
- ◆ A copy of money order or bank transfer confirming payment for the festival fee.

Festival Programme

Besides entries in the competition, the choirs can

» 1. sing during Holy Mass

On Sunday morning choirs can separately sing in churches in Bratislava and the surroundings. The choice of singing programme shall be adjusted to liturgy.

» 2. give official performance

On Thursday or Friday all choirs will separately present a 15-20minute a cappella programme at the concert in Jesuits Church.

» 3. sing at the ceremonial Holy Mass

On Saturday night all choirs will sing together at the ceremonial Holy Mass with a bishop's participation.

» 4. give an individual concert

The choirs separately can give a concert in churches in Bratislava or the surroundings on Sunday night. The a cappella sacred music concert programme with the scores shall be enclosed to the application.

Festival Framework Programme

THURSDAY, MAY 24th 2012

Arrival of foreign choirs
Opening ceremonial, Festival concert

FRIDAY, MAY 25th 2012

Workshop, Bratislava sightseeing,
rehearsal for the ceremonial Holy Mass, festival concerts

SATURDAY, MAY 26th, 2012

9 am - 3,30 pm Competition Musica Sacra Bratislava
6 pm Ceremonial Holy Mass in which a bishop participate and all the choirs will sing
7 pm Competition results annoucent

SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 2012

Departure or following volutary programmme:
Morning: performance of choirs during the Holy Mass in Bratislava churches
Afternoon: a tour to Pilgrim's place in Marianka (Mariathal), 20km from Bratislava with a spontaneous performance of the individual choirs
Evening: an independent concert in Bratislava or the surrounding area can be arranged

Additional offers:

a boat trip on the Danube with a visit to Devin castle

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