

# **IV. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Festival for Children / Youth choirs, Orchestras, Bands**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, Bratislava, Slovakia**

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**Dear young musician,**

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **IV. International Youth Music Festival** that will take place July 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Bratislava, Slovakia. We invite musically inclined youth from around the world to show their talents in playing and singing in children and youth orchestras, vocal ensembles, brass and string orchestras or a combination of both vocal and instrumental choirs, traditional music, folk music. The choirs may participate in competing or non-competing setting.

During the festival children and students will both benefit and contribute to the rich cultural atmosphere of the city. Bratislava is widely recognized as a city of music, in addition to its fame as a city of rich cultural and artistic heritage. Each choir will have plenty of opportunities to perform in concert halls with wonderful acoustics, beautiful churches and outdoor setting in Bratislava's historical centre. In addition to these music performances, each group will be treated to recreational and sightseeing places of interest in the surrounding area. We offer guided tours to the famous Redstone Castle, a boat tour to Devin Castle, a tour of the historical town of Trnava, and a nearby aquapark in the town of Senec.

The goal of this summer festival is simply to bring talented young musicians from around the world together and let them have a good time. This unique musical and cultural experience is sure to inspire musicians that will perform and learn together in Bratislava – city of dreams.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15TH 2012**

## **COMPETITION CATEGORIES**

### **A: CHOIRS**

A1 : Children's choirs up to 8 years

A2 : Children's choirs up to 12 years

A3 : Children's choirs up to 16 years

A4: Youth choirs up to 21 years (sopranos and altos)

A5: Youth choirs up to 21 years (sopranos, altos, tenors, bassos)

A6: Youth choirs up to 35 years (sopranos and altos)

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A8: Free ensembles: vocal jazz, spiritual and gospel

A9: Folksong a cappella - choirs

A9a: Folksong a cappella – folklore groups

A10: Folksong with instrumental accompaniment - choirs

A10a: Folksong with instrumental accompaniment – folklore groups

A11: Sacred Music a cappella

A12: Music Theatre

A13: Non- competing choirs

## **Special categories**

A13: Renaissance and baroque music ( at least 16 singers), repertoire up to 12 min.

A14: Contemporary music, works by composers born after 1950, repertoire up to 12 min.

A15: Orthodox Church Music, a cappella repertoire up 15 min.

*The performance time limit for choirs is 15 minutes; a piano is available.*

## **B: CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRAS UP TO 16 YEARS**

B1: Ensembles with free instrumentation

B2: Mixed ensembles: instrumental or vocal-instrumental ensembles

B3: Non- competing orchestras

## **C: YOUTH ORCHESTRAS UP TO 21 YEARS**

C1. Symphony orchestras

C2. String Orchestras

C3. Symphonic bands, fanfares and brass band

C4. Ensembles with free instrumentation

C5: Mixed ensembles: Folk music ensembles (instrumental or vocal- instrumental ensembles)

C5:Non- competing orchestras

## **D: YOUTH ORCHESTRAS UP TO 35 YEARS**

D1. Symphony Orchestra

D2. String Orchestras

D3. Symphonic bands, fanfares and brass band

D4. Ensembles with free instrumentation

D5: Mixed ensembles: Folk music ensembles (instrumental or vocal-instrumental ensembles)

D6:Non- competing orchestras

*The time limit for orchestras is 20 minutes.*

**E DANCE ENSEMBLES**, with live music or recorded music, time limit is 20 minutes.

**F: BIG BAND**, repertoire up to 20 minutes net

**G: JAZZ ENSEMBLES**, repertoire up to 20 minutes net

**K: PERCUSSIONS ENSEMBLES**, repertoire up to 20 minutes net

## **DIPLOMAS**

According to the number of acquired points, the international jury will award

*Bronze band*                      *15 – 19.9 points*

*Silver band*                      *20 – 24.9 points*

*Golden band*                      *25 – 29.9 points*

*Grand Prix*                      *30 points*

## PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

- Each choir including the conductor, accompanying persons and bus drivers shall pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food on their own.
- 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-competing choir/orchestra is 100 EUR.

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For online application, please go to [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)

## ACCOMMODATION

The organizer shall reserve the right to arrange accommodation for the participating groups.

Package:	1	2	3	4
Hotel Category:	Hostel	** Hotel	*** Hotel	*** Hotel
Price:	95 EUR	145 EUR	199 EUR	220 EUR

### The package price includes:

- 3x night + breakfast;
- guidance during the whole stay;
- Bratislava sightseeing tour
- opening concert for participants;
- participation in the competition;
- public concert performance for participating choirs;
- final ceremony with cultural programme;
- information material

**Package 1 - Hostel** (additional fee for a single room)

3x night/breakfast, 4-bed rooms, common bathrooms, hostel

**Package 2 - Hotel \*\*** (additional fee for a single room)

3x night/breakfast in \*\*star hotel - 2 rooms with a shared bathroom, double/triple rooms

**Package 3 - Hotel \*\*\*** (additional fee for a single room)

3x accommodation with breakfast in double rooms in a \*\*\* hotel,

**Package 4 - Hotel \*\*\*, Bratislava centre** (additional fee for a single room)

3x accommodation with breakfast in double rooms in a \*\*\* hotel in the centre of Bratislava

## Outline of the festival programme

### FRIDAY 6 JULY 2012

7 pm – Opening concert of the festival

### SATURDAY 7 JULY 2012

9 am – 4 pm Competition in individual categories

3 pm – free time possibilities: a Danube river cruise, a city tour

8 pm – Sacred music choir concert in Francisca Church

### SUNDAY 8 JULY 2012

Performance of choirs during Holy Masses in Bratislava churches

10 am – 4 pm choir, orchestra and folklore concerts in historical centre of Bratislava

7 pm - Competition results announcement

8 pm – Dinner reception for conductors

### MONDAY JULY 9, 2012

Departure

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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  Secular music concert

Sacred music concert  Holy Mass singing

The orchestra/band will participate in :  Competition

Individual concert

Date: ..... Signature: .....

### The application shall be enclosed with the following:

1. Complete application form
2. Competition programme (composition's and composer's name, length of the composition)
3. Sound record of the choir not older than 3 years (a CD or a tape)
4. Choir/orchestra and conductor's description (10 lines)
5. Choir/orchestra and conductor's photo
6. 3 copies of music scores from the competition programme
7. A copy of money order or bank transfer confirming payment for the festival fee.

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