

IV. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Festival for Children / Youth choirs, Orchestras, Bands
July 6th – 9th 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 6th – 9th 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 competitive or non-competitive 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

CATEGORIES

Children's choirs:

A: Preschool children choirs

A1 : Children's choirs up to 12 years

A2 : Children's choirs up to 16 years

A3: Youth choirs up to 21 years (soprano, alto)

A4: Youth choirs up to 21 years (soprano, alto, tenor, bass)

A5: Youth choirs up to 35 years (soprano, alto)

A6: Youth choirs up to 35 years (soprano, alto, tenor, bass)

A7: Free ensembles: vocal jazz, spiritual and gospel

A8: Folk song a cappella

A9: Folk song with instrumental accompaniment

A10: Musica Sacra a cappella

A11: Non-competitive choirs

Children's orchestras up to 16 years

B1: Ensembles with free instrumentation

B2: Mixed ensembles: instrumental or vocal-instrumental ensembles

B3: Non-competitive orchestras

Youth orchestras up to 21 years

C1: Symphony orchestras

C2: String Orchestras

C3: Symphonic bands, fanfares and brass bands

C4: Ensembles with free instrumentation

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

C6: Non-competitive orchestras

Youth Orchestras up to 35 years

D1: Symphony Orchestras

D2: String Orchestras

D3: Symphonic bands, fanfares and brass bands

D4: Ensembles with free instrumentation

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

D6: Non-competitive orchestras

The performance time limit for choirs is 15 minutes; a piano is available. The time limit for orchestras is 20 minutes. Free choice of repertoire.

DIPLOMAS

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

<i>Bronze band</i>	<i>15 – 19.9 points</i>
<i>Silver band</i>	<i>20 – 24.9 points</i>
<i>Golden band</i>	<i>25 – 29.9 points</i>
<i>Grand Prix</i>	<i>30 points</i>

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-competitive choir/orchestra is 100 EUR.
- Deadline for sending application for the festival is 15 April 2012.

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For online application, please go to www.choral-music.sk

ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING

The organizer shall reserve the right to arrange accommodation and board for the participating choirs. Each choir including the conductor, accompanying people and bus drivers shall pay their travel expenses, expenses on accommodation and food on themselves.

Package:	1	2	3	4
Hotel Category:	Hostel	** Hotel	*** Hotel	*** Hotel
Price:	95 EUR	145 EUR	199 EUR	266 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

3x night/breakfast, 4-bed rooms, common bathrooms, hostel (additional fee for a single room)

Package 2 - Hotel **

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

Package 3 - Hotel ***

3x accommodation with breakfast in double rooms in a *** hotel, (additional fee for a single room)

Package 4 - Hotel ***, Bratislava centre

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

Choirs & Orchestras Performances during the festival:

- A) competition performance
- B) 15 minutes of secular or folk music,
- C) 15 minute sacred music programme.

The organizer reserves the right to use video and sound records from the festival.

Outline of the festival programme

FRIDAY JULY 6, 2012

Arrival of foreign choirs

7 pm – Opening concert of the festival

SATURDAY JULY 7, 2012

9 am – 4 pm Competition in individual categories

8 pm – Sacred music choir concert in the Jesuit Church in Bratislava

SUNDAY JULY 8, 2012

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

3 pm – free time possibilities: a Danube river cruise, a city tour, performance during Holy Masses in Bratislava churches

7 pm - Competition results announcement

8 pm – Dinner reception for conductors

MONDAY JULY 9, 2012

Departure / possibility to have individual concert

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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's and conductor's description (10 lines)
5. Choir's 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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