

SLOVAKIA CANTAT 2015

International Choir and Orchestra Festival

23 – 26 April, 2015

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Dear lovers of choral and orchestral music,

we would like to invite you to participate in the **IX. International Festival SLOVAKIA CANTAT 2015** to be held in Bratislava from **23 to 26 April 2015**. We are inviting choirs and orchestras from all over the world; your songs and performances will contribute to a truly spring atmosphere in Bratislava. The festival will be managed by the Bratislava Music Agency, under the auspices of the city of Bratislava. Choirs and orchestras can join the festival either as **non-competing choirs and orchestras** participating in all performances of the festival, or as **competing choirs and orchestras**. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2015.**

CATEGORIES:

CHOIRS

- 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
- B1:**Boys' choirs (sopranos and altos)
- B2:**Boys' choirs (sopranos, altos, tenors, basses)
- C1:**Youth choirs up to 21 years (sopranos, altos)
- C2:**Youth choirs up to 21 years (S, A, T, B)
- C3:**Youth choirs up to 21 years (tenors, basses)
- D1:**Adult choirs – men
- D2:**Adult choirs – women
- D3:**Adult choirs

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- E1:** Vocal ensembles 4 - 8 singers (men, women, mixed)
- E2:** Chamber choirs 9 – 24 singers (men, women, mixed)
- F1:** Folksong a cappella - for choirs
- F2:** Folksong with instrumental accompaniment - for choirs
- F3:** Folk music instrumental ensembles
- F4:** Folksong a cappella - for folklore groups
- F5:** Folksong with instrumental accompaniment - for folklore groups
- G:** Spiritual, gospel
- H1:** Musica Sacra a cappella
- H2:** Musica Sacra with instrumental accompaniment
- I:** Renaissance and baroque music (at least 16 singers) - no category difference. Works of your own choice. Repertoire up to 12 minutes net.
- J:** Contemporary music - no category difference. A work by a composer born after 1950. Works of your own choice. Repertoire up to 12 minutes net
- K:** Musical theatre - no category difference. Works of your own choice. Repertoire up to 15 minutes net.
- L:** Orthodox Church Music, no category difference. Works of your own choice. A cappella repertoire up 15 minutes net.
- R:** Choirs of seniors
- X:** Non-competing choirs

ORCHESTRAS

Children's orchestras up to 12 years

OA1: Ensembles/Orchestras with free instrumentation

Children's orchestras up to 16 years

OB1:Ensembles with free instrumentation

OB2:Mixed ensembles: instrumental or vocal-instrumental ensembles

OB3:Non- competing orchestras

Youth orchestras up to 21 years

OC1:Symphonic orchestras

OC2:String Orchestras

OC3:Symphonic wind bands, fanfares and brass bands

OC4:Ensembles with free instrumentation

OC5:Mixed ensembles: Folk music ensembles (instrumental or vocal- instrumental ensembles)

OC6:Non - competing orchestras

Youth orchestras up to 35 years

OD1:Symphony Orchestra

OD2:String Orchestras

OD3:Symphonic wind bands, fanfares and brass bands

OD4:Ensembles with free instrumentation

OD5:Mixed ensembles: Folk music ensembles (instrumental or vocal-instrumental ensembles)e

OD6:Non - competing orchestras

REGISTRATION FEE: The registration fee for 1 contest category is 250 EUR, each further contest category is 200 EUR. Participation in the festival as non-competitive choir is 150 EUR.

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DIPLOMAS

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

<i>Bronze certificate</i>	<i>15 - 19,99 points</i>
<i>Silver certificate</i>	<i>20 - 24,99 points</i>
<i>Gold certificate</i>	<i>25 - 29,99 points</i>
<i>Grand Prix SLOVAKIA CANTAT</i>	<i>According to jury's decision, min. 27 points</i>

COMPETITION RULES

- ◆ One piece in the programme must be a cappella. The others can be with piano. Time limit is 15 min music time.
- ◆ The time limit for orchestras is 20 minutes. Repertoire can be participant's own choice.
- ◆ Each choir and orchestra will receive a diploma certifying the results. The jury may award some other special prizes; for instance for programme arrangement, voice production or original interpretation.
- ◆ The jury shall not issue any other written evaluation of a choir's performance. Jury's decisions are final, no appeals can be made.
- ◆ The registration fee is not paid back in case of cancellation of the application.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2015

Arrival of foreign choirs and orchestras Festival opening concert

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2015

9am – 4.30 pm Competition SLOVAKIA CANTAT (for all categories).
Morning guided city tour , Choir seminars, Festival concerts

SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2015

9 am – 4.30 pm Competition SLOVAKIA CANTAT (for all categories) 7 pm
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SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 2015 Participation of choirs in Holy Masses Departure from Bratislava

Choir & Orchestras Performances during the Festival:

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- ◆ A) 20 minutes of secular, sacred or folk music,
 - ◆ B) 20 minute orchestras program,
- The organizer reserves the right to use video and sound records from the festival.

ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING:

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

Package	3	2	1
Hotel category	Hotel**** (in centre)	Hotel***	Hotel**
Price per person	230€	199€	145€

The package price includes:

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

Package 1 - Hotel**

3x night/breakfast in two star hotels - 2 rooms with a shared bathroom, WC, 2-3 beds/ (additional fee for a single room)

Package 2 Hotel ***

3x night/breakfast in twin bed rooms in a *** hotel (additional fee of 60 EUR for a single room)

Package 3 Hotel * in Bratislava city centre**

3x night/breakfast in twin bed rooms in a **** 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 and orchestras.

Application deadline: 15 January 2015

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Applications can be sent from 1st May 2014 to 15th January 2015. The application must be filled in electronically on our website.

After receiving the application form, each accepted participating group will be contacted by email and receive an official confirmation of participation.

The application shall be enclosed with the following:

- ◆ Complete application form
- ◆ Competition programme (name of the composition, composer full name, length of the compositions)
- ◆ Sound record of the choir not older than 3 years (CD, DVD, MP3, link)
- ◆ Choirs, orchestras and conductor description/curricula (10 lines)
- ◆ Picture of the choir, orchestra and conductor
- ◆ Scores of the competition works (to be sent via email in PDF, JPG or similar formats)
- ◆ A copy of money order or bank transfer confirming payment of the festival fee.

All the materials are to be sent in electronic format!

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ February 15, 2015 - Deadline for the first payment for room and board - 50%
- ◆ March 21, 2015 - Deadline for the final payment for room and board.

BANK TRANSFER

Holder of account:

Bratislava Music Agency

Záhumenská 3,

84106, Bratislava IV, Slovak rep.

Bank: Slovenská sporiteľna a.s., Bratislava- Suché Mýto 6,

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MUSIC FESTIVALS CALENDAR

Choirs & Orchestras 2014 - 2015

Bratislava, Slovakia

SLOVAKIA CANTAT

International Choir and Folksong Festival

April 24th - 27th 2014

April 23th - 26th 2015

MUSICA SACRA BRATISLAVA

International Choral Music Festival

June 12th - 15th 2014

June 18th - 21st 2015

SLOVAKIA FOLK

International Festival of Folk Music and Dance Groups

July 3rd - 6th 2014

July 2nd - 5th 2015

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL I.

Competition Festival for children's and youth choirs, orchestras and bands

July 10th - 13th 2014

July 9th - 12th 2015

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL II.

July 27th - 30th 2014

July 26th - 29th 2015

BRATISLAVA CANTAT I.

August 21st - 24th 2014

August 20th - 23rd 2015

BRATISLAVA CANTAT II.

October 2nd - 5th 2014

October 1st - 4th 2015

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

December 4th - 7th 2014

December 3rd - 6th 2015

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