

Rules of 11th International Krakow Choir Festival CRACOVIA CANTANS 2020

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Festival is organized by artistic agency „Melody” for the 11th time.
2. Festival will take place from **4-7 June 2020** in Music School (M. Karłowicz) and Krakow Philharmonic as well as in other venues and churches in Krakow and Krakow region according to the following schedule:
 - 4.06.2020** Additional concerts in the evening (for choirs who arrive on 3rd June or on 4th June before 3 p.m.)
 - 5.06.2020** Competition in categories, in the evening additional concerts
 - 6.06.2020** Competition in categories, in the evening additional concerts
 - 7.06.2020 4-6.30 p.m.** Gala Concert in Philharmonic with prize giving ceremony (All choirs can take part in it). Additional Concerts in the evening for the choirs who are still in Krakow.
3. Festival is open for all amateur choirs from Poland and abroad .
4. Choirs can take part in following categories :
 - A. Mixed Choirs Adults** - singers above 18 years - minimum 20 singers
 - B 1. Equal Voices Choirs Adults – Male Choirs** - singers above 18 years minimum 16 singers
 - B 2. Equal Voices Choirs Adults – Female Choirs** - singers above 18 years minimum 16 singers
 - C. Youth Choirs** - singers 14-19 years - minimum 20 singers
 - D. Children Choirs** – singers under 15 years - minimum 20 singers
 - E. Chamber Choirs** (no age limits) - 12-24 singers
 - F. Popular, Folk, Gospel and Entertainment Music** (no age limits) minimum 20 singers
 - G. Sacred Music** (no age limits) minimum 20 singers
 - S. Senior Choirs** (at least 60% of singers above 60 years old) minimum 20 singers
 - H. Non-competitive choirs** minimum 20 singers – performing in additional concerts and Gala (prepare ca. 20 minutes of **sacred** and traditional repertoire appropriate for church concerts – piano will be provided for the performance)
5. **15 % of the singers can be older or younger than above requirements.** Festival is for amateur choirs (for none of the singers singing is the main or part time work). The rule does not apply to the conductors.
6. Each choir prepares the program which consists of 4 songs. Total time of performance on stage is 15 minutes. This includes walking on/off stage so the pure singing time should be no longer than **13 minutes**.
7. Repertoire requirements :
 - songs in categories **A-E** and **S** each choir prepares 4 songs out of which minimum 2 must be sung a cappella. Songs must meet the following requirements:
 - song No. 1) sacred or classic song composed till the end of 19th century;
 - song No. 2) folk song or song inspired by folklore;
 - song No. 3) song of 20th/21st century composer;
 - song No. 4) freely chosen song
 - in category **F** choir prepares freely chosen program in one or more than one styles (Popular, Folk, Gospel and Barbershop Music). In this category it is allowed to use musical instruments in all 4 songs.
 - in category **G** choir prepares varied repertoire of 4 sacred songs out of which minimum 2 must be sung a cappella
8. Choir can take part in maximum 2 categories

II. JURY

1. Performance will be judged by international jury members.
2. Jury evaluates: intonation, voice emission, interpretation, diction and general artistic effect.
3. The decisions of Jury are final and shall not be appealed
4. The jury taking into account the artistic reasons may not award some prizes or award ex aequo or additional prizes.

III. PRIZES

1. GRAND PRIX for the best choir of the festival – **1500,00 EURO** and statuette of “Golden Polyhymnia” (Muse of Choral Art)

The Grand Prix winner must have over 90 points result

The Grand Prix Winner is at the same time a qualified to the final in year 2021 of **The World Choral Championship 2021 which will take place in ICE KRAKOW.** (free stay during the event for Grand Prix Winner)

More details at <http://www.worldchoralchampionship.org>

In **each** category there are the following prizes:

90,00-100,00 points Golden Diploma,

80,00-89,99 points Silver Diploma

65-79,99 points Bronze Diploma

Below 65 points - Participation diploma

2. The jury may decide about ex aequo prizes or additional prizes.
3. All choirs which don't receive any prizes will get the diploma of successful participation in festival.

IV. ORGANIZING INFORMATION

1. The choirs are responsible for eventual copy rights of scores used during the performance at the festival.
2. Choirs will be asked to sing at concerts which accompany the festival. The concerts would be mostly in churches on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Please prepare 15-20 minutes program appropriate for church. Usually choirs take part in 2-3 concerts – no. of concerts depends of your arrival/departure day and time.

3. Interested choirs are asked to submit the application form with all attachments till **15.11.2019** to the address:

MELODY

Ogrodowa 27A

05-509 Jozefoslaw, POLAND or by e-mail mail@krakowchoirfestival.pl

US and Canadian choirs should contact our exclusive partner for North America:

Music Contact International

119 S. Winooski Ave. Burlington, Vermont 05401 www.music-contact.com

4. To the application there must be attached copy of the registration fee which is 200 Euro for **each** category the choir applies.

The fee must be paid to the account no. **PL88 1090 1694 0000 0001 1554 3717** (SWIFT): **WBKPPLPP**

Bank: **Bank Zachodni WBK S.A. ul. Rynek 9/11,50-950 Wroclaw. POLAND**

Holder of Account **MELODY, Ogrodowa 27A, 05-500 Piaseczno, POLAND** " please write in title name of your choir"

The amount we shall get net (you pay **all** transfer fees). **Registration fee will be returned if choir is not qualified.**

We do not return registration fee to choirs that resign from participation.

5. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given till **15.12.2019** or in case of early applications (sent before 30th May 2019) within 45 days from the submission of application.

6. The choirs are responsible to cover all travel and accommodation costs during the festival

7. For organisational reasons (costs of festival, flexible timetable of singing, concerts, shortage of hotel rooms in Krakow, etc.) **the organizers of the festival reserve the right to arrange accommodation for all choirs** according to prices published in application form. The prices in application form already include participation fee.

8. Any choir or travel agent representing the choir who does not want to buy accommodation from the organiser must pay 90 Euro participation fee per every participant (person).

9. Please all questions direct by e-mail: mail@krakowchoirfestival.pl or fax +48226416157

You can also contact us by phone Monday to Friday +48226416157 or +48603361616 **9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** CET (besides July-August)