

Rules of 7th International Wroclaw Choir Festival "Vratislavia Sacra" - Wroclaw (Poland) 1-3.06.2018

I. General Information

1. The festival is organised by **MELODY** in cooperation with Society of Chamber Male Choir Cantilena
2. The festival will take place from 1st to 3rd June 2018 (Friday-Sunday) in Wroclaw according to the following schedule:

Thursday 31.05.2018 or Friday 1.06.2018 Arrival in Wroclaw. In the evening possible additional concerts

Saturday 2.06.2018 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m. Competition in categories

In the evening choirs will be asked to perform joint concert with another choirs

Sunday 3.06.2018 Mass participation with singing in Wroclaw churches.

5.00 p.m. Final concert, announcement of results, and handing out the prizes. In the evening possible additional concerts

4.06.2018 Return home or continue the stay in Poland and concerts in other towns.

3. The festival is open for all amateur choirs.

4. Choirs may participate in following categories:

A1. Mixed choirs - large choirs over 24 singers - all singers must be above 18 years old.

A2. Mixed choirs - chamber choirs 16-24 singers - all singers must be above 18 years old.

B. Equal voices choirs - adults (male, female) all singers must be above 18 years old. – minimum 12 singers

C. Youth choirs -13-19 years old - minimum 20 singers

D. Children choirs 6-14 years old - minimum 20 singers

E. Orthodox Church Music - minimum 12 singers

F. Spirituals and Gospel (music of English and American Churches origin) – minimum 12 singers

X. Non-competitive choirs - take part in concerts and gala concert

In all categories 5% of the singers may be older or younger than above requirements

5. All singers must be amateurs. This rule does not apply to conductors.

6. Choirs can take part maximum in 2 categories.

7. The time of the performance (including getting on and off stage) is maximum 15 minutes. Please plan the repertoire of duration **maximum 13 minutes**, and 2 minutes for walking on/off and breaks. Choirs singing longer will be penalised by the jury.

8. Each choir in category A-D prepares the repertoire consisting of 4 sacred songs. Minimum 2 songs must be performed a cappella.

a) sacred song composed till 1800

b) sacred song composed between year 1800 and 1945 .

c) 20th/21st century sacred song

d) freely chosen sacred song

9. In category E choirs present varied program of 4 sacred songs of orthodox church origin. All songs performed a cappella.

10. In category F choirs must present 4 spirituals/gospel - piano or organ accompaniment is allowed with all songs. High quality electronic piano will be provided. It's not allowed to use voice amplification. Organizers do not provide extra time or technical support to use other instruments. If other instruments are going to be used they must be carried in by the choir within the performance time.

II. JURY

1. The performances of the choirs will be evaluated by Jury consisted of 5 experienced musicians. Jury members are shown on our web page.
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.

III. PRIZES

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

I place – Golden Diploma

II place – Silver Diploma

III place - Bronze Diploma

Among the Golden Diploma winners there will be awarded:

GRAND PRIX for the best choir - statuette of St Cecilia

2. Jury may select also the best conductor of the festival
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 Wroclaw Churches on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Please prepare 20 minutes sacred program.
3. The base for participation in the festival is submission of application form with attachments till

The applications should be sent by **15.12.2017** to:

MELODY

Ogrodowa 27A

05-509 JOZEFOSLAW

POLAND

or by e-mail na info@vratislaviasacra.pl

4. To the application there must be attached copy of the registration fee which is **100 Euro** for the Choir for **each** category. 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. Choirs who resign from participation will not receive compensation.

5. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given till 15.01.2018

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

7. For organisational reasons (concerts, costs of festival, shortage of hotel rooms in Wroclaw etc.) **all choirs arrange accommodation through our festival office.** The prices of accommodation and meals are published in application form. The 50% deposit for your accommodation is due 3 months before festival.

8. Questions please direct by email: info@vratislaviasacra.pl, tel. +48226416157 or +48 603 36 16 16