

Rules of 8th International Warsaw Choir Festival "Varsovia Cantat"

Warsaw 26th -28th October 2012

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The festival is organised by Choral Society LIRA in Warsaw and Artistic Agency Melody
2. The festival will take place from 26th to 28th October 2012 (Friday-Sunday) in Warsaw according to the following schedule:

Thursday 25.10.2012 or Friday 26.10.2012 Arrival in Warsaw (In the evening possible additional concert)

Saturday 27.10.2012 from 11.30 to 12.30 a.m. - Arrival of the Choirs to Fryderyk **Chopin** University of Music

1.00 p.m. Opening concert

1.30-7.00 p.m. Competition in categories

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

9.00 p.m. Choir party in one of Warsaw clubs for adult choristers (admission free)

Sunday 28.10.2012 12.00 a.m. Final concert, announcement of results, and handing out the prizes. In the evening possible additional concerts

29.10.2012 Return home or continue the stay in Poland and concerts in other towns.

3. The festival is open for all amateur choirs from Poland and abroad.
4. In the festival may not participate the choirs which in the last edition (2011) of the festival took 1st place.
5. Choirs may participate in one of the following categories:
 - A. Mixed choirs - adults - all singers must be above 18 years old.
 - B. Equal voices choirs - adults (male, female) all singers must be above 18 years old.
 - C. Mixed choirs - youth - all singers must be under 24 years old
 - D. Equal voices choirs - youth -(male, female, boys', girls', children's) all singers must be under 24 years old
 - E. Non-competitive choirs - participation in Gala and 2 additional concerts

In all categories 15% of the singers may be older or younger than above requirements

6. The choirs must consist of at least 16 singers. All singers must be amateurs. This rule does not apply to conductors.
7. The time of the performance on stage (including getting on and off stage) is 15 minutes. Each choir prepares the repertoire consisting of 4 pieces sung a cappella in the following order:
 - a) One sacred song
 - b) One folk song or song inspired by folklore.
 - c) One song of Polish composer of 20th or 21st century (please see the proposed songs for 2012 edition in "download section" - you can also choose other songs of 20/21st century Polish composers)
 - d) One freely chosen song

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 – Gold Diploma and Golden Lyre statuette (hand made by the artist)

II place Silver Diploma

III place Bronze Diploma

2. Jury with agreement of organizers of festival may award some additional prizes
3. All choirs which don't receive any prizes will get the diploma of successful participation in festival.

IV. Organising 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 Warsaw Churches on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Please prepare 20-25 minutes sacred/classic program including .
3. The base for participation in the festival is submission of application form with attachments till **30th May 2012**.

The applications should be sent to:

Towarzystwo Spiewacze LIRA w Warszawie, ul. Cieszyńska 8, 02-716 Warszawa, POLAND

or by e-mail: info@varsoviacantat.pl (we accept also fully electronic applications as well)

4. To the application there must be attached copy of the **registration fee which is 100 EURO for the Choir**.

The fee must be paid to:

. Holder of account: **Melody**

Holder's address: **Ogrodowa 27A, 05-500 Piaseczno, POLAND**

Account no. **PL88 1090 1694 0000 0001 1554 3717**

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

Swift Code: **WBKPPLPP**

(you pay **all** transfer fees). **I case the choir is not qualified the application fee will be returned.** We do not return the application fee to choirs who resign from participation.

5. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given no later than till 15th July 2012.
6. The choirs are responsible to cover all travel and accommodation costs during the festival
7. For organisational reasons (concerts, flexible timetable of singing, shortage of hotel rooms in Warsaw, costs of the festival) **all choirs must to arrange accommodation through agency MELODY. The prices of accommodation and meals are fixed and they are published on the second page of application form. The 50% deposit for your accommodation is due 2 months before festival.**
8. Questions please direct by email: info@varsoviacantat.pl, fax +48226416157, tel. +48226416157 / +48 603 36 16 16