

Rules of 14th International Warsaw Choir Festival "Varsovia Cantat"

with Romulad Twardowski Prize

Warsaw 15th -17th November 2019



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The festival is organised by Artistic Agency MELODY in cooperation with Choral Society LIRA in Warsaw.
2. The festival will take place from 15th to 17th November 2019 (Friday-Sunday) in Warsaw according to the following schedule:

Thursday 14.11.2019 or Friday 15.11.2019 Arrival in Warsaw (In the evening additional concert)

Saturday 16.11.2019

10.00 a.m. -8.00 p.m. Competition in categories

In the evening choirs will be asked to perform joint concerts in Warsaw churches or in central Poland

Sunday 17.11.2019 ca. 12.00 a.m. Gala concert, and handing out the prizes. In the evening possible additional concerts

17/18.11.2019 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. Choirs may participate maximum in 2 categories chosen from below list:
 - A. Mixed choirs - adults - all singers must be above 18 years old, minimum 20 singers
 - B. Equal voices choirs - adults (male, female) all singers must be above 18 years old, minimum 16 singers
 - C. Youth choirs 13-19 years old, minimum 20 singers
 - D. Children Choirs 6-15 years old, minimum 20 singers
 - E. Chamber Choirs - no age limit – 12-20 singers|
 - S. Senior Choirs (at least 60% of singers above 60 years old) minimum 20 singers
 - X. Non-competitive choirs - participation in Gala and 2 additional concerts (in this category piano/organ is allowed to use during the concerts)

In all categories 15% 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. The **maximum** time of the performance on stage (including getting on and off stage) is 15 minutes – which means no longer than **ca.13 min pure singing time**. Each choir prepares the repertoire consisting of 4 pieces sung **a cappella** in the following order:

- song a) sacred or classic song
- song b) folk song or song inspired by folklore of your country.
- song c) song composed after 1960
- song d) One freely chosen song

song a must be sung as first , song b must be sung as second, song c must be sung as third, song d must be sung as last.

If choirs performs in 2 categories the songs may not repeat.

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. There are the following prizes in categories :

I place
II place
III place

2. GRAND PRIX & Golden LYRE Statuette & 1000,00 EURO for the best choir of the festival.

3. Jury with agreement of organizers of festival may award some additional prizes

4. All choirs which don't receive any prizes will get the diploma of successful participation in festival.

5. **Romuald Twardowski Prize -1000,00 EURO** will be awarded to the foreign choir for the best performance of song composed by Romuald Twardowski (this song must be included as one of the competition songs)

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 15-20 minutes sacred/classic program a cappella.

3. The base for participation in the festival is submission of application form with attachments till **30.06.2019**.

The applications should be sent to:

MELODY

Ogrodowa 27A

05-509 JOZEFOSLAW, POLAND or by e-mail : info@varsoviacantat.pl (we accept also fully electronic applications)

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

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 registration fee will be returned. We do not return the application fee to choirs which resign from participation.**

5. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given no later than till 15.07.2019. Please do not make any travel arrangements before your choir is qualified.

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 30.08.2019.

8. Questions please direct by email: info@varsoviacantat.pl, tel. +48 226 41 61 57, +48 603 36 16 16 - 9.00-15.00 CET