

Announcement:

13th International Choir Competition 2024 Miltenberg

1. Time and Place of the competition

July 18th to 21st 2024

Civic center Elsenfeld, Administrative District Miltenberg, Bavaria, Germany

2. The competition takes place in two categories

Cat. A: Symphony of Voices (including a compulsory composition)

Cat. B: Choral music of all genres including pop, jazz, folk music

Participation in category A and B is mandatory for each choir.

3. Number of entrants: 5-6 selected choirs

4. Schedule for the competition*

Thursday, July 18th 2024

Opening concert

Friday, July 19th 2024

poss. short performance at a school (tbc)

Concert with regional choir; freely selected repertoire of 2 x 15 - 20 minutes
(repertoire can be identical with the competition program)

Saturday, July 20th 2024

Competition category A: Symphony of Voices
(including compulsory composition)

Sunday, July 21st 2024

Competition category B: Choral music (all genres)

Following the competition announcement of the results in both categories

5. Prices

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| Competition category A – jury price: | 1st price | 1.500,- € |
| | 2nd price | 1.000,- € |
| | 3rd price | 500,- € |
| Competition category B – audience award: | 1st price | 1.000,- € |
| | 2nd price | 750,- € |
| | 3rd price | 500,- € |

*Subject to changes.

General agreement of participation

1. Travel expenses

Travel expenses to and from the Administrative District of Miltenberg will have to be taken care of by each choir.

2. Accommodation and catering

a) Lodging and catering will be provided for the duration of the competition

b) Participants will be accommodated and catered for in private households, hostels and guest houses with shared rooms. Single rooms can only be provided for conductor and bus driver.

c) Free lodging and catering will start with dinner on Thursday, 18th of July, and will end on Monday, 22nd of July 2024, after breakfast.

3. Participants of the competition

The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 30 people including all mentioned parties: Counting as participants of the Choir Competition with free lodging and catering are

a) conductor

b) active singers

c) official representatives such as board members, interpreter

d) one to two bus drivers

4. Interpreter

Choirs are advised to travel in the company of a German speaking interpreter.

5. Support

For the duration of the competition choirs will be looked after by selected personnel.

6. Application

a) Applications to the choir competition 2024 must be handed in in writing with the provided form by December 1, 2023 at the latest.

b) The following documents have to be included in your application:

- Competition program (title, composer, etc.)

- a short description of your choir's history and its activities up until now

- results of previous competitions

- a current photo of your choir (less than a year old)

- an audio sample of the choir

c) Please send your application to the following address:

Landratsamt Miltenberg, Kulturreferat, Brückenstraße 2, D-63897 Miltenberg, Germany

Via e-mail: kultur@lra-mil.de

d) With their application, the choirs agree to the rules and conditions of the competition, the recordings and broadcasts in sound and television as well as any other sound or visual recordings (and any copies thereof) being made during and in relation to the competition. By accepting the rules and conditions the choir surrenders all rights resulting from such recordings to the organizers.

7. Selection

Participating choirs will be selected by the competition's organizer. Only 5-6 choirs are allowed and will be invited to participate in the competition. Choirs will receive their invitation or rejection letters by January 15, 2024.

8. Participation fee

Each participating choir will be charged with a fee of 20 € per person which is due after being admitted to the competition.

Singing

1. General rules

- a) Each choir has to take part in Category A and B.
- b) Only mixed choirs are allowed to participate.
- c) Professional singers are not permitted to participate.

2. Requirements for Category A – Symphony of voices

Each choir will have to perform 1 mandatory composition plus a program of their own choice. The chosen pieces should belong to three different stylistic periods, if possible. An altogether singing time is set to 15-20 minutes.

The choir will have to sing a cappella.

The mandatory composition is:

Friedrich Kiel: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir

Gemischter Chor (SATB) a cappella

Carus Verlag Nr. 23.332/00

Amongst others available at:

<https://www.carus-verlag.com/motetten/friedrich-kiel-zwei-motetten-2333200.html>

In case of complications, please feel free to contact Landratsamt Miltenberg.

3. Requirements for Category B – Choral music (all genres)

Each choir will have to choose a program to their own liking of 10-15 minutes singing time. One of the songs may be performed by a small group of at least 4 singers.

A cappella music only. If it fits traditional instruments, excluding piano may be used to accompany the choir. National costumes or dresses will be appreciated for this part of the competition.

Choreography and performance are welcome.

For equal opportunities, encores are not allowed.

4. Granting of the awards

In Category A – Symphony of Voices – a jury will decide on the awarding of prizes and diplomas.

Assessment criteria:

- a) technical performance: intonation, rhythm, phrasing, articulation
- b) artistic performance: timing, agogics, dynamic, interpretation of text, stylistic sense, choral sound.

The jury will assess each choral composition within a maximum of 25 point. First place will be awarded to the choir with the highest score (2nd and 3rd accordingly). Each choir will receive a certificate mentioning achieved score and diploma.

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| 25,0 - 23,0 points | Diploma in Gold for an internationally outstanding performance |
| 22,9 - 21,0 points | Diploma in Silver for an internationally very good performance |
| 20,9 - 16,0 points | Diploma in Bronze for an international good performance |
| 15,9 - 11,0 points | participated with success |
| 10,9 - 1,0 points | participated |

In Category B – Choral music (all genres) – the winner will be chosen by audience vote. The choir with the majority of votes will be awarded first prize (2nd and 3rd accordingly).

The decisions are final and undisputable. Recourse to the courts is excluded.

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