



2024
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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF CHORAL ART

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The seventh year of the competition part of the International Festival of Choral Art Žilina Voce Magna 2024 will take place from **21. - 23. 6. 2024** in the House of Arts Fatra in Žilina. The exact timetable may be adjusted according to the number of choirs in each category and will be announced after the closing date for registration. The main organizer is the Mixed Choir of Žilina. www.vocemagna.sk

COMPETITION RULES

The competition is selective and it is organized for:

A) Adult choirs in the categories

- A1 - Mixed choirs
- A2 - Female choir
- A3 - Male choirs
- A4 - Chamber mixed choirs

B) Youth choirs in the categories

- B1 - Mixed choirs
- B2 - Girls choirs
- B3 - Boys choirs

C) Children's choirs in the categories

- C1 - Up to 12 years
- C2 - Up to 16 years

D) Vocal ensembles

2. Maximum number of singers

- mixed choirs: min. 25 - max. 50 singers
- women, male choirs: min. 15 - max. 50 singers
- chamber mixed choirs: min. 12 - max. 24 singers
- secondary school choirs: min. 15 - max. 50 singers
- children's choirs: min. 10 - max. 50 singers
- vocal ensembles: min. 4 - max. 10 singers
- senior choirs: min. 15 - max. 50 singers

3. Youth choir may have no more than 25% of its members between 20 - 23 years of age (other members' year of birth after 2001 inclusive).

4. Singers, members of choirs in category E - senior choirs, must be over 55 years of age.

5. The competition program must include (for all categories)

- a polyphonic piece from the Renaissance or Baroque period (for categories A and B only, for categories C2, D and E the inclusion of such piece is recommended)
- a choral composition by a composer of his/her own nation born after 1970
- other compositions of their own choice
- The entire programme may include:
 - for categories A, B, D, E - max. 5 compositions of 10 - 17 min. of pure music (only one piece may be accompanied by an instrument, the rest must be a capella)
 - for category C - max. 7 songs of 7 - 13 min. of pure music (we recommend at least 1 a capella song)
 - for category D - the performance must be performed without a conductor and without the use of audio equipment, microphones, etc.

6. The competition is judged by a five members of the international jury.

7. The choirs will be evaluated by a point system (0 - 100 points) according to the following criteria:

- singing technique and vocal culture
- intonation and rhythm
- expression and style
- selection of the competition programme, dramaturgy

8. Based on the jury's evaluation, the following diplomas, prizes will be awarded:

- a) gold diploma 100 - 90 points
- silver diploma 89.99 - 80 points
- bronze diploma 79.99 - 70 points
- honorable mention 69.99 - 60 points

b) The singing ensembles nominated by the jury will compete in the final round for the GRAND PRIX - ABSOLUTE WINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF CHORAL ARTS ŽILINA VOCE MAGNA 2024. In this round they must perform two chosen compositions, one of which may be from the competition programme. The Grand Prix winner will be offered to perform as a guest at the festival part of Voce Magna Žilina in October 2024.

c) The most successful choirs will receive financial prizes:

Grand Prix winner (absolute winner): 1000€

Category A: 1. price - 800€ Category C: 1. price - 500€
2. price - 400€ 2. price - 200€

3. price - 200€
Category B: 1. price - 500€ Category D: 1. price - 200€
2. price - 200€ Category E: material prizes

The condition for receiving a financial prize is the award of a gold diploma.

d) Based on the proposal of an expert jury, choirs may also receive prizes (for vocal culture, dramaturgy, etc.)

The jury's decision is final and cannot be disputed.

9. Participating choirs must register on the website www.vocemagna.sk by 21. 5. 2024 at the latest. By this date they must also send the competition programme with one scanned copy of the sheet music in PDF, a biography and a photo of the choir, as well as an audio recording of at least 1-2 compositions recorded after 2020 in the form of a link to YouTube (registration form on the website).

Registration fee for 2024:

- 300€ (Category A,E)

- 200 € (Category B,C)

- 100 € (Category D)

If the choir registers before 31. 3. 2024 it will receive a 50% discount of the registration fee.

The registration fee must be paid no later than 21. 5. 2024 to the following account number:

SK23 5600 0000 0003 5468 9001. The name of the choir should be included in the message to the recipient. Proof of payment must be attached to the registration form. In case of non-participation of the choir in the competition, the fee will not be refunded.

The costs associated with transport, accommodation and meals for the whole ensemble are borne by each choir. The organizer can arrange (upon written request) accommodation in various accommodation

facilities:

Hotel **** 65 - 80€ per night / person

Hotel *** 45 - 60€ per night / person

Hostel 28 - 35 € per night / person

Dormitory 15 - 20€ per night / person

Accommodation prices are approximate. The organizer can arrange accommodation (except dormitory) near the centre and with 15% discount only in case of reservation and registration for the competition until 31. 3. 2024. After this date the accommodation is without guarantee. The organizing team of the competition has the right to refuse a choir due to an excessive number of participants or inadequate representation in the categories.

All information about the competition can be found at www.vocemagna.sk/competition.html

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