

# INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF CHORAL ART



# 2025

## 20. - 22. JUNE

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The eighth year of the competition part of the International Choral Art Festival Žilina Voce Magna 2025 will take place on **June 20 - 22, 2025** in the Fatra Art House in Žilina. The main organizer of Voce Magna is the Žilina Mixed Choir (Žilina Mixed Choir, OZ.)

[vocemagna.sk](http://vocemagna.sk)

The exact time schedule will be adjusted according to the number of choirs in each category and will be announced after the application deadline.

### COMPETITION RULES:

1. The competition is selective and is organized for:

#### A) Adult choirs in categories

- **A1 - Mixed choirs** (min. 25 - max. 50 singers)
- **A2 - Female choirs** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)
- **A3 - Male zbor** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)
- **A4 - Chamber mixed choirs** (min. 10 - max. 24 singers)

#### B) Youth choirs in the categories

- **B1 - Mixed choirs** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)
- **B2 - Girls choirs** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)
- **B3 - Boys choirs** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)

(A youth choir can have a **maximum of 25%** members aged **21-23**)

#### C) Children's choirs in the categories

- **C1 - Up to 12 years** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)
- **C2 - Up to 16 years** (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)

#### D) Vocal ensembles (min. 4 - max. 8 singers)

#### E) Senior choirs (min. 12 - max. 50 singers)

(Singers, members of choirs in **category E** - senior choirs, must be **over 55 years old**)

### 2. The competition program must include (for all categories)

- a polyphonic piece from the Renaissance or Baroque period (only for cat. A. Such a piece is recommended for others)
- a choral piece by a composer of his own nation born after 1970
- other compositions of your choice

### The entire program must include:

- for categories **A, B, D, E** - max. 5 songs in length 10 - 17 min. pure music (only one can be accompanied by an instrument - the others must be a cappella)
- for category **C** - max. 7 songs in length 7 - 13 min. pure music (we recommend at least 1 a capella song)
- for category **D** - the performance must be completed without a conductor and without the use of audio equipment, microphones, etc.

### 3. The competition is evaluated by a 5-member international jury.

### 4. Choirs will be evaluated using a point system (0 - 100 points) according to the following criteria:

- singing technique and voice culture
- intonation and rhythm
- expression and style
- selection of the competition program, dramaturgy

### 5. Based on the evaluation of the jury, the following diplomas and 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 groups proposed by the expert jury will meet in the final round for the prize - **GRAND PRIX - ABSOLUTE WINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL ART COMPETITION ŽILINA VOCE MAGNA 2025.**

In this round, they have to perform **two songs of their choice**, one of which can be from the competition program. The winner, **the Grand Prix holder**, will receive an offer to perform as a guest at the Voce Magna festival (in October) in one of the following years.

### c) The most successful choirs will receive financial prizes - **Grand Prix - 2000€**

- category:**
- **A:** 1. prize - 800€
  - **B:** 1. prize - 500€
  - **C:** 1. prize - 500€
  - **D:** 1. prize - 200€
  - **E:** material prizes

The condition for obtaining a financial award is the winning of a gold diploma.

d) On the proposal of a professional jury, choirs can also receive special prizes (for voice culture, dramaturgy, etc.). The jury's decision is final and cannot be appealed against.

6. Participating choirs register on the website [www.vocemagna.sk](http://www.vocemagna.sk), no later than **April 30, 2025**. By this deadline, they will also send the competition program 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 min. 1 - 2 songs **recorded after 2020** in the form of a YouTube link.

The registration fee must be paid by **30 April 2025** to account number: **SK23 5600 0000 0003 5468 9001**. The **name of the choir** must be included in the **message to the recipient**. Proof of payment must be attached to the choir's application. If the choir does not participate in the competition, the fee is not refunded. (registration form on the website [www.vocemagna.sk](http://www.vocemagna.sk)).

The artistic council and the competition's organizing team have the right to reject the choir due to an excessive number of applicants (in this case, the application deadline and also the artistic level of the body are taken into account).

### Registration fee:

- **300€** (category **A,E**)
- **200€** (category **B,C**)
- **100€** (category **D**)

If the choir registers before **March 15, 2025**, it receives a **50%** discount on the participation fee. (The registration fee must also be paid by this deadline)

The costs associated with transport, accommodation and food for the entire body are **covered by each congregation itself**. The organizer can provide (**based on a written request**) accommodation in various accommodation facilities:

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

**Hotel \*\*\*** 45 - 60€ night /person

**Hostel** 28 - 35€ night /person

**Dormitory** 1.cat. 20€ night /person, 2.cat. 15€ night /person

Accommodation prices are indicative and do not include city tax. The organizer can provide accommodation (except the dormitory) in the vicinity of the center only in case of reservation, registration for the competition by **15 March 2025**. Accommodation after this date is not guaranteed.

You can find all the necessary information on the website:

## WWW.VOCEMAGNA.SK



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