

# INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION IN VASTO

## COMPETITION RULES

The **International Choral Competition of Vasto** will take place from 10 to 12 November 2023 in Vasto, Abruzzo (Italy)

**This Competition has a double objective:**

1. The meeting of international choirs in a spirit of joy and exchange around the same common passion: choral singing.
2. To make the public discover the quality, the richness and the diversity of choral singing in the world.

The Choral Singing Competition is open to **amateur** mixed or equal-voice choirs and ensembles of 8 or more singers.

This high-level competition welcomes choirs from all over the world, who perform before a renowned international professional jury.

## INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL COSTA DEI TRABOCCHI

Alongside to the competition, a second event will be organised:

The **International Choral Festival Costa dei Trabocchi**, from 19th to 23rd October 2023, which will include around twenty concerts in 18 municipalities each year.

For more information about the Festival, please refer to the appendix at the end of this document.



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### ORGANIZATION OF THE STAY

The costs of the stay are to be paid by the choirs.

Accommodation is proposed to be in a 3\* hotel in Vasto Marina which will be reserved for the participants only.

Choirs can choose between single, twin, double or triple rooms.

Our offer includes a 4-night stay in Vasto, but it is possible to increase or reduce the stay by one or two nights (Thursday night and/or Sunday night). Quotation available upon request.

The stay can also be extended by 2 or more nights in Rome. Quotation available upon request.

Choirs may choose to arrange their own accommodation. However, choirs will be required to pay the individual competition registration fee including the costs of the closing dinner.

All transport costs are to be paid by the choirs. Given the schedule of the competition and the logistical requirements, two bus drivers are required.

Each participating group must be covered by a **civil liability insurance** covering all actions of its members that could cause harm to others.



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

The application form for the competition must be sent by e-mail (see application form).

A short biography of the choir (max. 1200 characters) and at least two high-resolution photos as well as one or more recordings that are not more than 12 months old (video or Youtube link) must be included.

Applications will be registered in the order of arrival. The groups will then receive a note with all the additional information regarding the organisation of the competition.

The competition will take place from **10 to 12 November 2023** in Vasto.

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## CATEGORIES

Several categories will be available\*:

### **Cat A : Mixed choirs / Female choirs / Male choirs**

Minimum 17 people

Youth & Adults

### **Cat B : Vocal Ensembles**

Minimum 8 people - Maximum 16 people

Youth & Adults

### **Cat C : Children's Choirs S(S)A(A), girls and-or boys**

Minimum 17 people

Children under 15 years of age\*\*

### **Cat D : Sacred music**

Minimum 17 people

Children, Youth and Adults

\*The organisation reserves the right to modify or delete a category

\*\*refer to specific requirements for children's choirs

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## JURY & AWARDS

The international jury will be made up of renowned Italian and international music personalities. The Jury will evaluate : Vocal qualities, tuning, interpretation, vocal balance, choice of programme, presentation, etc.

Grand Prix: "**Città di Vasto**" Trophy

3 Medals maximum awarded per category:

Gold Medal - 400 € - Silver Medal - Bronze Medal

Best Choir Director

The Grand Prize will be awarded to the choir with  
the highest score out of 100

The Jury and the Organisers reserve the right to add additional prizes.

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## RESULTS

The Jury will announce the results and any comments on stage at the end of each category. Choral Events strongly recommends that each choir is present during the announcement of the results. If the entire choir cannot be present, at least 1 or 2 group leaders must be present.

The results will be published on the website [www.choral-events.com](http://www.choral-events.com), under the heading Vasto 2023 Competition, then "Awards", within 3 hours after the announcement of the results. **The decisions of the Jury are final.**

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## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

We allow 20% of the Children's choir singers to be older than 15 years of age (at the start of the competition) within the limit of 18 years old. If more than 20% of singers would not meet this age requirement the choir will not be able to compete in the category C and **will automatically be eligible for category A**. For choirs wishing to register in the children's choir category, the identity documents of each choir member must be provided to Choral Events, latest 30 days before the competition.

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## ARTISTIC CONDITIONS

The maximum time allowed per choir and per category is 20 minutes on stage, with a **maximum of 15 minutes of actual singing** (there will be no applause between the pieces performed).

There is no compulsory work and no minimum and maximum number of pieces to be performed.

There will be a piano with  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a grand available on stage.

Acoustic instruments without amplification are allowed, but are at the expense of the choirs. We require a minimum of **7 minutes of the singing to be performed a cappella**.

The final programme, the order of the works performed and their duration, as well as a copy of the scores must be sent by email no later than **1st September 2023**.

After this date, no changes to the programme will be accepted.

The order of the performing choirs will be determined after the closing of the registration.

The organisation reserves the right :

- to **decide the order** of the performing choirs in each category, depending on the number of participants.
- to **modify a category** if there are not enough participants in one or several categories. Choral Events will announce the changes before the end of September 2023.

Failure to comply with the age criteria and the number of participants in the various categories may result **in disqualification by decision of the Jury**.



## GENERAL CONDITIONS

The English version of the rules is the reference version.

The rights to broadcast the performances belong to the Festival, which will be free to use them.

Each participant agrees to waive his or her image rights, and the organisation may therefore use and exploit the images of the participants filmed during the competition.



## REGISTRATION

Applications must be completed legibly (printed or digital).

They must include:

- the completed application form
- a short biography of the choir and the choir director (maximum of 1200 characters)
- the choir's intended repertoire
- a recent video recording or link (less than 12 months old)
- at least 2 high resolution photos of the choir
- 1 copy of the scores of each piece presented, **individually scanned and of good quality.**

Application to be sent by email: [admin@choral-events.com](mailto:admin@choral-events.com)



## COMPETITION'S SCHEDULE

### **Thursday 9 November, 2023 :**

*Group reception*  
Group dinner & Welcome drink

### **Friday 10 November, 2023 :**

Afternoon : Stage tests  
21.00 - Festival : Concert in a city of the region

### **Saturday 11 November, 2023 :**

***Mixed Choirs / Female Choirs / Male Choirs (A)***  
***Vocal Ensembles (B)***  
***Children's Choirs S(S)A(A), girls and boys (C)***  
***Sacred music (D)***  
21.00 - Festival : Concert in a city of the region

### **Sunday 12 November, 2023 :**

19.00 - Closing Ceremony - Awards & Diplomas  
Short presentation of the winning choirs  
Group dinner



## APPENDIX : INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Alongside the competition, a second event will be organised:  
the **International Choral Festival Costa dei Trabocchi**, from 19 to 23  
October 2023, with approx. 10 concerts to be held in some municipalities.

The concerts, which will be generally free of charge for the audience, will be held in churches, theatres or auditoriums in front of an audience. They will take place in the evening, usually around 21.00, and will be scheduled during, before or after the competition.

Choirs will perform alone or in joint concerts with a local choir or other participating choirs.

The concerts are organised by Choral Events or in partnership with local authorities or local amateur choirs.

Choral Events will provide:

- Booking of the venue & Organisation of the concerts
- Advertising
- Dinner for the group

The choirs are responsible for their own transportation.

**Participation in the Festival is subject to availability at the time the request is made by the choir.**

