

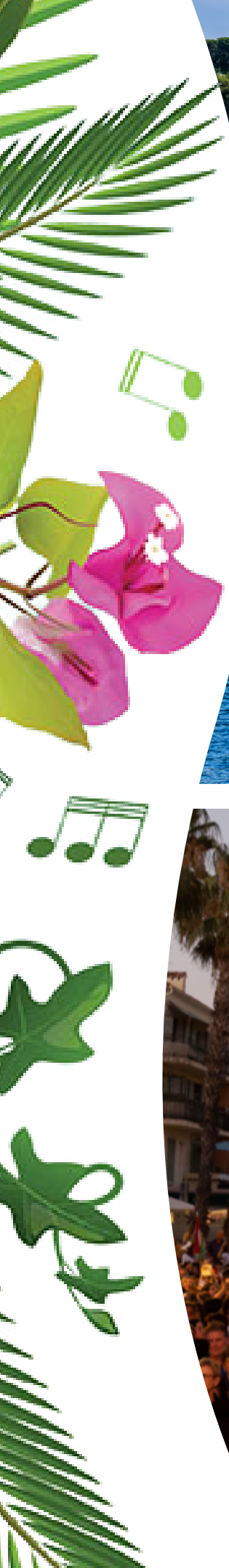


2024

COMPETITION

Rules





The new edition of the **International Choral Competition/Festival in Provence** will once again welcome international excellence from choirs from every continent.

Thanks to its many years of existence, this event has become a veritable rendez vous for artists from all over the world, and attracts numerous requests from choirs from a wide variety of origins and cultures, and from far and wide in their practice of the vocal arts.

Our mission: to bring together all the countries of the world in a choir without borders.

Our dream: to unite human beings in the pursuit of what is most beautiful in them: **Singing.**

So, beyond the competition, the wide variety of participating choirs is an immense asset, which the choristers can experience on a daily basis through numerous exchanges, workshops and shared concerts. The choirs tackle repertoires from all eras and in all styles, reflecting their openness to the world and providing a wonderful opportunity to share their passion for choral singing.

The ever-growing audience plays an active part in the reputation and image of this major event in our beautiful region, **Provence**, in south-east France.

Join us in writing a new history with this 2024 edition of the
International Choir Competition and Festival in Provence.

We wish all the choral singers from around the world who come to take part in the Competition and Festival the very best of Provence!

WELCOME TO PROVENCE !



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INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION IN PROvence

COMPETITION PRESENTATION



The *International Choir Competition* will take place **from saturday 6 to tuesday 9 July 2024** in Provence in the South of France.

Since its creation, the competition has had a **dual objective**:

- International choirs come together in a spirit of emulation, exchange and conviviality around the same common denominator: **Choral Singing**.
- To introduce the public to the quality, richness and diversity of choral singing around the world.

The Competition is open to mixed or equal-voice choirs and vocal ensembles **made up entirely of amateur singers**, with a minimum of 6 singers.

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

AWARDS 2022

Grand prix 2022 : Landarbaso Abesbatza - *Spain*



Winner in each category :

Cat Mixed Choirs - **Landarbaso Abesbatza - *Spain***

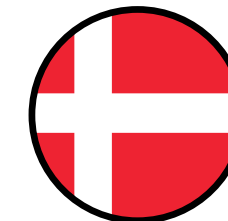
Cat Vocal Groups - **Youth Vocal Group "Kivi" - *Lithuania***

Cat Children's choir - **Skanderborg Girls Choir - *Danmark***

Cat Youth Choir - **Gioventu in Cantata - *Italy***

Cat Pop, Gospel, Spiritual, Folk - **Dekoor Close Harmony - *The Netherlands***

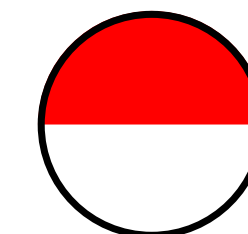
Cat Sacred Music- **Gioventu in Cantata - *Italy***



Award of the best choral conductor : Cinzia Zanon - Gioventu in Cantata - *Italy*



Chairman's Prize : Jakarta Youth Choir - *Indonesia*





AWARDS 2023

Grand prix 2023 : Male Voices of the Boys Choir Lucerne - *Switzerland*

Winner in each category :

Cat Mixed Choirs - **Choir of the University of Economics in Katowice - *Poland***

Cat Vocal Ensembles - **North Sulawesi GMIM Male Choir - *Indonesia***

Cat Children's Choirs - **Farnham Youth Choir - *England***

Cat Youth Choirs - **Male Voices of the Boys Choir Lucerne - *Switzerland***

Cat Pop, Gospel, Spiritual, Folk - **North Sulawesi GMIM Male Choir - *Indonesia***

Cat Sacred Music- **North Sulawesi GMIM Male Choir - *Indonesia***

Award of the best choral conductor :

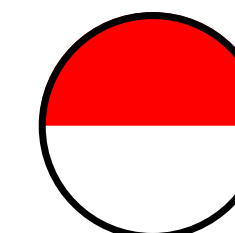
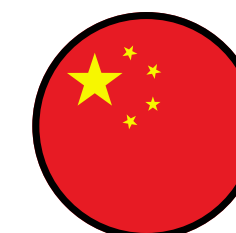
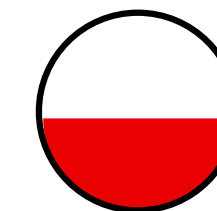
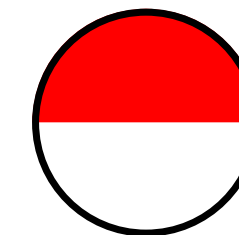
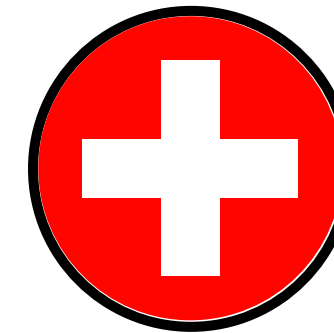
Michał Brozek - Choir of the University of Economics in Katowice - *Poland*

Special awards of the Jury :

Harmonious Chorale - *Ghana*

North Sulawesi GMIM Male Choir - *Indonesia*

Hangzhou Aiyue Tianshi Choir - *China*



INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION IN PROVENCE





CATEGORIES

Several categories will be in competition. A choir may compete in **several categories**.

If a category has **fewer than 3 choirs**, the category will be deemed cancelled.

With the exception of categories E and F, which may be grouped together.

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Cat A : Mixed Choirs

Min 17 singers

Adults choirs

Cat B : Male / Female Choirs

Mini 17 singers

Adults choirs

Cat C : Vocal Groups

Mini 6 singers- Maxi 16 singers

All choirs

Cat D : Sacred Music

Mini 17 singers

All choirs

Cat E : Children's Choirs

Equal voices

Mini 17 singers

From 6 to 12 years old

Cat F : Children's Choirs

Equal voices

Mini 17 singers

From 11 to 16 years old

Cat G : Youth Choirs Mixed or Equal Voices

Mini 17 singers

From 16 to 21 years old

Cat H : Pop, Gospel, Spiritual, Folk

Mini 17 singers

All choirs

JURY MEMBERS

The jury is made up of **leading figures** of the **international** choral movement.
The Jury will assess : Vocal qualities, interpretation, vocal accuracy and balance, choice of programme, presentation.



Altamiro Bernardes
BRAZIL



Brady R. Allred
USA



Krista Audere
LATVIA



Susanna Saw
MALAYSIA



Luc Coadou
FRANCE



Michał Brożek
POLAND

AWARDS

Grand Prix (1000€)

3 Medals awarded by category :

Gold Medal (500€) - Silver Medal - Bronze Medal
Best Choral Conductor

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

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 be present when the results are announced.

If the full 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**, under the heading **Choir Competitions**, then **Awards**, within 3 hours of the end of the category. The Jury's decisions are final and binding.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPECIFICITIES

For children's and youth choirs, **20% of the maximum number of members** may be outside the age range of the category presented.

Above this threshold, the choir **will not be allowed to compete** in the chosen category.

For choirs wishing to register in the Children's Choir category, **identity papers for each chorister** must be provided to Choral Events no later than 60 days before the competition.



ARTISTIC CONDITIONS

The maximum time allowed per choir and per category is 20 minutes on stage, including **a maximum of 15 minutes of actual singing.**

No compulsory works and no minimum number of pieces to be performed.

1/4 grand piano on stage.

Acoustic instruments without sound are permitted, but must be paid for by the choir.

The final program, the order of presentation of the works performed and their duration, and **a copy of the scores (in pdf format only), with english translations of the lyrics**, must be sent by e-mail **no later than June 1, 2024.**

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

The order in which the choirs will perform will be decided after the close of registration.

The organisers reserve the right to:

- modify the programme according to the number of participants
- add or cancel a category if there are not enough participants

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



GRAND PRIX

At the end of the Competition, the Jury will select the choirs to compete for the **Grand Prix**.

The Grand Prix is an **independent competition**. The Jury **will not take into account** the results of previous rounds.

The time allowed to each group taking part in the Grand Prix is **10 to 15 minutes maximum of actual singing**, under the same conditions as for the categories: acoustic instruments without sound are authorized. 1/4 grand piano available.

Repertoire :

New works may be sung **if, and only if, the scores have been sent with the registration**. If the choir has not sent specific scores for the Grand Prix, it will have to sing pieces already produced in previous rounds.



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Saturday 06 July 2024:

Welcome time & Stage test
9.30 pm : Choir Welcome Ceremony*

Sunday 07 July 2024:

Mixed Choirs (A)
Male / Female Choirs (B)
Vocal Groups (C)
Sacred Music (D)
9 pm : Festival Concerts

Monday 08 July 2024

Children's Choirs Equal voices (E)
Children's Choirs Equal Voices (F)
Youth Choirs Mixed and Equal Voices (G)
Pop - Gospel - Spiritual - Folk (H)
9 pm : Festival Concerts

Tuesday 09 July 2024

Morning: Meetings with Jury's members
Afternoon : Grand Prix
Friendly singing meeting of participating choirs
9.30 pm : Closing Ceremony*
Presentation of Prizes and Diplomas

*(held both in english and french)





TERMS & CONDITIONS

The **French version** of the rules is the reference version.

The broadcasting rights to the performances belong to the Festival, which is free to use them as it sees fit. Each participant **agrees to waive his or her image rights**, and the organisers may therefore use and exploit images of participants filmed during the competition (photos and videos) as well as audio recordings made during the competition.

All transport costs will be borne by the choirs, including for travel within the framework of the Competition. Given the programme and organisational conditions, **2 bus drivers are strongly recommended**.

Each ensemble must take out the **necessary insurance** to cover any actions of its members that could cause harm to others.

On request, **Choral Events can provide you with a personalized quote for your stay and/or transport, as well as insurance.**



REGISTRATIONS

Applications must be completed legibly (printed or digital).

They must include:

- The completed registration form
- A short biography of the choir and conductor
- A recent recording or video link (less than 24 months old)
- At least 2 good resolution photos of the choir + 1 recent photo of the choir director

To be sent later (before 1 June 2024):

- The repertoire envisaged for the competition
- 1 digital copy in PDF format of the scores of each piece presented, accompanied by the lyrics translated into English, scanned individually and in good quality

File to be sent by e-mail : **admin@choral-events.com**

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL IN PROVENCE

A second event is being organised alongside the competition:

The ***27th International Choral Festival in Provence***, from 1 to 26 July 2024, featuring 40 concerts each year in 35 towns and villages.

Choirs registered for the Competition may take part :

Only in the Competition

or in both

the Competition and the
27th International Choral Festival in Provence



INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL IN PROVENCE

The concerts, which are generally free, are held in churches, auditoriums and outdoors in front of a large and loyal audience. They take place in the evening, usually at 21.00, and are scheduled almost every evening in July.

The choirs perform alone or in groups, either with a local choir or with other participating choirs.

The concerts are organised directly by Choral Events or in partnership with its network of local authorities or amateur choirs in the region.



INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL IN PROVENCE

The organisation of the concerts includes :

Venue booking & Competition organisation

Advertising

Group dinner

Festival registration fees (see conditions of participation in the registration form).

The choirs are responsible for transport only.

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



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