XXIII ‘RAINBOW’ International Festival and Choir Competition
Saint Petersburg
March 27 – 29, 2020

Organizers/Founders:
● Culture Committee of Leningrad region
● Governmental institution of culture of Leningrad region “House of National art activity”
● Interstate Conductors Association of Children and Youth Choirs of North-West
● St. Petersburg Committee for culture
● “Lira” Choral Society (Warsaw, Poland)
● Estonian Choral Association
● St. Petersburg State Academic Capella

The Festival and Choir Competition is held for the 23rd time. Children, Youth choirs and non-professional adult choirs with concert programs corresponding to the following regulations are welcome to participate in the competition. Each choir gets an opportunity to take part in competitive and festival concerts, to establish contacts with other collectives, to participate in the seminar and attend workshops held by jury members and leading specialists in choral arts.

Aims and objectives:
1. To support and develop choir performing in academic manner
2. To improve technical skills and stimulate professional advancement
3. To exchange experience between Russian and foreign choral directors

Schedule
● March 27, Friday. 11-13.00 Opening
● 15:00 – 21:00 competition singing
● 18.00-21.00 additional concerts
● March 28, Saturday. 16:00 – 21:00 competition singing
● The concerts of participants, 14:00 – 21:00
● March 29, Sunday. Grand Prix, Awards and Gala, 11:00 – 13:00

Seminar and workshops by jury members
March 28, Saturday. Chamber hall of Capella, 10:00 – 14:00

Competition categories
A1: Children choirs up to 12 years, min. 20 participants.
A2: Children choirs up to 15 years, min. 20 participants.
A3: Children choirs up to 18 years, min. 20 participants.
A4: Boys’ choirs up to 10 years, min. 16 participants.
A5: Boys’ choirs up to 17 years, min. 16 participants
B1: Equal Voices Youth choirs up to 25 years, 16 participants min.
B2: Youth mixed choirs up to 25 years, 16 participants min.
C1: Equal Voices choirs (no age limits), 16 participants min.
C2: Mixed choirs (no age limits), 16 participants min.
D: Children and adult Chamber choirs and vocal/choral ensembles, children and adult, max. 16 participants.
E1: Pop, jazz, rock, sacred ensembles and vocal groups (no age limits), 3 to 11 participants
E2: Pop, jazz, rock, sacred choirs, ensembles and vocal groups (no age limits), 12 or more participants

If there are less than 3 choirs in the category the organizers may decide to join some categories together.

Competition terms and conditions
The order of performances inside the categories is defined by organizers. Choirs and ensembles perform 3 compositions which are different in style

Performance time:
● for categories A: 10 minutes including entrance and gaps between compositions
● for categories B – E: 12 minutes including entrance and gaps between compositions

The choirs are responsible for exceeding time limits. The performance could be stopped by the jury secretary. 10% of choir participants are allowed to be younger or older than their corresponding age groups.

Repertoire requirements
Categories A – D
The participants perform a program of 3 compositions, at least 2 of them must be performed a capella*
1. Classic composition written before year 1940 or sacred composition
2. Folk song arrangement or a composition based on folk tunes
3. Contemporary composition written after 1980
* Category A1, A4 is allowed to perform no less one a capella composition. Category D for children under 12 years old is allowed to perform no less one a capella composition, for other ages and adults - no less 2 a capella compositions.

Only compositions in their original notation are allowed.

Category E
The participants perform a program of 3 contrasting composition, at least 2 of them must be performed a capella. Rock, pop, folk-rock, spirituals, jazz standards, folk songs arrangements, Russian and foreign pop songs arrangements can be performed. Choirs and ensembles are responsible for observance of copyrights.

Each choir can take part in 2 categories maximum with different repertoire and no repetitions. Phonograms are not permitted.

The organizers reserve the full right to make a video and audio recording, photographing, CD recording and broadcasting competitive auditions and festival concerts on television and radio.

Jury
International jury consists of leading choral masters and evaluates performances on a 100-point system based on the following criteria:
- intonation
- level of vocal skills
- persuasive power of compositions interpretation
- general impression

The decisions of the jury cannot be contested and changed.

Awards
Participants scored from 90 to 100 points are announced “Winner of the Festival” and awarded 1st grade prize and Golden diploma.
Participants scored from 75 to 89 points are awarded 2nd grade prize and Silver diploma.
Participants scored from 60 to 74 points are awarded 3rd grade prize and Bronze diploma.
Participants scored less than 60 points get the Certificate of Participation.
The jury may award special prizes.

Grand Prix competition
The participants scored from 90 to 100 points regardless of category take part in Grand Prix competition.
The participant must perform one composition, not included in main program of the competition, and no more than 5 minutes. Participant involved in several categories should present only one composition in Grand Prix section.

The Grand Prix competition is held in the Capella on March 29 at 11:00.

In case of one participant in Grand Prix competition, the Grand Prix is awarded automatically. In case of no participants scored from 90 to 100 points, the Grand Prix is not awarded.

### Registration fee

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<td>10 000 rubles / 150 euro</td>
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The registration fee from Choirs of Leningrad is 3000 rubles.

Russian residents make a payment in rubles. The participants pay a fee of Intermediary Banks located in the payer’s country. All other fees of Intermediary Banks are paid by payee.

Payment confirmation should be enclosed to the registration form.

The full document package necessary for participating in XXIII ‘Rainbow’ International choir competition should be sent: rainbow@choirlab.ru (apart of choirs from point B. Registration).

### REGISTRATION

**A.**

**ONLY For choirs from Russian Federation, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Georgia, Germany and other countries not mentioned in point B. please send applications till 27.12.2019 to:**

rainbow@choirlab.ru:

1. Registration form containing the information about participant and competition program: title, composer, duration (see Appendix)
2. Participant biography in Russian and English (10 rows)
3. Participant photo (in soft copy and good quality)
4. Audio recording (mp3, WAV) of 1 composition not older than 2 years (possible link to youtube or other source)
5. Registration fee payment confirmation

**Payment details for transfer in rubles** ("please write in title name of your choir")

ООО «Прохотел»
РОССИЯ, 192007, г. Санкт-Петербург, Лиговский пр., д. 228, литер А, пом 13Н
ИНН 7816333840
КПП 781601001
П/с 40702 810 0 32060 005401
в Ф-Л «САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКИЙ» АО «АЛЬФА-БАНК»
БИК 044030786
**Payment details for transfer in euro ("please write in title name of your choir")**
Beneficiary's name: OOO "PROKHOTEL"
Beneficiary's address: PROSPEKT LIGOVSKII, D. 228, C. A, ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
Beneficiary acc. No: 40702978032060002210
SWIFT: ALFARUMM
Beneficiary’s bank : AO «ALFA-BANK»
Beneficiary's bank address: 27 Kalanchevskaya str., Moscow, 107078
Additional information: not specified

**Music scores should reach the office before 1st February:** 5 copies of the scores of each work of the competitive program and for a possible Grand Prix.

**Accommodation and cultural program**
All costs regarding transport, accommodation and meals during the competition and stay in St. Petersburg are paid by participant.
The time of the festival-competition coincides with the school holidays, which has its pros and cons, including the choice of accommodation for large groups of city guests. For your convenience, the tourist partner of the Rainbow festival-contest offers service packages that guarantee any participating team living in the center of St. Petersburg, transfer, meals at affordable prices.

Basic service packages include:
- Accommodation 3 nights with breakfast
- Transfer airport / train station - hotel - airport / train station
- Participation in competitive events (seminars, concerts, master classes)
- A set of promotional material

**Tourist partner of the festival-competition «RAINBOW»**
PROHOTEL Group of Companies
http://event.prohotel.ru/

Head of Sales - Dmitry Demidov
Phone +7 911 923 08 93
e-mail: sales@comfitelhotel.com

50% of accommodation and meals costs must be paid before February 14, 2020, the remaining 50% of the payment must be paid before March 13, 2020.

**B.**

1. Choirs from: **Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Island, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan and United Kingdom, USA** please send applications till **15.11.2019** to:

MELODY
27A
05-509 Jozefoslaw, POLAND
1. Registration form containing the information about participant and competition program: title, composer, duration (see Appendix)

2. Participant biography in Russian and English (10 rows)

3. Participant photo (in soft copy and good quality)

4. 5 hard copies of music scores for each competition composition/PDF

5. Audio recording (mp3, WAV) of 1 composition not older than 2 years

6. Registration fee payment confirmation: Registration fee must be paid (net – you cover bank costs) to the following account:
   PL88 1090 1694 0000 0001 1554 3717 (SWIFT): WBKPPPLP
   Bank: Santander Bank Polska S.A. ul. Rynek 9/11, 50-950 Wroclaw. POLAND
   Holder of Account MELODY, Ogrodowa 27A, 05-500 Piaseczno, POLAND “please write in title name of your choir”

   Registration fee will be returned only if choir is not qualified.

5. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given no later than 31.12.2019.

6. The choirs are responsible to cover all travel and accommodation costs during the festival.

7. For organisational reasons (concerts, flexible timetable of singing, costs of festival etc.) the organizers of the festival reserve the right to arrange accommodation for all choirs according to prices published in application form. The 50% of the deposit is due till 15.01.2020.

8. In cooperation with Russian travel agent the choirs will be supported with the visa invitation for singers and accompanying persons. The list of persons including passport no. and date of birth should be submitted till 10.01.2020.

9. Organizers provide the choirs only with legal visa invitation but do not take part in the process of obtaining Russian visas in your countries.

10. During the stay in Petersburg will be assisted by volunteers.

11. Please all questions direct by e-mail: info@petersburgfestival.com

You can also contact us by phone Monday to Friday +48226416157, +48603361616 (9-15.00)

**GENERAL ARTISTIC QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT**

Interstate Conductors Association of Children and Youth Choirs of North-West.

e-mail: rainbow@choirlab.ru

www.choirlab.ru

Chairmain of Interstate Conductors Association of Children and Youth Choirs of North-West: Marina Kireeva

Artistic director of the festival: Elena Rabinovich
## Appendix

### Registration form for participation in XXIII ‘RAINBOW’ International Festival and Choir Competition

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Please mark if you wish to take part in festival concerts on March 27 or 28