

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 (Category A1, A4 is allowed to perform just one a capella composition)

1. Sacred or classic composition written before year 1940.
2. Folk song arrangement or a composition based on folk tunes
3. Contemporary composition written after 1980

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.

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.

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.

Awards

The winner of the **Grand Prix** is announced "Winner of the Festival".

Participants scored from **90 to 100 points** are 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.

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.

Registration fee

	If paid before December 1	If paid after December 1
Choirs	10 000 rubles / 150 euro	15 000 rubles / 210 euro
Choirs second category	6 000 rubles / 90 euro	8 000 rubles / 115 euro
Ensembles 10-16 persons	8 000 rubles / 115 euro	10 000 rubles / 150 euro
Ensembles 10-16 persons – second category	5 000 rubles / 75 euro	6 000 rubles / 90 euro
Ensembles 3-9 persons	4 000 rubles / 58 euro	6 000 rubles / 90 euro
Ensembles 3-9 persons	2 000 rubbles / 29 euro	3 000 rubles / 45 euro

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. The registration fees from Choirs of Leningrad region might be lower.

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: nw.choir.association@gmail.com (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:

nw.choir.association@gmail.com:

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)
5. Audio recording (mp3, WAV) of 1 composition not older than 2 years
6. Registration fee payment confirmation:

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

LLC "RT Business"

Registered address: 191186, Saint Petersburg, Griboedova channel, 5, liter E

Business address: 191186, Saint Petersburg, Griboedova channel, 5, office 520

Bank name: Ф-Л СЕВЕРО-ЗАПАДНЫЙ ПАО БАНК "ФК ОТКРЫТИЕ"

Bank clearing account 40702810001200000147

Correspondent account 30101810540300000795

BIK 044030795

INN 7841430290

KPP 784101001

OGRN: 1107847245142

ОКПО: 67453165ОКВЭД 63.3

CEO: Kondratieva Eugenia Iurievna. Basing on Statute.

Accounting manager: Kondratieva Eugenia Iurievna.

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

Tour Operator: "RT Business"

Beneficiary: "RT Business" Limited Company
INN: 7841430290
Account: 40702810001200000147
Bank of Beneficiary: BANK OTKRITIE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (PUBLIC JOINT-STOCK COMPANY)
TSENTRALNIY BRANCH, MOSCOW, RUSSIA
Correspondent Account: 30101810540300000795
BIK: 044030795
SWIFT: RUDL RUMM
VO20100
Legal Address: 191186 Russia, St. Petersburg, Kanal Griboedova, 5, Lit. E
"RT Business"
191186 Russia, St-Petersburg, Kanal Griboedova, 5, Lit. E

Music scores should reach the office before 1st February

191186, Saint Petersburg, Griboedova channel, 5, office 520, LLC «Rossi Tour Business»

Accommodation and cultural program

All costs regarding transport, accommodation and meals during the competition and stay in St. Petersburg are paid by participant. For organizational reasons the organizers recommend to non-resident participants to coordinate accommodation and cultural program questions with travel agency Rossi Tour Business, which cooperates with the competition.

Тел.: + 7 921 934 60 82, + 7 812 380 74 87
e-mail: info@rossitour.com, rossitours@mail.ru
www.rossitour.com

50% of accommodation and meals costs must be paid before February 15, 2020

B.

1. Choirs from: *Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Island, Japan, 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

Ogrodowa

or by e-mail info@petersburgfestival.com

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): **WBKPPLPP**
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.

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www.choirlab.ru

Artistic director of the festival: Andrei Yuryevich Dumchenko, Mobile: +79112351498

Organizing Committee: Olga Lukianova, +79214004524

Appendix

Registration form for participation in XXIII 'RAINBOW' International Festival and Choir Competition

Category	
Full name of participant and corresponding organization	
Web page address/ social media page	
Address, telephone, e-mail of organization	
Full name of choral director, mobile phone, e-mail, position	
Full name of accompanist	
Full name of conductor	
Arrival date	
Departure date	
Number of participants	
Performance program (including duration)	1. 2. 3. Grand Prix.
Please mark if you wish to take part in festival concerts on March 27 or 28	