

Chiang Mai - Thailand October 19-23, 2016

1st Lanna International Choir Competition 2016

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION





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Organizer INTERKULTUR

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Supported by the Thailand Choral Association

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CORDIAL GREETINGS



In 2011, INTERKULTUR brought the first choral competition ever to be hosted in Vietnam. It was the beginning of a new very successful event series in the region of South East Asia. Now I'm very proud to announce you a new INTERKULTUR festival in Thailand, the neighbour country.

Together with INTERKULTUR, the city of Chiang Mai will host the

1st Lanna International Choir Competition 2016.

Chiang Mai, which is also called the "Rose of the North", is Thailand's second biggest and important city. For many hundred years it was the capital of Lanna Thai - the "Kingdom of Million Rice Field".

With its numerous impressive temple complexes – the so-called wats that were built within the city walls, trekking opportunities and good hotels and restaurants the city attracts many tourists.

Thus, we are more than happy to have created a unique possibility for choirs from around the world to discover the beauty of the city, region and also the country combined with an international choral event.

I cordially invite all choirs of the world to join the 1st Lanna International Choir Competition. Come to Chiang Mai and become part of the fascinating atmosphere of this charming city!

Welcome to Thailand!

Günter Titsch President INTERKULTUR

EVENT SCHEDULE *Subject to change*

Dates	WED, Oct 19	THU, Oct 20	FRI, Oct 21	SAT, Oct 22	SUN, Oct 23		
Arrival / Departure	Arrival				Departure		
Rehearsals		Rehearsals and stage rehearsals					
Non-Competitive Evaluation	Evaluation Perfor	nings					
Friendship Concerts	Conce	Concerts and performances in Chiang Mai and surrounding area					
The Competitions							
Official Events	Evening: Opening event			Evening: Award Ceremony & Closing Event			
Tourism activities	Sightseeing & excursions (depending on the choir's event schedule)						

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

INTERKULTUR events provide the opportunity to customize your event experience by mixing and matching competitive and non-competitive categories of participation. Choirs may choose from the following:

	1. Non-Competitive Participation	2. Competitive Participation
Competition categories*		Х
Non-competitive Festival Participation	Х	
Evaluation Performance*	Х	Х
Individual Coaching*	Х	Х

* Friendship Concert Performance included

1. Non-competitive elements

Evaluation Performance

EP	Evaluation Performance for non-competing choirs	 three (3) pieces of the choir's choice performed before a panel of qualified international jurors who provide immediate positive artistic and pedagogical advice for improvement certificates of participation will be awarded, as well as evaluation ratings and recommendation letters for future INTERKULTUR competitions upon request
	Number of singers: unlimite Singing time: maximum 15 r Accompaniment: maximum Duration: 45 minutes	ninutes

EP	Evaluation Performance for competing choirs	 presentation of competition program the day before competitions begin performed before a panel of qualified international jurors who provide immediate positive artistic and pedagogical advice for improvement evaluation does not involve preliminary decisions regarding the competition result. 		
	Number of singers: according to category rules Singing time: according to category rules Accompaniment: according to category rules Duration: 45 minutes			

Individual Coaching

IC	Individual Coaching	 one piece of the choir's own choice with an international choral expert for stimulating artistic ideas and interpretive guidance for an effective rehearsal, choirs must prepare one piece in advance 	
	Number of singers: unlimited Singing time: 45 minutes rehearsal session Accompaniment: unlimited		

Friendship Concerts

2. Competitive Participation

2.1 Categories of Competition

A	Difficulty level I	 A1- Mixed Choirs; A2- Male Choirs; A3- Female Choirs Four (4) pieces have to be performed: one piece by a composer from the country, language area or the cultural environment of the participating choir one piece by a composer not from the country, language area or cultural environment of the participating choir one piece by a living composer one piece of the choir's choice
	Number of singers: Singing time: Accompaniment:	unlimited The singing time should be at least 12 minutes and must not be longer than 20 minutes. Maximum 1 piece

R	Difficulty level II	B1- Mixed Choirs; B2- Male Choirs; B3- Female Choirs Three (3) pieces of different character of the choir's choice have to be performed.
D	Number of singers: Singing time: Accompaniment:	unlimited The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer thar 15 minutes. All pieces may be accompanied

G	Children's Choirs Youth Choirs	 G1- Children's Choirs up to 16 years old SSAA G2- Youth Choirs of equal voices (Girls up to 19, Boys up to 25 years old) G3- Youth Choirs of mixed voices (up to 25 years old) Four (4) pieces have to be performed: one piece by a composer from the country, language area or cultural environment of the participating choir one piece by a composer not from the country, language area or cultural environment of the participating choir one piece of the choir's choice 				
	Number of singers: Singing time: Accompaniment:	no restrictions The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes. Maximum 2 pieces				

F	Folklore	The ensembles perform a freely chosen folklore program typical for the choir's home country. Choreographic or scenic elements may be integrated into performances but the focus needs to be on the singing. The performance in traditional costumes typical of the country is recommended. In case sheet music is not available, a short description of the program must be provided for the jury (in English).
	Number of singers: Singing time: Accompaniment:	no restrictions The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes. All pieces may be accompanied

	Gospel & Spiritual	Unlimited number of Gospels and/or Spirituals of the choir's choice have to be performed.
GS	Number of singers: Singing time: Accompaniment: Amplification:	no restrictions The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes. Piano accompaniment is permitted for all pieces Please note that Spirituals have been transcribed and arranged primarily for a cappella choral singing. Amplification is only permitted for solo voices.

2.2 Artistic Regulations

	А	В	G			F	GS	
	A1-A3	B1-B3	G1	G2		G3		
Age Limit	18+	18+	max 16	Girls max 19	Boys max 25	max 25	-	-
Minimum Number of Singers	unlimited	unlimited unlimited						
Maximum Number of Singers	unlimited	unlimited	ed unlimited					
Number of Pieces	4	3	3 4 unlimited					
Recommended minimum singing time	12 minutes	8 minutes						
Maximum Actual Singing Time	20 minutes	15 minutes						
Maximum Number of Pieces with Accompaniment	1	unlimited 2 unlimited					ited	
Use of Amplification		not permitted only solo voices						

1st Lanna Grand Prize Competition



Those choirs that were awarded a corresponding category prize have the opportunity to take part in the Grand Prize Competition. The Jury reserves the right to admit further choirs to this competition.

PROGRAM: two freely chosen a cappella pieces which must not be the ones the choir has already performed in its competition program; the music scores of these two pieces must be approved by the artistic directors.



Please bring 5 music scores of each piece that you are planning to perform in the Grand Prize competition and hand them over when registering your choir.



PURE SINGING TIME: The maximum pure singing time allowed is 8 minutes.

The winner of this competition receives the " 1^{st} Lanna Grand Prize 2016" - endowed with 1.500,- \in .

Competition Rules

GENERAL RULES

- a) All non-professional choirs are welcome to compete in this event. With the exception of the conductors, its members must all be amateurs, e.g. they are not allowed to earn their livelihood by professional singing.
- b) In categories with age limits, a maximum of 20% of the members may exceed the age limit by 5 years. The organizers reserve the right to check the ages of the singers.
- c) The order of performances within a category is scheduled at random.
- d) INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES: During their stay the participating choirs are not allowed to give further concerts or performances without the organizer's approval in advance.

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

- a) Individual choir members may participate in smaller ensembles formed out of their primary choir but may NOT sing in more than one primary choir.
- b) All choirs may participate in only one of categories A, B, or G.
- c) In addition, mixed choirs can participate with their male or female voices in the same category (i.e. participation with the mixed choir in A1 and with the male voices in A2 or the female voices in A3. Choirs may additionally choose to participate in category F independent of their participation in A, B, or G.
- d) Conductors are permitted to conduct only one choir per category, however conducting in different categories is allowed. A choir may also perform with several conductors.

MUSIC

- a) ARRANGEMENTS: in case you will sing non-published, un-copyrighted arrangements please be aware that you need to have written authorization from the composer and/or publisher.
- b) Only ORIGINAL ACCOMPANIMENTS are permitted, which means that any reductions in orchestration or transcriptions of other instruments that were not scored by the composer are excluded from the competition.
- c) ACCOMPANIMENT means that at least one pitched instrument is used. In categories requiring a cappella selections, a maximum of three instruments without definite pitch may be used (percussion instruments).
- d) The use of ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS means that a piece must be performed in accordance with the composer's original score. Compositions prior-to and through the Baroque era may be performed in variations of scoring that correspond with the original musical material. The arrangement of a composition is permitted if it has led to a new composition. The Artistic committee reserves the right to reject compositions.
- e) CHANGES OF KEY: The compulsory piece must be sung in the original key. For other selections; if the choir wishes to change the key, the jury must be informed in writing if a choir wishes to change the key from what is written in the printed score prior to the competition.
- f) After APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME by the artistic directors, it will be returned for final review and confirmation by the respective choir. The choir must respond within 14 days of delivery with any changes to the programme. If there is no response within 14 days, the program will be considered final; therefore neither titles nor performance order may be changed. Changes made without informing the organizer will result in a disqualification.
- g) ACTUAL SINGING TIME: Actual singing time is the duration of the performance time only. It excludes entrance, exit, and applause.
- h) Choirs may **NOT** sing the same pieces in different categories. Separate repertoire pages should be filled out for each category of competition for registration

i) COUNTRY, REGIONAL LANGUAGE, CULTURAL GROUP: Category requires a composition that does not originate in the country, regional language or cultural group of the participating choir.

Here is an example of compliance:

A choir from Slavic country should not select a work from another Slavic nation, even if the two countries naturally have different cultures and languages. OR Choirs from English-speaking countries should choose compositions written in a different language.

Sheet Music

- a) 5 scores of every piece must be submitted with the registration forms.
- b) Scores submitted must conform to internationally recognized sheet music standards (five lines of notes).
- c) Scores that do not bear the titles, names of composers etc. printed in the Roman alphabet must bear a transcription into the Roman alphabet (clear handwritten notes suffice).
- d) One score remains with the organizer after the competition. Remaining scores may be collected from the organizer after the awards ceremony. Uncollected scores will not be sent by mail.
- e) No scores have to be submitted for gala or friendship concerts.
- f) Please note that published choral compositions may only be sung using the original scores or authorized copies. The use of unauthorized copies or handwritten copies is not allowed! All scores must be sent by mail as hardcopy. Scores sent as files (PDF or similar) will not be accepted.
- g) If your scores are published as score book, please submit only one book but preferably authorized copies.

MUSICA MUNDI[®] Evaluation System

- Choirs will be evaluated by international acknowledged choral experts in accordance with the general MUSICA MUNDI evaluation system (30 point system). The decision of the jury cannot be contested.
- The performance of each choir will be evaluated according to the following:
 - I) Technical Evaluation
 - a) Intonation
 - b) Sound Quality
 - II) Artistic Evaluation
 - c1) Fidelity to the score in general categories or
 - c2) Interpretation Practice in categories such as Pop or Gospel
 - c3) Authenticity in folklore categories
 - d) Overall Artistic Impression

	а	b	С	d
Piece 1	25		22	
Piece 2	27		26	
Piece 3	23		25	
Piece 4	26		24	
Criteria a & c = average of 1 - 4 Criteria b & d = points given for the overall performance	25.25	26	24.25	24
Total Score (average)	24.88			

Example of a score sheet of category F:

	a)	b)	c)	d)
Piece 1				
Single criteria	26	26	24	24
Total score	25			

- The final result is made up of the average of all given points or by the average of the intermediate results respectively.
- In categories for which the number of pieces is not determined, the jury will evaluate only the overall performance according to the above mentioned criteria.
- If a choir exceeds the maximum singing time, their final result will be reduced by jury decision.

Diplomas & Awards

Diplomas

According to the score, Bronze, Silver, and Golden Diplomas will be awarded. In the event the choir does not achieve a diploma, the choir will receive a certificate of participation. The choir with a golden diploma and the highest score in each category becomes the Category Winner. Special Awards and Conductor's Award are also awarded.

Diploma	Level									
Dipiona	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Х
Bronze 0.5 - 10.49	0.5-1.49	1.5- 2.49	2.5-3.49	3.5- 4.49	4.5- 5.49	5.5- 6.49	6.5-7.49	7.5- 8.49	8.5- 9.49	9.5- 10.49
Silver 10.5 - 20.49	10.5- 11.49	11.5- 12.49	12.5- 13.49	13.5- 14.49	14.5- 15.49	15.5- 16.49	16.5- 17.49	17.5- 18.49	18.5- 19.49	19.5- 20.49
Gold 20.5 - 30.00	20.5- 21.49	21.5- 22.49	22.5- 23.49	23.5- 24.49	24.5- 25.49	25.5- 26.49	26.5- 27.49	27.5- 28.49	28.5- 29.49	29.5-30



3. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

3.1 Registration & Registration Deadline

The deadline for registration is May 23, 2016.

Early Bird deadline is April 4, 2016.

3.2 Registration Check list

The following documents must be provided together with the registration forms by deadline:

- □ REGISTRATION FORMS DULY FILLED IN
- □ REGISTRATION FEE (PLEASE ENCLOSE PROOF OF PAYMENT). The amount may also be paid with Visa or Mastercard (see registration forms).
- AUDIO RECORDING: Please send an .mp3, WAV, WMA, or CD with at least three (3) pieces (preferably a cappella) not older than two years. Please write the titles and composers of the pieces as well as the date of recording
- SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF CHOIR: Please send the biography in English as an editable text document (e.g. Word)
- PHOTOGRAPH OF CHOIR: Make sure that it is suitable for reproduction (landscape format, as a file jpg or bmp, no PDF format, min. 300 dpi, as original min. 12 x 7,5 cm). The picture should not be older than two years.
- MUSIC SCORES OF COMPETITION REPERTOIRE: Scores sent as PDF or similar files will not be accepted. Compulsory pieces are not required to submit. [Five (5) copies for competition, three (3) for Evaluation Performance & one (1) for Individual Coaching].

3.3 Costs

Registration Fee

To participate in the event the following registration fees have to be paid per choir/ensemble and category as follows:

	Non-competitive participation	Competitive participation
Per competition category*		EUR 200
Non-competitive Festival Participation	EUR 200	
Evaluation Performance*	EUR 200	EUR 200
Individual Coaching*	EUR 200	EUR 200

*Friendship Concert Performance included.

The registration fee must be made payable to INTERKULTUR in full upon registration by bank transfer or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard). Any banking costs that arise must be paid by the registrant.

Once off discount of 50% for the first category of participation and further Early Bird discounts will be granted on the event package - if completed registration documents and fee have been received by deadline.

In case a choir cancels its participation the registration fee will not be refunded.

The bank details to pay the registration fee are as follows:

Account Holder:	INTERKULTUR
Name of Bank:	Deutsche Bank
Address:	Marktplatz 4, D-35390 Giessen
Bank Code:	513 700 24
Account Number:	028 042 001
SWIFT-Code (BIC):	DEUTDEDB513
IBAN for EU countries:	DE59513700240028042001
Purpose:	THA01+ name of choir (please state name in full)

Event Packages

For organizational reasons and to ensure ideal conditions, a participation in the event is possible only if the event package including accommodation bookings are made through the agencies authorized by INTERKULTUR. For local choirs a special event package is available on request.

The booking of the event package is an exclusive condition and integral part of the conditions for participation and there is no exception to this rule.

The event package includes following services among others:

- participation in the event as chosen from the different participation opportunities
- a share in the non-subsidized organization costs;
- support on site from our International team
- program book (one copy per ten persons);
- accommodation in the ordered category as available.

All included services and rates are described in the authorized travel agency offer enclosed to this participant information.

The purchase of an accommodation package is four (4) nights minimum.

Event packages will be provided in following categories: First Class, Standard Class, and Economy Class

The level of accommodations is based on availability. Should you register at a later date, accommodation choices may be limited. If a registration is received without specific information the down payment invoice will be made and sent on the basis of double rooms in Standard Class.

Registration is binding for the choir, in regard to both participation in the festival and the travel services provided by the authorized agencies. Confirmation of the order (deposit invoice) through the authorized agencies constitutes a travel contract in the sense of § 651a BGB (German Civil Code). The General Conditions of Travel (*ARB Allgemeine Reisebedingungen, General Conditions of Travel*) of the authorized agencies shall apply. They are enclosed in each offer. Please read these conditions carefully. Ignorance of these legally valid conditions does not provide exemption from any resulting obligations. The costs due to the authorized agencies for the event package are due on the date indicated on the invoice. Banking information is also located on the invoice.

We would like to draw your attention expressly to the fact that participation in the event is only possible if the costs due have been received net and by deadline. Delay in payments may affect the participation.

Travel Expenses

The journey to the event including the travel expenses is the sole responsibility of the choir members and additional persons. Sightseeing excursions aside from the event and airport transfers are not inclusive and must be booked separately.

3.4 Language of Correspondence

German and English are the sole languages that are reflected on official documents. This includes, but is not limited to, the Official Participant Information, travel documents such as schedule and vouchers as well as invoices. These are all legally binding.

Verbal information is available in the following languages Chinese, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Hungarian.

Please make sure that your choir is accompanied by at least one English speaking person who can assist you with translation during the event.

3.5 Organizer

Organizers according to law are Interkultur Management GmbH (Platz der Einheit 1, 60327 Frankfurt, Germany - Registered at AG Frankfurt, HRB 77821 - represented by Günter Titsch, President INTERKULTUR).

3.6 Liability

INTERKULTUR is responsible for the artistic and musical design and the execution of the events. Its liability comprises of all organizational matters of the event. Any liability with regard to organizer's liability is expressly excluded. Any liability of such kind would be that of the authorized agencies and / or the management of the respective congress or concert halls, catering and transport companies. The authorized agencies accept liability as travel organizer in the sense of § 651a German Travel Law and on the basis of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" (ARB) mentioned above. With his / her signature on the registration form, the signatory accepts the terms of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" ARB (General Conditions of Travel) and the organizer's liability for him / herself and for all persons registered.

3.7 Audio and Audiovisual Recordings

All rights regarding the audio and audiovisual recordings of the event ("Recordings") as well as their exploitation are herewith being granted exclusively to INTERKULTUR by the choir / artists. All rights granted to INTERKULTUR hereunder may be exploited by INTERKULTUR in perpetuity without any limitation as to time, territory and/or manner of exploitation free of any rights of third parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes in particular the following exclusive rights in the Recordings which can also be transferred by INTERKULTUR to a third party at INTERKULTUR'S discretion: INTERKULTUR shall be exclusively entitled to reproduce the Recordings wholly or partly by way of producing vinyl discs, music cassettes, compact discs, DATs, Mini Discs, Digital Compact Cassettes or other sound carriers and by producing video cassettes, picture discs, compact disc videos, DVDs or other audiovisual carriers or other data carriers or by means of other technical devices and to sell or otherwise distribute these reproductions by retail, wholesale or other distribution channels such as clubs, mail order or TV-response. This also includes the right to exploit the Recordings in the context of online and especially internet applications of any kind and of any system, regardless of the way of transmission and business model, and to use, upload and distribute these Recordings in data bases, networks (e.g. internet and all its services) or anything similar of any kind and especially to disseminate and transmit these Recordings to users of databases / networks via cable or other ways of transmission for the purpose of perception and/ or reproduction and/ or distribution against payment or free of charge. This also includes the right to publicly perform or broadcast the Recordings by private or public broadcast stations, including digital radio services, via cable, satellite or other technical transmission services either against payment or free of charge (including the right to collect in INTERKULTUR'S own name broadcast fees accruing in connection with the public performance or broadcast of the Recordings). INTERKULTUR'S rights also include the right to edit and/or alter the Recordings (e.g. by producing mixes or remixes), to couple the Recordings with other recordings (e.g. with recordings of other artists) and the right to release and sell the Recordings on so-called "special product" audio- or audio-visual carriers. Furthermore, INTERKULTUR shall be entitled to grant synchronisation rights in the Recordings for movies, videos, TV and/or movie commercials, image films etc., to translate them into other languages, to use them for multimedia purposes of any kind or to rearrange them in any other way (e.g. to create remixes or do sampling). This also includes the exclusive right to use the Recordings in games / PC games as well as other and also interactive multimedia productions (incl. so called "websites") for goods, services and advertising purposes of any kind.

Finally, this includes the non-exclusive right to use the choir's /artist's name as well as images of the choir / artist in the context of the exploitation and the advertising and promotion measures mentioned above.

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3.8 Changes

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3.9 Imprint

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3.11 Address of the organizer

For any questions concerning the organization and registration, contact the following address. Please send your registration documents, enquiries, phone calls, facsimile messages and written correspondence exclusively to this address:

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