

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. Registration Fee:

1.1. Participation in Competitions

For the application for the competition the following **application fee** has to be paid per choir and category:

- for participation in one category: 350 EUR
- for each further category: 150 EUR

1.2. Participation as Festival Ensemble

Each ensemble registering for participation in the World Choir Games without taking part in the competition (see “Possibilities of Participation”) must pay an **application fee** of 150 EUR.

Members of INTERKULTUR Foundation will be given a once-off discount of 50 EUR. If a choir is not approved by the Artistic Directors for participation in a competition or festival concert, the application fee will be refunded in full. If a choir or festival ensemble cancels its participation in a competition or festival concert of the World Choir Games of its own accord, it will have no right to a refund. The **application fee** must be made payable in full to INTERKULTUR Foundation and is due immediately on registration. Any banking costs that arise must be paid by the applicant.

1.3. Bank Details

The bank details for registration are as follows:

Account holder:	INTERKULTUR
Name of bank:	Sparkasse Wetzlar
Address of bank:	Seibertstr. 10, D-35576 Wetzlar
Bank code:	51550035
Account number:	53000592
BIC / SWIFT:	HELADEF1WET / HELADEF
IBAN:	DE35 5155 0035 0053 0005 92
Purpose:	C-10 + name of choir or festival ensemble (Please state name in full!)

2. World Choir Games Event Package

2.1. Participation Fee

A choir or festival ensemble taking part in the World Choir Games must pay a participation fee for each member of its party (singers, conductors, soloists, and accompanying persons).

The fee covers the following:

- organisational costs,
- multipart comprehensive programme books (at least one copy per ten persons),
- programme summary, one copy per person,
- sheet music for open singing and joint performances,
- free entry to all events except certain special events and gala concerts,
- opportunity to take part in encounter and friendship concerts

The obligatory participation fee will be collected by an authorized agent in the name and for account of the organiser in conjunction with payment for tour services as part of a “World Choir Games Event Package” and passed on to the organisers by that agent. Participation fees vary; whereby the organisers take into account the different financial conditions and situations faced by different choirs.



2.2. Travel, Length of Stay and Accommodation

2.2.1. Travel

Choirs (members and any accompanying persons) must organise their own travel at their own expense.

2.2.2. Length of Stay and Accommodation

In order to guarantee the best possible conditions for participation in the competitions and other World Choir Games events a minimum stay of at least five nights in Shaoxing is required.

Event packages can be provided in the following categories: **Economy 1, Economy 2, Standard, First and Deluxe Class**

The option dates stated in each individual offer of the authorized agencies are valid for the booking of accommodation. If your binding booking for accommodation is received at a later date you can only obtain accommodation categories which are still available.

2.2.3. Travel Services, Accommodation and Exclusivity Clause

a) The general travel services for the participants (and accompanying persons) in the World Choir Games 2010, especially in terms of accommodation, will be provided not by INTERKULTUR Foundation, rather by the travel agents and tour operators authorized by the organiser. These agents and operators have at their disposal the necessary hotel room allocations in Shaoxing, as well as the legally required insurance cover, liability protection and other conditions. These agents and operators have the exclusive right to make individual tour offers to choirs in the form of a "World Choir Games Event Package". These agents and operators are available on request. Participants will be issued with an "Information and Announcement" brochure. At the same time, the organiser will pass on the choirs' details to the respective travel agent, who will then issue customised travel service offers.

b) Due to local conditions and important organisational reasons, participation in the World Choir Games will only be possible if accommodation during the event in Shaoxing is booked through the selected and authorized travel agents. This is an exclusive condition and as such is part of the general conditions for participation. Exceptions and exemptions must be confirmed in writing.

c) Registration for the World Choir Games 2010 is legally binding for the participant in terms of obligations to the authorized travel agents as well. A travel agreement becomes legally binding once the travel agent confirms the registration.

d) We expressly draw your attention to the following: participation in the World Choir Games will only be possible if all application and participation fees and the World Choir Games Event Package (including agency costs for tourism services) have been paid in full and without deductions before the participants embark on their travels. Otherwise the organiser will be obliged to refuse permission to participate in the World Choir Games Shaoxing 2010. Costs arising out of any such situations will be at the respective participants' expense.

3. Liability of the Organiser:

INTERKULTUR Foundation, as a registered association, supports the World Choir Games 2010 in its function as official organiser and is responsible for the artistic and musical design and the execution of the events. Its liability comprises all organisational matters of the festival, the concerts and special events. Any liability with regard to the organiser'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. As travel operators, the authorized travel agents are liable in accordance with the corresponding travel laws and on the basis of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" (ARB) ("General Conditions for Travel"). With his/her signature on the application for registration at the World Choir Games 2010, the signatory accepts the terms of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" (ARB) and the organiser's liability for him/herself and for all persons registered.

4. The right to Subcontract Services to Partner Agencies:

The organiser reserves the right to award contracts for services other than tourism services to carefully selected and experienced agencies. These agencies will then operate as subcontractors.

5. Pictorial and Sound Recordings

All rights to and use of pictorial and sound recordings made during or in the context of this event are the exclusive property of the organiser, INTERKULTUR Foundation Germany. The choir/group/artist grants INTERKULTUR the exclusive and transferable right to use and exploit its/his/her performance by means of the audio and/or video recordings made in the course of the show. INTERKULTUR is then especially, without limitation, entitled to reproduce the recordings using any kind of digital or analogue system and to distribute them in the form of audio or audio/video media or other data carriers, to broadcast them on radio or television via any kind of analogue or digital broadcasting system and to make them available for download and sale via electronic media such as data bases or networks (internet).

6. Languages of Correspondence and Official Languages of the World Choir Games 2010

The official languages of the World Choir Games 2010 are English and Chinese. Moderation (announcements, translations) of the events, the printed material and other publications will be carried out in these languages. Participants are asked to conduct all correspondence and communication relating to registration or organisation of artistic programmes exclusively in German and English. This announcement is available on the internet in the following languages: German, English, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. In the event of doubts or disputes, the printed English version is authentic and legally binding.

7. Rejection or Failure to Accept a Choir or Festival Ensemble

The organiser reserves the right to reject applications on artistic or organisational reasons or in the event of an act or acts of God. If a choir is rejected due to one of these reasons, its application fee will be refunded.

8. Changes to the Announcement

The organiser reserves the right to make changes and amendments to the existing information material and/or the announcement in the event of unforeseen technical, organisational or artistic circumstances or act(s) of God. The organiser also reserves the right to make changes to the programme contents and schedule.



REGISTRATION

1. Closing Date

Deadline for registration to participate in the World Choir Games 2010 is 15 December 2009.

2. Registration Documents

The following documents must be provided by the closing date:

- a) a fully completed registration form A (Organisational Data),
- b) a **bank cheque** or proof of **bank transfer** covering the application fee. Please make sure the organiser receives the application fee in full. All banking fees must be paid by the applicants. The amount payable may also be paid with Visa or MasterCard. (see registration form)
Please specify in "purpose of payment": **C-10 +** name of choir or festival ensemble
- c) the fully completed application form B or C or D (Artistic Data). All details listed on the application form must be filled out in **block capitals and Latin letters**,
- d) an authentic **audio recording** (Sound file i.e. MP3, WAV, WMA or CD) with the programme of your choice, no more than two years old, (please include also the date of the recording!)
- e) a **short biography** of the choir or festival ensemble (a brief description will do) as computer file if possible,
- f) a **photo** of the choir or festival ensemble in a form suitable for reproduction (oblong, minimum 12 x 7,5 cm, minimum 300 dpi for computer files), no more than two years old.

Choirs taking part in competitions must also submit the following documents:

- g) A choir must submit a **separate page B2 or C2 or D2** of the application form for each **category** in which it intends to take part! Therefore, we kindly ask you to make copies of that page.
- h) For applications for a direct participation in the The Champions Competition of the World Choir Games a copy of the **award certificate** (diploma) of an **international choir competition** prize (since 2005) has to be enclosed. This is not necessary for prize winners of MUSICA MUNDI competitions (since 2005) and the gold medallists of the previous World Choir Games in 2006 and 2008.
- i) Choirs sent as official **delegations** have to submit the official confirmation document in English or German.
- j) 7 (seven) **scores** of the selected pieces of choir music.

3. Contact and Responsibility

For the organisation of the World Choir Games 2010, for your registration and your correspondence, INTERKULTUR Foundation is responsible. Please contact the following address:

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