

## General conditions of participation

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### 1. Registration

Deadline for registration to participate in the competition is **April 20, 2010** (date of receipt).

All choirs must provide the following documents together with the application forms:

- a) The fully completed registration forms (4 pages). When filling in these forms, please use **Latin letters**.
- b) The proof of bank transfer covering the application fee. The amount payable may also be paid with Visa- or MasterCard (see registration form).
- c) An authentic **audio recording** (internet links, sound files i.e. MP3, WAV, WMA or CD) with pieces of your choice, no more than two years old. Please write the titles of the pieces and the date of the recording.
- d) A **short biography** of the choir, digitally if possible.
- e) A **photo** of the choir in a form suitable for reproduction (oblong, minimum 12 x 7,5 cm / 4.7 X 3 inches, preferably as computer file with minimum 300 dpi for computer files), no more than two years old.
- f) A choir must submit a **separate** page 3 of the application form for each competition **category** in which it intends to take part. We kindly ask you to make copies of this page in case of multiple category participation.
- g) **Five music scores** of the freely chosen pieces. Scores sent as files (PDF or similar) will not be accepted.

### 2. Costs

#### 2.1 Application Fee

For the participation in the **festival** including an evaluation performance the application fee amounts **500\$ per choir (ensemble)**.

For the participation in the **competition** including one category the application fee amounts to **500\$ per choir (ensemble)**. **For the participation in additional categories the application fee amounts to 250\$ for each category** chosen.

**For an additional participation in the individual coaching or in a workshop the application fee amounts 250\$ in each case.**

The application fee must be made payable in full to INTERKULTUR and is due immediately on registration. Any banking costs that arise must be paid by the applicant. If a choir cancels its appearance of its own accord, it will have no right to a refund.

The bank details for registration are as follows:

Account holder:	Förderverein INTERKULTUR e.V.
Name of bank:	Deutsche Bank
Bank code:	513 700 24
Account number:	028 042 001
SWIFT-Code (BIC):	DEUTDEDB513
IBAN for EU countries:	DE59513700240028042001
Purpose:	U-0100 + name of choir (please state name in full)

## **2.2 Event package**

For organisational reasons and in order to guarantee the best possible conditions for participation in the competition participation in the event will only be possible if the event package including accommodation is booked through the selected and authorized travel agency of the INTERKULTUR event series. This is an exclusive condition and as such is part of the general conditions for participation.

### **2.2.1 Services**

The event package includes the following services: Participation in The American International Choral Festival – St Louis 2010, a share in the non-subsidized organisation costs; multilingual organisational staff; Programme booklet (one copy per ten persons); rehearsals; all entrance fees for the competitions, with the exception of certain special events, necessary transportation for performing choirs, meals and accommodation as requested.

### **2.2.2 Length of stay / accommodation**

Event packages for four overnights will be provided in the categories **Economy Class, Standard class** and **First class**.

The option dates stated in each individual offer are valid for the booking of accommodation. If we receive your firm booking for accommodation at a later date we might not be able to provide you with accommodation of the category requested.

Registration is binding for the choir with regard both to participation in the festival and to 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) 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 to be paid to the authorized travel agency for the events package will be due on receipt of invoice on the date of payment stated in the invoice. The relevant bank details for these payments are stated separately. We would like to draw your attention expressly to the fact that participation in the festival is only possible if the costs due have been received without deduction by the authorized agencies before the group travels to the festival location. Otherwise the organisers are compelled to refuse the group's participation in the festival. Any costs incurred due to such action are to be borne by the group.

## **2.3 Travel expenses**

The travel to and from the competition have to be organised by the choirs (their participants and accompanying persons) themselves. Travel expenses are borne by the participating choirs themselves.

## **3. Languages of correspondence**

We would like to ask you for your understanding that only the English version of documents such as announcements, offers etc are legally binding. You can, however, obtain information on the phone in the following languages: German, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Hungarian.

This announcement is available on the Internet, [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com).