

4. General Conditions of Participation

1. Registration:

Deadline for registration to participate in the competition is February 28, 2011 (date of receipt). For early registration by January 15, 2011 (including the application fee and the sending of all documents listed below) an once-off discount of € 50 per choir will be granted.

The following documents must be provided 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 (Sound file i.e. MP3, WAV, WMA or CD) with two or three pieces a cappella 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.
- e) A photograph of the choir 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 – preferably as file.
- 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 participation in two categories.
- 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:

To participate in the event, the following application fees have to be paid per choir (ensemble):

- participation in the festival (concerts with consultation and / or rehearsals with experts) each 200 €
- participation in the competition per registered category 200 € (participation in concerts with consultation and / or rehearsals with experts are each considered to be an extra category)

The amount is due without delay on the day of registration and is to be made payable without any deductions to INTERKULTUR. Any banking expenses shall be borne by the choir to be registered. Should participation in the festival be cancelled, the registration fee will not be refunded.

The bank details for registration are as follows:

Account holder: INTERKULTUR
Name of bank: Deutsche Bank
Bank code: 513 700 24
Account number: 0152181
SWIFT-Code (BIC): DEUTDE DB 513
IBAN for EU countries: DE06 5137 0024 0015 2181 00
Purpose : D-1100 + name of choir (please state name in full)

2.2. Event package

For organisational reasons and to grant the choirs optimum conditions, participation in the event is permitted only if the event package including accommodation bookings are made with the agencies authorized by the organiser of the INTERKULTUR event series. This is an exclusive condition and integral part of the conditions for participation.

2.2.1. Services

The event packages includes the following services: participation in the International Choir Competition and Festival, a share in the non-subsidized organisation costs; multilingual organisational staff, programme booklet (one copy per ten persons); participation in encounter concerts; acoustics rehearsals; all entry fees for the festival events, with the exception of certain special events, accommodation in the ordered category.

2.2.2. Length of stay / Accommodation

In order to guarantee the best possible conditions for participation in the competitions a minimum stay of at least four nights is required. Event packages will be provided in the following categories:

First Class	4* hotels in the town centre (double and single rooms with shower and WC)
Standard Class	3* hotels, inns in the town centre and surroundings (double and single rooms with shower and WC)
Economy Class	Accommodation in small guesthouses, possibly divided up between two or more houses (multiple and double rooms, some with en suite shower and WC) and/or basic group accommodation such as youth hostels and equivalent (mostly multiple bed with shared shower and WC) in the surroundings of Wernigerode (up to 30 km radius)

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

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 agencies for the event 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 on the invoice. 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 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 costs

Travel is to be organised by the participating choirs (their members and accompanying persons) themselves. Travel costs are to be borne by the participating choirs.

3. Language of correspondence

Only the German and English versions of relevant documents for the event such as announcements, offers etc. are legally binding. You can, however, obtain verbal information in the following languages: French, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Hungarian.

4. Liability of the organiser

INTERKULTUR supports the festival 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 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. The authorized agencies accept liability as travel organiser 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 application, the signatory accepts the terms of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" (ARB) and the organiser's liability for him/herself and for all persons registered.

5. Contact address of the organiser

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

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This announcement can also be found under www.interkultur.com or request a print copy from the organiser. In case of any doubt, the printed German version is authentic and legally binding.