



HELSINGBORG SWEDEN

MAY 9 – 13, 2018

HELSINGBORGS KÖRFESTIVAL
THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



GREETING



Dear friends of INTERKULTUR,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Helsingborgs Körfestival - The Swedish International Choir Competition in May 2018. Sweden is world-famous for its outstanding choral art: Its representatives have determined the level of many international competitions for years, also our INTERKULTUR events.

A great music festival awaits you at one of the most exciting places in the northern Baltic Sea. Helsingborg, the prospering southern Swedish city with an exceptional cultural life, lies at the narrowest point of the Öresund, a charming seagull between Sweden and Denmark.

As you are accustomed to by INTERKULTUR, you will find a rich selection of participation possibilities for your choral trip to southern Sweden. Register in a wide range of competition categories, evaluation activities and join the official events and concerts and perform in one of the Friendship Concerts.

We are delighted to be able to expand our events in 2018 - in the 30th year of INTERKULTUR's existence - by another glamorous highlight.

Welcome to Helsingborg!

Günter Titsch, President INTERKULTUR

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EVENT SCHEDULE *Subject to Change*

DATES	WEDNESDAY May 9, 2018	THURSDAY May 10, 2018	FRIDAY May 11, 2018	SATURDAY May 12, 2018	SUNDAY May 13, 2018
Arrival / Departure	Arrival				Departure
Rehearsals	Stage rehearsals and rehearsals				
Non-Competitive Evaluation	Evaluation Performances & Individual Coachings				
Friendship Concerts		Concerts and performances in Helsingborg and surrounding area			
The Competitions		all day			
Official Events	Evening: Opening Event			Evening: Awards 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*		X
	Non-competitive Festival Participation (Concert Performances only)	X	
	Evaluation Performance*	X	X
	Individual Coaching*	X	X

* At least one Friendship Concert Performance included

1. NON-COMPETITIVE ELEMENTS

EVALUATION PERFORMANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
for non-competing choirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of singers: unlimited • Singing time: maximum 15 minutes • Accompaniment: unlimited
EVALUATION PERFORMANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentation of competition program the day before competitions begin • arrival has to be planned for May 9, 2018 • 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.
for competing choirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of singers: according to category rules • Singing time: according to category rules • Accompaniment: according to category rules
INDIVIDUAL COACHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentation of competition program the day before competitions begin • arrival has to be planned for May 9, 2018 • 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.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one piece of the choir's own choice • an international choral expert gives new input for stimulating artistic ideas and interpretive guidance • for an effective rehearsal choirs must prepare the music piece in advance

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS	<p>Participating choirs may register to perform in local concert settings together with other international choirs, such as churches, open air markets, libraries, parks, museums, etc. Choirs must prepare approximately 15 minutes of their own music pre-approved by the INTERKULTUR artistic committee. The concert should be preferably a cappella or with own instruments. (Piano or E-Piano can be provided upon request.)</p>
for all participating choirs	<p>Please be aware that several friendship concerts are planned open air. In the event that weather conditions do not allow this, some concerts may be cancelled due to the weather. The organizers will try to manage alternatives but choirs do not have any legal claim to this.</p> <p>Choirs can also take part in Friendship Concerts ONLY (Non-competitive Festival Participation).</p>

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION

CATEGORY A	<p>A1- Mixed Choirs; A2- Male Choirs; A3- Female Choirs</p> <p>Four (4) pieces have to be performed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) one piece from the participant's home country 2) one piece which does not origin from the participants home country 3) one piece by a composer born after 1950 4) one piece of the choir's choice
Difficulty Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of singers: A1 minimum 37; A2 & A3 minimum 31 • Singing time: The singing time should be at least 12 minutes and must not be longer than 20 minutes. • Accompaniment: Maximum 1 Piece

CATEGORY B	<p>B1- Mixed Choirs; B2- Male Choir; B3- Female Choirs</p> <p>Three (3) pieces of the choir's choice and of different character have to be performed.</p>
Difficulty Level II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of singers: unlimited • Singing time: The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes. • Accompaniment: unlimited
CATEGORY C	<p>C1- Chamber Choirs of Equal Voices; C2- Chamber Choirs of Mixed Voices; C3 - Vocal Ensembles (Equal & Mixed Voices)</p> <p>Five (5) pieces have to be performed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) one piece by a composer born before 1685 2) one piece by a composer born between 1796 and 1875 3) one piece by a composer born after 1950 4) one piece of the choir's choice 5) one piece of the choir's choice
Chamber Choirs / Vocal Ensembles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of singers: C1 min.13/max. 30; C2 min. 13/max.36; C3 Equal min. 4/max. 12; C3 Mixed min.5/max.12 • Singing time: The singing time should be at least 12 minutes and must not be longer than 20 minutes. • Accompaniment: Maximum 1 piece. • Only original compositions are permitted.

<p style="text-align: center;">CATEGORY G</p>	<p>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)</p> <p>Three (3) pieces have to be performed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) one piece from the participant's home country 2) one piece by a composer born after 1950 3) one piece of the choir's choice
	<p style="text-align: center;">Children's Choir & Youth Choirs</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CATEGORY S</p>	<p>Three (3) pieces of Christian-Sacral Music according to the choir's choice have to be performed.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacred Choral Music a cappella</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CATEGORY F</p>	<p>The ensembles perform a folklore program typical for the choir's home country.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In case sheet music is not available, a short description of the program must be provided for the jury (in English).</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Folklore</p>

CATEGORY P	<p>Three (3) pieces of pop, rock, jazz or light music according to the choir's choice have to be performed.</p> <p>Voices and accompanying instruments can be amplified. Playback of instruments is allowed. When applying the group has to hand in stage directions which lists the technical requirements in detail.</p>
Popular Choral Music & Jazz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of singers: unlimited • Singing time: The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes. • Accompaniment: permitted for all pieces

Artistic Regulations

	A	B	C	G			S	F	P
	A1-A3	B1-B3	C1-C3	G1	G2	G3			
Age Limit	16+			max 16	Girls max 19 Boys max 25	max 25	unlimited		
Minimum Number of Singers	A1: 37 A2, A3: 31	unlimited	C1, C2: 13 C3 Equal:4 C3 Mixed: 5	unlimited					
Maximum Number of Singers	unlimited		C1: 30 / C2: 36 C3: 12						
Number of Pieces	4	3	5	3			unlimited	3	
Minimum singing time should be	12 minutes	8 minutes	12 minutes	8 minutes					
Maximum Actual Singing Time	20 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	15 minutes					
Maximum Number of Pieces with Accompaniment	1	3	1	2			-	unlimited	
Use of Amplification	not permitted							permitted	

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 A, B, C 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 categories S, F, and P independent of their participation in A, B, C 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) In category A only ORIGINAL ACCOMPANIMENTS are permitted, which means that any reductions in orchestration or transcriptions of other instruments that were not planned by the composer and do not have an accepted performance tradition are excluded from the competition.
- b) 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).
- c) 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.
- d) CHANGES OF KEY: 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.
- e) After APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROGRAM 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 program. 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. Choirs are responsible for possible performing rights of their program.
- f) ACTUAL SINGING TIME: Actual singing time is the duration of the performance time only. It excludes entrance, exit, and applause.
- g) Choirs may **NOT** sing the same pieces in different categories. Separate repertoire pages should be filled out for each category of competition for registration

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 (Categories Jazz & Pop) or
 - c3) Authenticity in folklore categories
 - d) Overall Artistic Impression
- Example of score sheet in categories with fixed number of pieces:

	a	b	c	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 for categories with unlimited number of pieces (e.g. category Folklore):

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

- The jury decides first whether a choir may be qualified for a diploma or not. Choirs receiving no diploma will get a certificate of participation. Choirs that may qualify for a diploma will be given a score between 1 and 30 points.
- 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.
- Category winner is the choir who gained the highest number of points over 20.50 points. In case of a draw or a difference of less than 0.1 points, the jury will determine the category winner by taking a vote. In case no choir gained the 20.50 points (Gold1), no one wins in this category
- 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									
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Bronze 1 - 10.49	1-1.49	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. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

3.1 Registration & Registration Deadline

The deadline for registration is December 11, 2017. *Early Bird deadline is October 9, 2017.*

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. Five (5) copies for competition and three (3) for Evaluation Performance.

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*		200€
Non-competitive Festival Participation (Concert Performances only)	200€	
Evaluation Performance*	200€	200€
Individual Coaching*	200€	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
Bank Code:	513 700 24	Account Number:	015 218 100
SWIFT-Code (BIC):	DEUTDE DB 513	IBAN for EU countries:	DE06 5137 0024 0015 2181 00
Purpose:	S18+ name of choir (please state name in full)		

Event Packages

With the event package INTERKULTUR offers participants of its events a special service: We take care of all the details and through authorized agencies of the INTERKULTUR event series we offer an event package. This package includes, amongst others, accommodation in different hotel categories as well as other local services. For local choirs that do not require overnight stay, an event package without hotel services is of course also available.

Since the event package includes also the participant fee, the reservation is required for all participants.

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 different hotel categories (e.g. economy, standard, first class)

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 (1).

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 benefits of your participation. Any costs incurred due to such action are to be borne by the group.

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

Organizer according to law is the Interkultur Management GmbH (Platz der Einheit 1, 60327 Frankfurt, Germany; Registered at AG Frankfurt, HRB 77821).

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:

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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.

INTERKULTUR does not pay any money to the ARTIST for the exclusive grant of rights mentioned above. The ARTIST accepts explicitly that the positive promotion effect resulting from an exploitation of the Recordings by INTERKULTUR represents an adequate return service for this transfer of rights. In case of a commercial release of the Recordings on CD, the parties will negotiate separately in good faith about an adequate royalty to be payable to Artist according to standard business practice.

3.8 Changes of the Participant Information

The organizer reserves the right to make changes and amendments to the existing information material and/or the Participant Information in the event of unforeseen technical, organizational or artistic circumstances or act(s) of God. The organizer also reserves the right to make changes to the program contents and schedule.

3.9 Imprint

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“Please let me tell you again how wonderful it has been to work with all of you this year! As the pictures prove, the students had a fantastic time and were very happy with the festival overall! I so appreciate the organization, panel of judges, and welcoming atmosphere of the competition and this kind of festival is such an incredible learning experience for our students!”

Roane State Community College Choirs, USA (Málaga 2015)

“We are happy to be participants of INTERKULTUR events.
In this regard I would say your events give people opportunities to not only share their cultures, but to see what makes each country unique.”

Children’s Choir “Alye Parusa”, Russia (Sochi 2016)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird deadline: **October 9, 2017**

Registration deadline: **December 11, 2017**



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