

WERNIGERODE, GERMANY
JULY 5-9, 2023



12TH INT. JOHANNES BRAHMS CHOIR FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

GREETING



Dear friends of INTERKULTUR,

We would like to invite you to the 12th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival and Competition.

Wernigerode, the colorful city on the Harz, has fascinated numerous international singers and guests since its very first event. The unique flair will put its spell on choirs from all over the world and it will give them an unforgettable experience. In addition to the various competitions and concerts, we offer again excellent opportunities for shared learning, professional development and intensive artistic advice.

Wernigerode is glad to be hosting this international cultural event again. As an economic, cultural and tourist center in the Harz Mountains, it offers the best conditions for an impressive event. Above all, you will come across choral art and enthusiastic people who will give you an indescribable emotional experience.

See you in Wernigerode!
Günter Titsch
President INTERKULTUR



ORGANIZER



Organizer

Förderverein INTERKULTUR e.V.
and
City of Wernigerode

in cooperation with the

Land Saxony-Anhalt
Landesmusikrat Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.
Landeschorverband Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.
im Deutschen Chorverband
and the
Landesgymnasium für Musik Wernigerode

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Günter Titsch (Germany)

Artistic Director Wernigerode 2023

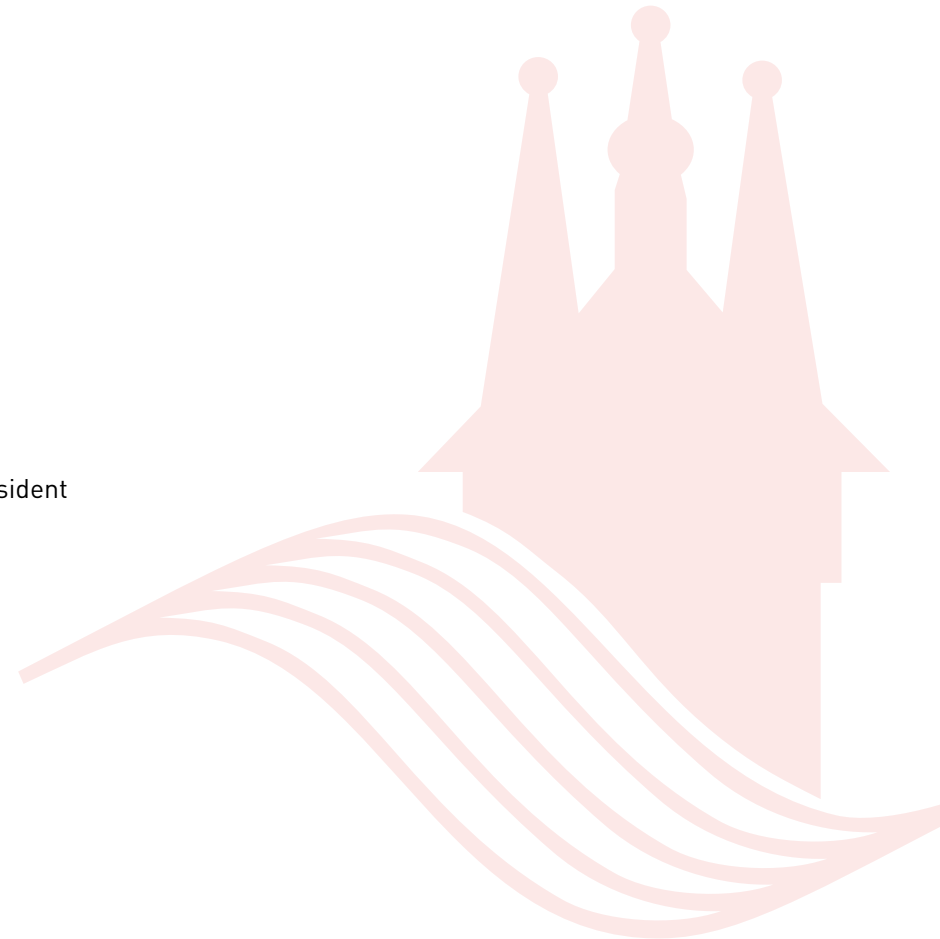
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6TH INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTOR'S SEMINAR 2023

JULY 1-4, 2023



INTERKULTUR AND THE STATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR MUSIC WERNIGERODE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU



This high-profile workshop, featuring two internationally renowned lecturers, will take place from **July 1-4, 2023** shortly before the 12th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival and Competition in Wernigerode and represents a special extension of INTERKULTUR's pedagogical activities.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform with one of Germany's most famous youth choirs, the Radio Youth Choir Wernigerode, to study international choral literature intensively, to develop interpretations with two internationally recognized choral experts and to present them in a final concert. A passive participation as observer is also possible.

The seminar participants are also explicitly invited to participate with their choir in the 12th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival & Competition afterwards and benefit from special discounts.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	WEDNESDAY July 5, 2023	THURSDAY July 6, 2023	FRIDAY July 7, 2023	SATURDAY July 8, 2023	SUNDAY July 9, 2023
Arrival / Departure	Arrival				Departure
Rehearsals	Stage Rehearsals and Rehearsals				
Non-Competitive Evaluation	Evaluation Performances and Individual Coachings				
Concerts		Friendship Concert performances in Wernigerode and surroundings			
Competitions		competitions in the morning	all day competitions		
Official events	evening: Opening Concert	afternoon: choir parade, opening event & reception evening: Celebration Concert	evening: Benefit Concert Cathedral Halberstadt Folklore Concert Wernigerode	afternoon: Grand Prize Competition evening: Awards Ceremony & choir party	10:00 Closing Concert
Tourism	Sightseeing & excursions (depending on the choir's individual 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

* Friendship Concert Performance included / ** at least two performances included



1. NON-COMPETITIVE ELEMENTS

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:	unlimited
Singing time:	maximum 15 minutes
Accompaniment:	unlimited
Total time:	45 minutes

EVALUATION PERFORMANCE FOR COMPETING CHOIRS



- presentation of competition program the day before competitions begin
- arrival has to be planned for July 4, 2023
- 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
Total time:	45 minutes

1. NON-COMPETITIVE ELEMENTS



INDIVIDUAL COACHING



- 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

Number of singers:	unlimited
rehearsal time:	45 minutes
Accompaniment:	unlimited

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS



Participating choirs may register to perform in local concert settings together with other international choirs, such as the event venues, churches, and open air on squares and in parks.

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 and in churches an organ can be provided upon request.)

Please be aware that friendship concerts might also be 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.

Choirs can also take part in Friendship Concerts ONLY (Non-competitive Festival Participation).

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



CATEGORY A – DIFFICULTY LEVEL I



A1 – MIXED CHOIRS

A2 – EQUAL VOICES (MALE AND FEMALE CHOIRS)

Four (4) pieces have to be performed:

- 1) A1 one piece by Johannes Brahms
A2 male voices: one piece by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
A2 female voices: one piece by Robert Schumann
- 2) one piece by a composer not from the country, language area or the cultural environment of the participating choir
- 3) one piece by a composer, born after 1950
- 4) one piece of the choir's choice

Depending on the number of registrations in this category the Artistic Committee reserves the right to split the category A2 up in to male and female voices.

Number of singers:	A1 minimum 31; A2 minimum 26
Singing time:	The singing time should be at least 12 minutes and must not be longer than 20 minutes.
Accompaniment:	Maximum 1 with original accompaniment
For pieces 1-3 only original compositions are permitted.	

CATEGORY B – DIFFICULTY LEVEL II



B1 – MIXED CHOIRS

B2 – EQUAL VOICES (MALE AND FEMALE CHOIRS)

Three (3) pieces of different character and preferably from different musical epochs have to be performed.

Depending on the number of registrations in this category the Artistic Committee reserves the right to split the category B2 up in to male and female voices.

Number of singers:	unlimited
Singing time:	The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes.
Accompaniment:	At least one piece has to be performed a cappella.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



CATEGORY C – CHAMBER CHOIRS & VOCAL ENSEMBLES A CAPPELLA



C1 – CHAMBER CHOIRS & VOCAL ENSEMBLES OF MIXED VOICES C2 – CHAMBER CHOIRS & VOCAL ENSEMBLES EQUAL VOICES

Five (5) pieces have to be performed:

- 1) C1 Johannes Brahms: 1 piece from Op 62 or Op 42
C2 female voices: Johannes Brahms: 2 pieces from Op 44;
C2 male voices: Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy or
Franz Schubert: One Male Choir a cappella
- 2) one piece by a composer born before 1685
- 3) one piece by a living composer (at time of registration)
- 4) one piece of the choir's choice
- 5) one piece of the choir's choice

Number of singers: C1 min 4; max 30; C2 min 4, max 25
Singing time: The singing time should be at least 12 minutes and must not be longer than 20 minutes.
Accompaniment: not permitted
For pieces 1-3 only original compositions may be performed.

CATEGORY G – CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS



G1 – CHILDREN'S CHOIRS G2 – YOUTH CHOIRS OF EQUAL VOICES G3 – YOUTH CHOIRS OF MIXED VOICES

In G1 three (3) pieces have to be performed:

- 1) One piece by a composer not from the country, language area or the cultural environment of the participating choir
- 2) and 3) two pieces of the choir's choice

In G2 and G3 four (4) pieces have to be performed:

- 1) One piece by a composer not from the country, language area or the cultural environment of the participating choir
- 2) one piece by a composer born after 1950
- 3) and 4) two pieces of the choir's choice

Number of singers: unlimited
Singing time: The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes.
Accompaniment: In G1 at least one piece and in G2/G3 at least 2 pieces have to be performed a cappella.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



CATEGORY S – SACRED CHORAL MUSIC A CAPPELLA



Three (3) pieces of Christian sacred music of the choir's choice have to be performed.

A maximum of one Spiritual may be performed in this category.

Number of singers:	unlimited
Singing time:	The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes.
Accompaniment:	not permitted

CATEGORY F – FOLKLORE



In this category melodies must be used that already exist and belong to the folklore of the country or an ethnic group. These may be performed in different ways - original or in various arrangements. New compositions without such reference, even those written in the folkloric style of the country, may not be performed.

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:	unlimited
Singing time:	The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes.
Accompaniment:	Piano accompaniment and traditional folk instruments are permitted for all pieces. Any type of playback and microphones are not permitted.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



CATEGORY P – POP & JAZZ



Three pieces of the choir's choice of pop, rock-, and/or jazz music have to be performed.

Number of singers: unlimited

Singing time: The singing time should be at least 8 minutes and must not be longer than 15 minutes.

Accompaniment:

Instrumental accompaniments including electronic instruments are permitted. Improvisations by the vocalists are desirable but not compulsory. Instrumental solos must be kept to a minimum as only the performance of the choir will be evaluated.

Amplification:

The amplification of voices and instruments is permitted. Playback of the instrumental part is permitted. A general choir amplification, a limited number of solo microphones, an e-piano, drum-set and instrumental amplification will be provided by the organizer upon request. Should special headsets and/or a complicated mixing of the program be necessary, it is recommended that this will be taken care of by the choirs.

GRAND PRIZE COMPETITION



The respective Category Winners can participate in the competition for the **JOHANNES BRAHMS CHOIR PRIZE 2023**. The jury reserves the right to nominate further choirs for participation.

PROGRAM: Two freely chosen a cappella pieces which must not be the ones the choir had already performed in their whole competition program. Those two pieces must be confirmed by the Artistic Committee.

ACTUAL SINGING TIME: The maximum actual singing time is 8 minutes.

The winner of this competition will receive the **JOHANNES BRAHMS CHOIR PRIZE 2023** in the amount of 2000 Euro.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



SPECIAL PRIZES & AUDIENCE PRIZE



The jury may award Special Prizes and Conductor's Prizes.

The Conductor's Prize is endowed with prize money of EUR 300.00.

Further Special Prizes are endowed with prize money of EUR 150.00.

Throughout the entire event, a poll of audiences will be conducted via postal vote to establish the most popular choir among the spectators. The choir which receives the most votes will be awarded the Audience Prize.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



2.1 ARTISTIC REGULATIONS

	A		B	C		G			S	F	P	
	A1-A2		B1-B2	C1	C2	G1	G2	G3				
Age Limit	18+					max 16	SSAA – max 19 TTBB – max 25		max 25	–		
Minimum Number of Singers	31	26	unlimited	4	4	unlimited						
Maximum Number of Singers	unlimited			30	25	unlimited						
Number of Pieces	4		3	5		3	4		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		2	–		2			–	unlimited		
Use of Amplification	not permitted										permitted	

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



2.2 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/fall below 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. category A1+A2). 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. Exceptions are categories A2, B2, and C2. A choir may also perform with several conductors.

- MUSIC**
- a) The Artistic Committee decides on the admission of the program to the competition. The approval of the Artistic Committee is usually not given when it comes to opera choirs or when the character of the composition conflicts with a choral interpretation (such as "Nabucco - Prisoners' Choir" by Giuseppe Verdi edited for children's voices, "Träumerei" by Robert Schumann edited for choir). In addition, none of the programs may include topics such as war or glorification of violence and may not be against other nations and nationalities.
 - b) It is NOT permitted to sing the same pieces in different categories.
 - c) Some categories require a composition which does not originate in the COUNTRY, LANGUAGE AREA OR CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT of the participating choir. Examples of compliance:
 - Choirs from English-speaking countries should choose compositions written in a different language.
 - A choir from a Baltic Country (Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia) should not sing a composition from another Baltic country even if the two countries naturally have different cultures and languages.
 - A choir from a Slavic country should not select a work from another Slavic nation, even if the two countries naturally have different cultures and languages.
 - A choir from Latin and South America should select a piece that does not come from the same region.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



- d) The use of ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS (category A) 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) 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.
- f) 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).
- g) AMPLIFICATION: Only in category P amplification of voices and instruments is permitted. In rooms with poor acoustics, the organizer can use miking and amplification, which supports but does not dominate the performance of the choir. This, however, will not result in solo microphonation of the choir or of instruments.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) ACTUAL SINGING TIME: Actual singing time is the duration of the performance time only. It excludes entrance, exit, and applause.

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. Copying sheet music either by photocopier, scanner or by hand without the permission of the copyright owner is a copyright law violation and can be fined. 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.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



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 Jazz and Pop categories
 - c3) Authenticity in folklore categories
 - d) Overall Artistic Impression

Example of a score sheet for categories with a definite 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 of category F:

	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.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION



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 may also awarded.

Diploma	Level									
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
bronze 1 - 10.49	1.00–1.49	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	29.5–30.00

3.1 REGISTRATION & REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline for registration is **February 13, 2023**. Early Bird deadline is **November 28, 2022**.

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.)
- ☐ 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, three (3) for Evaluation Performance & one (1) for Individual Coaching].

3. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION



3.3 COSTS

For the participation in this event the payment of the Registration Fee (per choir) as well as the Event Package (per person) is required. Choirs that come from a radius of up to 200km around Wernigerode and therefore do not need an overnight stay, pay a Participant Fee (per person) instead of the Event Package. The prices of the Event Packages and the Participant Fee can be downloaded from www.interkultur.com or can be requested by e-mail to mail@interkultur.com.

REGISTRATION FEE

The following registration fees have to be paid per choir/ ensemble:

Early Bird Deadline	For Early Bird registration the fee for the first activity* amounts to EUR 100,00. Any additional activity amounts to EUR 200,00.
Regular Deadline	For registration until the regular deadline the fee for each activity* is EUR 200,00.

PAYMENT DETAILS To reserve your participation in the event, the registration fee must be paid in full and accompanied by the completed registration forms. Banking fees are the responsibility of the registrant. Information regarding payment methods can be found on the registration form.

In case a choir cancels its participation or individual activities, the registration fee will not be refunded.

* Activities refer to competition participation (1 category = 1 activity), Evaluation Performance, Individual Coaching, and Festival Participation (only concerts). For choirs participating in the competitions and evaluation activities, the performance in a concert is free of charge.





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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. Choirs that come from a radius of up to 200km around Wernigerode and therefore do not need an overnight stay pay a Participant Fee per person. 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. 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. 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 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.



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3.5 ORGANIZER

Organizers are the Förderverein INTERKULTUR e.V. (Heinrich Lübke-Ring 4, 35415 Pohlheim, Germany – registered at Vereinsregister Gießen, VR 1806 – Chairman/President: Günter Titsch) and the city of Wernigerode (Marktplatz 1, 68855 Wernigerode, represented by the Lord Mayor Peter Gaffert).

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 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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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.

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 DATA PRIVACY STATEMENT

These data protection information apply to the data processing by: INTERKULTUR*

*The family brand "INTERKULTUR" unites non-profit and commercial organizations, which pursue the same interests in one network and track goals that support culture on an international level. These institutions include amongst others: Förderverein INTERKULTUR e.V., INTERKULTUR Management GmbH and INTERKULTUR Communication GmbH.

COLLECTING AND STORING PERSONAL DATA, NATURE AND PURPOSE AS WELL AS ITS PLANNED USE

If you commission us, we collect the following data: title, first name, last name, gender, birthdate / valid email address / address / telephone number (fixed network and/or mobile) / if applicable: payment details / if applicable: passport information
The data processing takes place upon your request and is necessary according to Art. 6 Abs. 1 S. 1 lit. b DSGVO for the reasons mentioned there and for a reasonable processing of your order as well as for the contract-related mutual performance of obligations.

The personal data collected by us will be stored until the expiration of the retention period and deleted afterwards unless we are obliged to store the data for a longer period acc. to Art. 6 Abs. 1 S. 1 lit. c DSGVO due to fiscal and commercial safekeeping and documentation obligations (reg. HGB, StGB or AO) or in case you have agreed to a further-reaching storage acc. to Art. 6 Abs. 1 S. 1 lit. a DSGVO.

DISCLOSURE OF DATA TO THIRD PARTIES

A transfer of your data to third parties for other reasons than the ones mentioned below will not occur. If this becomes necessary acc. to Art. 6 Abs. 1 S. 1 lit. b DSGVO for processing your order we will pass on your personal data to third parties. Third parties are allowed to use this forwarded data for the reasons mentioned only.



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RIGHTS OF PERSONS AFFECTED

You have the following rights:

- Acc. to Art. 7 Abs. 3 DSGVO you can revoke your consent once given to us at any time. As a result of this we are not allowed to continue the data processing, which was based upon this consent, in the future.
- Acc. to Art. 15 DSGVO you can demand information about your personal data which is being processed by us. You can demand in particular information about processing purposes, the category of personal data, the category of recipients, to whom your data was or will be disclosed, the scheduled storage period, the existing right of correction, deletion, restriction of processing or contradiction, the existing right of complaining, the source of your data in case it was not requested by us, as well as an automated decision-making incl. profiling and if applicable meaningful detailed information.
- Acc. to Art. 16 DSGVO you can demand immediate deletion or correction of incorrect or incomplete personal data which is stored with us.
- Acc. to Art. 17 DSGVO you can demand the deletion of your personal data which is stored with us unless the processing is not necessary to exercise the freedom of expression and information, or to fulfil a legal obligation, or due to reasons of public interest or for an enforcement, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- Acc. to Art. 18 DSGVO you can demand the restricted processing of your personal data in case the correctness of the data is being denied by you, or in case the processing is illegal but you deny the correctness of the data, or in case the processing is illegal but you reject a deletion of your data and we don't need your data any longer but you need them for an enforcement, exercise or defence of legal claims, or in case you objected to the processing acc. to Art. 21 DSGVO.
- Acc. to Art. 20 DSGVO you can demand to receive your personal data in a structured, standard and machine-readable format or the transfer of the data to another person in charge.
- Acc. to Art. 77 DSGVO you can demand that you can complain at a supervisory authority. Normally you can do this via the supervisory authority at your usual whereabouts or working place.

RIGHT OF OBJECTION

In case your personal data is being processed on the basis of legitimate interests acc. to Art. 6 Abs. 1 S. 1 lit. f DSGVO you have the right acc. to Art. 21 DSGVO to enter an objection against the processing of your personal data, if this is justified due to your special situation. If you would like to make use of your right of revocation just send an Email to **mail@interkultur.com**.

3.9 CHANGES

The organizer reserves the right to make changes and amendments to the existing information material and/or the announcement 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.



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