

LAHTI, FINLAND
MAY 14-18, 2026



NORDIC VOICES CHOIR FESTIVAL



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

GREETING



Welcome, dear singers and conductors!

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 1st INTERKULTUR event in Finland, the NORDIC VOICES Choir Festival.

Finland is renowned for its vibrant and diverse choral scene, and over the past years, we have had the honor of welcoming many exceptional Finnish choirs to our INTERKULTUR events. The NORDIC VOICES Choir Festival will be another milestone in this ongoing celebration of choral excellence.

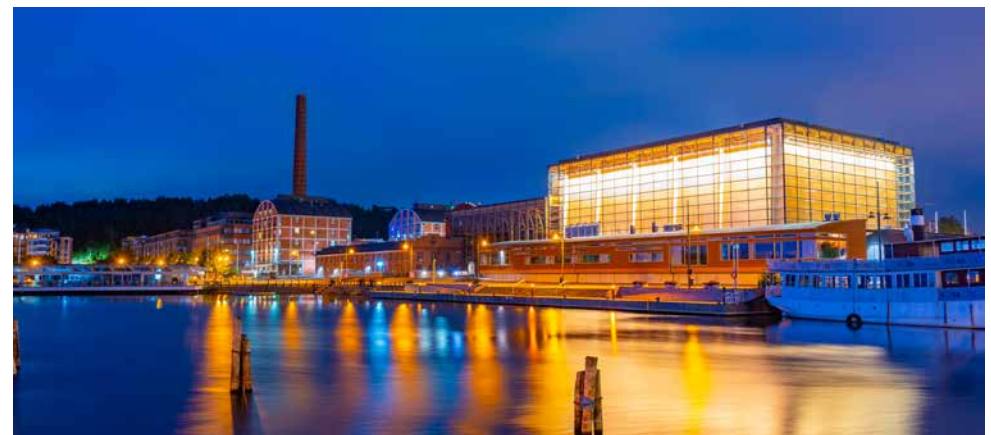
The city of Lahti provides the perfect setting for this event. We are particularly proud that the renowned Sibelius Hall, famous for its outstanding acoustics and its connection to Finland's musical tradition, will serve as the central venue for the festival.

Together with our partners we look forward to sharing unforgettable moments of music and cultural exchange, and to experiencing the beauty of Nordic choral music together.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Günter Titsch
President INTERKULTUR



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INTERKULTUR

in cooperation with the
City of Lahti

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EVENT SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	THURSDAY May 14, 2026	FRIDAY May 15, 2026	SATURDAY May 16, 2026	SUNDAY May 17, 2026	MONDAY MAY 18, 2026
Arrival / Departure	Arrival				Departure
Rehearsals	Stage Rehearsals and Rehearsals				
Non-Competitive Evaluation	Evaluation Performances for competing choirs	Evaluation Performances for non-competing choirs and Individual Coachings			
Concerts	Concert performances in Lahti				
Competitions		all day competitions			
Official events	Opening Event			Late afternoon: Grand Prize Competition & Awards Ceremony	
Tourism	Sightseeing & excursions (depending on the choir's individual schedule)				

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

	1. Non-Competitive Participation	2. Competitive Participation
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:		
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

LAHTI, FINLAND

Lahti is a vibrant city located in southern Finland, approximately 100 kilometers northeast of Helsinki. Surrounded by beautiful lakes, forests, and hills, the city is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, with activities like hiking, skiing, and boating. The nearby Päijänne National Park and the scenic Lake Vesijärvi provide stunning natural backdrops.

Culturally, Lahti is home to architectural gems like the Sibelius Hall and the Lahti Art Museum, along with a vibrant music and design scene. The city's rich heritage is celebrated through events such as the Lahti Symphony Orchestra performances and annual cultural festivals, making it a fantastic destination for both nature lovers and culture seekers: There couldn't be a better place for this new festival.

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VENUES

SIBELIUS HALL (SIBELIUSTALO)



Built in 2000, the Sibelius Hall is situated by Lake Vesijärvi and the Main Hall renowned for its exceptional acoustic design, offering an immersive listening experience. The acoustics were carefully crafted by experts to ensure sound clarity and balance, making the hall a popular venue for classical music and various events. Its striking wooden structure and innovative acoustics make it a unique and valued space for music enthusiasts. Competitions will take place in the Main Hall (Pääsali).



CHURCH OF THE CROSS



The Church of the Cross, built in 1978, is an architectural masterpiece by Alvar Aalto and a defining element of the cityscape. Its tower elegantly reflects the town hall, which was designed by Eliel Saarinen. The church is an important venue for services and church events and houses an impressive 53-stop pipe organ built by Veikko Virtanen. Due to its excellent acoustics, the church is also an important concert venue and studio.



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 May 13, 2026
- 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 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 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.

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

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION

CATEGORY A – ADULT CHOIRS



A1 – MIXED CHOIRS

A2 – CHOIRS OF EQUAL VOICES

Four (4) pieces have to be performed:

- 1) one piece by a Finish composer
- 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 living composer
- 4) one piece of the choir's choice

Number of singers: mixed voices: min. 37
 equal voices: min. 31

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 C – CHAMBER CHOIRS & VOCAL ENSEMBLES



C1 – MIXED VOCAL ENSEMBLES & CHAMBER CHOIRS

C2 – CHAMBER CHOIRS & VOCAL ENSEMBLES OF EQUAL VOICES

Four (4) pieces have to be performed:

- 1) one piece by a Finish composer
- 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 living composer
- 4) one piece of the choir's choice

Number of singers: mixed voices: min. 4, max. 36
 equal voices: min. 3, max. 30

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.

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION

CATEGORY G – CHILDREN’S & YOUTH CHOIRS



G1 – CHILDREN’S CHOIRS (SSAA up to 16 years)

G2 – YOUTH CHOIRS (mixed or equal voices up to 25 years)

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 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 at least 2 pieces have to be performed a cappella

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

2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION

CATEGORY F – FOLKLORE



The ensembles perform a folklore program typical for the choir's home country. 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 or if the performed music is not in English language, 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.

GRAND PRIZE COMPETITION



The respective Category Winners are invited to participate in the competition for the **Nordic Voices Choir Prize 2026**.

The jury reserves the right to nominate further choirs for participation.

The winner of this competition will receive the **Nordic Voices Choir Prize 2026 in the amount of EUR 1.000**.

Program:	Two freely chosen a cappella pieces which have not been performed by the choir in the competition performances of the event. Those two pieces must be confirmed by the Artistic Committee.
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Singing time:	The singing time may not exceed 8 minutes. If the maximum singing time is exceeded, the choir risks not being considered for the final decision.
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2. COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION

2.1 ARTISTIC REGULATIONS

	A	C	G		S	F
	A1-A2	C1-C2	G1	G2		
Age Limit	18+		max. 16	max. 25	-	
Minimum Number of Singers	A1 min. 37 A2 min. 31	C1 min. 4 C2 min. 3	unlimited			
Maximum Number of Singers	unlimited	C1 max. 36 C2 max. 30	unlimited			
Number of Pieces	4		3	4	3	unlimited
Minimum singing time should be	12 minutes		8 minutes			
Maximum Actual Singing Time	20 minutes		15 minutes			
Maximum Number of Pieces with Accompaniment	1		2		-	unlimited
Use of Amplification	not 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) For organizational reasons, we recommend that each choir and each conductor registers for a maximum of 2 competition categories.
 - b) Individual choir members may participate in smaller ensembles formed out of their primary choir, but may NOT sing in more than one primary choir.
 - c) All choirs may participate in only one of A, C or G.
 - d) 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 and F independent of their participation in A, B, or G. Within the category all works have to be performed with the same line-up (e.g. it is not permitted to perform 2 pieces with mixed voices and 2 pieces with equal voices). If a choir performs in several categories, also here the line-up (number of singers) should be the same.
 - e) Conductors are permitted to conduct only one choir per category, however conducting in different categories is allowed. Exceptions are categories A2, C2 and G2. 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 (categories A & C) 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) ARRANGEMENTS: Please keep in mind that if you wish to alter a piece in any way and/or rearrange it for your choir, you will need permission from the copyright holder.
- f) In category A and C 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.
- g) 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).
- h) AMPLIFICATION of voices and instruments is not permitted in any of the categories.
- i) CHANGES OF KEY: If a choir wishes to change the key from what is written in the printed score, the jury must be informed in writing prior to the competition.
- j) After APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROGRAM by the Artistic Committee, 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.
- k) ACTUAL SINGING TIME: Actual singing time is the duration of the performance time only. It excludes entrance, exit, and applause.

SHEET MUSIC

- a) 3 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.
- h) If you are sending authorized copies, please staple them in the middle of the left-hand page (so that they can be opened like a booklet).

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 or
 - 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.
- If a choir exceeds the maximum singing time, their final result will be reduced by jury decision.

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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	1.00-1.49	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



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3.1 REGISTRATION & REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline for registration is **December 15, 2025**.

Early Bird deadline is **October 20, 2025**.

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 or similar format 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: [Three (3) for competition and Evaluation Performance & one (1) for Individual Coaching].



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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 100km around Lahti 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 150,00. Any additional activity amounts to EUR 200,00.
Regular Deadline For registration until the regular deadline the fee for the first activity is EUR 300,00, any additional activity amounts to EUR 200,00.

Payment information 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 100km around Lahti 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 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.

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3.5 ORGANIZER

Organizers are the INTERKULTUR Management GmbH (Brüsseler Straße 1-3, 60327 Frankfurt am Main, Germany) registered at AG Frankfurt, HRB 77821 and the City of Lahti.

3.6 LIABILITY

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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.

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.



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird deadline: October 20, 2025

Registration deadline: December 15, 2025

