

Rules of 13th International Choral Festival Songs to Mary 18-20.10.2024

CZĘSTOCHOWA - KOZIEGŁOWY

I. Objectives of the Festival

1. Popularization of Christian music in particular choral songs dedicated to Holy Mary.
2. Presentation of the artistic achievements of choirs and vocal ensembles.
3. Competition between the choirs and exchange of experiences between the choirs.
4. Improvement of the performance level of choirs and popularisation of their achievements.
5. Promotion of the city of Czestochowa, town and community of Koziegłowy as well as towns and communities of Czestochowa region.

II. General regulations of the Festival

1. The Festival has a form of the competition.
2. In the festival can take part amateur youth and adult choirs from Poland and abroad .
3. The festival is intended for fully amateur choirs. This rule does not apply to conductors. The ensembles prepare a competition program consisting of 4 songs, of which at least 2 will be sung a cappella.

The competition program of each ensemble should consist of the following works:

- songs: a, b - sacred songs from different centuries/musical eras (**one** Spirituals or Gospel song is allowed)
- songs: c, d – sacred songs dedicated to Holy Mary.

4. The total duration of the competition presentation may **not** exceed 15 minutes.

5. The performances of the choirs will be evaluated by the Jury, composed of experienced musicians appointed by the organizers. The jury will evaluate the following elements:

- interpretation / style of performance
- intonation /timbre, harmony, voice emission
- verbal and musical articulation
- musical expression - phrasing
- selection of repertoire and dramaturgy of the program.

6. The following prizes will be awarded:

1st place - Golden Torch statuette - money prize **1000,00 EURO**

2nd place - Silver Torch statuette - money prize **600,00 EURO**

3rd place - Bronze Torch statuette - money prize **400,00 EURO**

7. All choirs will receive a diploma of participation in the Festival. The organizers may award additional prizes depending the financial situation.

8. The jury taking into account artistic reasons may not award particular prizes.

9. The jury has the right to divide the prizes differently and introduce special prizes in consultation with the organizers of the Festival.

III. Organizing Information

1. The festival will take place on 18-20.10.2024 in Kozięglowy, Częstochowa, and other towns of the region according to following schedule:

18.10.2024 arrival (on request additional church performance possible)

19.10.2024 12.00 opening at square of Kozięglowy

ca. 13.30-16.30 competition singing

ca. 18.00 meeting/party of all choirs (please prepare 2-3 non sacred "entertaining songs")

20.10.2024 morning/midday performances during church services in the region (compulsory for all choirs)

14.30-17.00 Gala concert in Basilica of Jasna Gora Monastery in Częstochowa

2. Organizer of the Festival is Stowarzyszenie Śpiewacze "Pochodnia" (Choral Society Pochodnia). Director of the festival Marek Wojtal.

3. Polish choirs shall apply to the organizers directly.

4. Foreign choirs shall register via the exclusive partner of the festival: Melody - director Maciej Przerwa.

Registration of applications with all attachments is till **15.06.2024** to the address:

e-mail info@poloniacantat.pl

or by registered mail:

MELODY

Ogrodowa 27A

05-509 Jozefoslaw, POLAND

To the application form there must be attached:

- *short biography of choir (including information about achievements)*

- *high quality photo*

- *copy of competition scores (in PDF or high quality scan)*

- *copy of the registration fee which is 200 Euro per choir.*

The fee must be paid to the account no: **PL88 1090 1694 0000 0001 1554 3717**

Bank's Name : Santander Bank Polska S.A. al. Jana Pawła II 17, 00-854 Warszawa, Swift Code: **WBKPPLPP**

Holder of Account MELODY, Ogrodowa 27A, 05-500 Piaseczno, POLAND " please write in title name of your choir".

The amount we shall get net (you pay all transfer fees). Registration fee will be returned if choir is not qualified. We do not return registration fee to choirs that resign from participation regardless the reason.

The decision about qualification will be sent no later than 31st July.

5. The choirs are responsible to cover all travel and accommodation costs during the festival. For organisational reasons (flexible timetable of singing, concerts, shortage of hotel rooms in Częstochowa region, etc.) the partner of

the festival reserves the right to arrange accommodation for all choirs according to prices published in application form.

6. All choirs may receive **free** lunches on 19th and 20th October, as well as a integration party supper on 19th October (canteen type)

7. Because festival take place in different locations : in Czestochowa, Kozielowy as well as in towns and villages of the region the choirs should have a bus/cars at disposal during entire festival.

8. The choirs pass the copyrights to organizers of the festival for eventual sound and video recordings made during the festival as well as all photos made during the festival.

9. The choirs are responsible for eventual copy rights of scores used during the performance at the festival.

In case of questions all foreign choirs should contact info@poloniacantat.pl

or in urgent cases +48 603 36 16 16 (Maciej Przerwa)

