

Announcement:

12th International Choir Competition 2018 Miltenberg

1. Time and Place of the competition

July 12th to 17th 2018

Civic center Elsenfeld, Administrative District Miltenberg, Bavaria, Germany

2. The competition takes place in two categories

Cat. A: Symphony of Voices (including a compulsory composition)

Cat. B: Folksong, Spiritual & Jazz

Participation in category A and B is mandatory for each choir.

3. Number of entrants: 6 selected choirs

4. Schedule for the competition

Thursday, July 12th 2018

Opening concert

Friday, July 13th 2018

poss. short performance at a school (tbc)

Concert with regional choir; freely selected repertoire of 2 x 15 - 20 minutes
(repertoire can be identical with the competition program)

Saturday, July 14th 2018

Competition category A: Symphony of Voices
(including compulsory composition)

Sunday, July 15th 2018

Competition category B: Folksong, Spiritual & Jazz

Following the competition announcement of the results in both categories

5. Prices

Competition category A – jury price:	1st price	1.500,- €
	2nd price	1.000,- €
	3rd price	500,- €
Competition category B – audience award:	1st price	1.000,- €
	2nd price	750,- €
	3rd price	500,- €

General agreement of participation

1. Travel expenses

Travel expenses to and from the Administrative District of Miltenberg will have to be taken care of by each choir.

2. Accommodation and catering

- a) Lodging and catering will be provided for the duration of the competition
- b) Participants will be accommodated and catered in private households, hostels and guest houses with shared rooms. Single rooms can only be provided for conductor and bus driver.
- c) Free lodging and catering will start with dinner on Thursday, 12th of July, and will end on Monday, 16th of July 2018, after breakfast
- d) An extension of a choir's stay can be arranged at one's own charge if notified in advance

3. Participants of the competition

The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 35 people including all mentioned parties: counting as participants of the Choir Competition with free lodging and catering are

- a) conductor
- b) active singers
- c) official representatives such as board members, interpreter
- d) one to two bus drivers

4. Interpreter

Choirs are advised to travel in the company of a German speaking interpreter.

5. Support

For the duration of the competition choirs will be looked after by selected personnel.

6. Application

- a) Applications to the choir competition 2018 must be handed in in writing with the attached form by February 15th 2018 at the latest.
- b) The following documents have to be included in your application:
 - Competition program (title, composer, etc.)
 - a short description of your choir's history and its activities up until now
 - results of previous competitions
 - a current photo of your choir (less than a year old)

c) Please send your application to the following address:

Landratsamt Miltenberg, Kulturreferat, Brückenstraße 2, D-63897 Miltenberg, Germany

Via e-mail: kultur@lra-mil.de

d) With their application, the choirs agree to the rules and conditions of the competition, the recordings and broadcasts in sound and television as well as any other sound or visual recordings (and any copies thereof) being made during and in relation to the competition. By accepting the rules and conditions the choir surrenders all rights resulting from such recordings to the organizers.

7. Selection

Participating choirs will be selected by the competition's organizer. Only 6 choirs are allowed and will be invited to participate in the competition. Choirs will receive their invitation or rejection letters by March 15th 2018.

8. Participation fee

Each participating choir will be charged with a fee of 200 € which is due after a positive answer.

Singing

1. General rules

- a) Each choir has to take part in Category A and B.
- b) Only mixed choirs are allowed to participate.
- c) Professional singers are not permitted to participate.

2. Requirements for Category A – Symphony of voices

Each choir will have to perform 1 mandatory composition plus a program of their own choice. The chosen pieces should belong to three different stylistic periods, if possible. An altogether singing time is set to 15-20 minutes.

The choir will have to sing a cappella.

The mandatory composition is:

Astor Piazzolla: Adiós Nonino

Mixed choir

Available at:

<https://www.stretta-music.com/en/search/q/adios+nonino/piazzolla-adios-nonino-nr-664355.html>

In case of complications please feel free to contact Landratsamt Miltenberg

3. Requirements for Category B – Folksong, Spiritual & Jazz

Each choir will have to choose a program to their own liking of 10-15 minutes singing time. One of the songs may be performed by a small group of at least 4 singers.

A cappella music only. If it fits traditional instruments excluding piano may be use to accompany the choir. National costumes or dresses will be appreciated for this part of the competition.

Choreography and performance are welcome.

For equal opportunities encores are not allowed.

4. Granting of the awards

In Category A – Symphony of Voices – a jury lead by a renowned judge will decide on the award of prizes and diplomas.

Assessment criteria:

- a) technical performance: intonation, rhythm, phrasing, articulation
- b) artistic performance: timing, agogics, dynamic, interpretation of text (excluding category A, mandatory composition), stylistic sense, choral sound.

The jury will assess each choral composition within a maximum of 25 point. The compulsory composition will count for 50% of the overall score in category A; the average points achieved in the self-chosen repertoire will make up for the other 50 %. First place will be awarded to the choir with the highest score (2nd and 3rd accordingly). Each choir will receive a certificate mentioning achieved score and diploma.

25,0 - 23,0 points	Diploma in Gold for an internationally outstanding performance
22,9 - 21,0 points	Diploma in Silver for an internationally very good performance
20,9 - 16,0 points	Diploma in Bronze for an international good performance
15,9 - 11,0 points	participated with success
10,9 - 1,0 points	participated

In Category B – Folksong, Spiritual & Jazz – the winner will be chosen by audience vote. The choir with the majority of votes will be awarded first prize (2nd and 3rd accordingly).

The decisions are final and unchallengeable. Recourse to the courts is not permitted.