



7th World Children and Youth Choral Championship

St. Petersburg, Russia

February 19 – 23, 2020



Dear Friends!

We invite you to participate in **7th World Children-Youth Choral Championship from 19 to 23 of February 2020 in St. Petersburg.**

The purpose of World Choral Championship for Children and Youth is to detect and support gifted children and youth, to introduce young musicians to the spiritual heritage and world singing culture by means of the choral singing art. The Championship sets up conditions for creative communication and cooperation of children and youth choral collectives from different regions of Russia and foreign countries.

Participation in the Championship must facilitate preservation and development of choral singing traditions and help both participants and leaders of choruses in their creative growth, communication, increase of professional skills. In the process of the Championship, participants will have the possibilities to establish new creative contacts with each other, as well as with prominent workers of the singing art.

CHAMPIONSHIP OBJECTIVES:

- Opening of new names and talents in children and youth choral singing;
- Making of creative atmosphere for communication of the Championship participants, establishing and strengthening of friendly relations with choruses from different countries, stirring up cultural exchange;
- Popularization of choral art and positive motivation of singing in a chorus;
- Development of tolerance of youth, adequate understanding of other cultures, methods of self-expression and manifestation of human individuality;
- Development of volunteer movement among students of Conducting and Choral Departments, engaging them in the work with participants;
- Engaging of musical producers and managers in organization of the following touring and concert activity of the Championship participants;

CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

- The Championship is open to Children's and Youth Choirs (with a minimum of 14 singers).
- In the Championship take part the Choirs from all over the World
- **Age** of participants shall be from 7 to 25 years old (inclusive). Participation of other age singers is allowed but not exceed 10% of the total quantity of the chorus and not more that 30 years. The organising committee has the right to remove choir member from the competition if his age is above accepted.
- division of the participants into **age groups will be in 1/8 and in 1/4 of final** (by lists with dates of birth of the choir members); **then in 1/2 and final will be three age groups:** children (age from 7 to 12), teenage group (age from 12 to 16) and youth (age from 16 to 25).



CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS:

- The Championship shall be held from **1/8 of final, 1/4 of final to Semifinal and Final**, all choirs that applied and accept the conditions shall participate in the Championship;
- The choir takes one of the package (see the options below), Organising Committee provides accommodation, meals and cultural-sightseeing program by agreement with choirs;
- Organising Committee provides a piano for musical accompaniment. Any other instruments shall be provided by the choirs themselves.
- The participant submits **choir's information material**. This information shall be used in advertising materials as posters, booklets and the catalogue of the Championship, as well as in mass media advertising announcements. Each participant of the Championship shall be given a set of printed matters as a souvenir;
- The Championship participants have to submit **their audio** (CD or several pieces may be sent by e-mail);
- All audio, video and photography rights to any performance at the Championship belong to the Organizer, free of any charge from side of the choir. The Organizer shall be entitled to reproduce any such recording and distribute or otherwise dispose of any recording or reproduction of recording of any such performance in any way that it sees fit.
- All choirs have to submit to Organizing Committee copies of scores to 1/8, 1/4 of final, to Semifinal and Final for the jury's work. Copies of the scores shall not be returnable;
- Any delegation may comprise not only members of the choir, but also accompanying persons. The number of accompanying persons is unlimited;

PERFORMANCE TIME LIMIT:

1/8-final – 3 (three) or 4 (four) works by the choir's own choice, the total time of performance shall be **maximum 12 minutes** including pauses between compositions. Minimum one work must be a cappella. The choirs who obtain pass mark go to 1/4 finals. The pass mark will be announced before 1/8 finals. Choirs, failing to pass, take part in the Bronze Round. The conductors, held in Bronze Round meet with members of the jury for advices.

1/4-final – 1 (one) or 2 (two) works by the choir's own choice, the total time shall be maximum **7 minutes** including pauses between compositions. If the choir sing two pieces one work must be a cappella.

Programs of the choir's performances in the 1/8 of final and 1/4 of final shall not be repeated!

Failure to meet the time limit shall be taken into account by the jury at summarizing the competition results.

Works from 1/8 or 1/4 can be taken into the program of the semi-final and final!

Semifinal – 1 (one) work by the choir's own choice, maximum 3 minutes. If the performance is exceeded by more than 30 seconds, the chorus loses 30 points;

FINAL - 1 (one) work by the choir's own choice, maximum 3 minutes but not the same that in semifinal.

No phonograms shall be used!

"Bronze round" - the choirs that participated in the 1/8 of final and didn't get the pass mark participate in "bronze" round and may receive Bronze Diploma (3rd place) (the programme is the same that was announced before for 1/4 of final). The quantity of supplementary bronze awards is determined by international jury. The best choir in **"Bronze round" receives a special prize.**

CONCERT VENUES:

- St. Petersburg Academic State Capella (*20 Moika River Embankment*)
- St Peter and Paul Cathedral (*22 Nevsky avenue*)
- Concert Hall of the St. Petersburg Musical and Pedagogical College (*Voskova, 1*)
- White Hall of the St. Petersburg Polytechnic University Peter the Great (*Politehnicheskaya str., 29*)
- Concert hall of Alexandro-Nevisky Lavra of the Holy Trinity (Monastery), 1)
- St. Catherine Swedish Lutheran Church (*Malaya Koniushennaya, 1*)
- Concert Hall of Music College № 4 (*Bukharetskaya, 35*)



THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, February 19

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| | Arrival of the participants, accommodation check-in. Registration of the participants. |
| 18.00 | Official Opening Ceremony, Gala Concert |

Thursday, February 20

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| | Excursions and city tours |
| | Rehearsals on the stage. 1/8 of final (first half of the choirs). |
| | Announcement of results |

Friday, February 21

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| | Excursions and city tours |
| | Rehearsals on the stage. 1/8 of final (second half of the choirs) |
| | Announcement of results |

Saturday, February 22

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| | Excursions and city tours |
| Morning | Rehearsals on the stage. Bronze round for children groups. 1/4 of final for children groups. Announcement of results. Draw of conductors for Semifinal |
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| Afternoon | Rehearsals on the stage. Bronze round for teenage groups. 1/4 of final for teenage groups. Announcement of results. Draw of conductors for Semifinal |
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| Evening | Rehearsals on the stage. Bronze round for youth groups. 1/4 of final for youth groups. Announcement of results. Draw of conductors for Semifinal |

Sunday, February 23

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| | Rehearsals on stage |
| 19.00 | First part Semifinal. Pause (Announcement of results) United choir with singing of two common songs |
| | Second part FINAL. Announcement of the results. Prize-giving ceremony. United choir with singing of Championship hymn |
| | Departure of the championship participants |



Jury

The jury consists of the international expert adjudicators.

Jury will judge the performance by eight positions, maximal point is 10 in each position and the total point of one member of jury is 80.

| difficulty of the performance | Vocal, quality of choral sound | intonation | ensemble | rhythm, tempo, dynamic, agogics | accuracy of style | Emotions, expressiveness | disclosure of the content, presentation, artistic | TOTAL |
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| 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 80 |

The decisions of the jury are final and may not be legally challenge

PRIZES AND AWARDS:

GRAND PRIX

Diploma and money prize

For children group

30 000 roubles (in EUR by course)

For teenage group

30 000 roubles (in EUR by course)

For youth group

30 000 roubles (in EUR by course)

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| The First Prize Gold award Diploma and money prize | 20 000 roubles (in EUR by course) To be received by all choirs that participated in the final and failed to receive Grand Prix |
| Silver award (2 nd place) | To be received by all choirs that participated in the Semifinal and failed to get into the final |
| Bronze award (3 rd place) | To be received by all choirs that participated in the 1/4 of final and failed to get into the next round Supplementary received the winners of Bronze round |
| Diploma for Participation | To be received by all choirs that participated in the 1/8 of final, failed to get into the next round, participated in Bronze round and don't win |

Special prizes:

- The jury award supplementary prizes:**
 - the best conductor of the choir;
 - the best concertmaster (accompanist);
 - the best soloist;
- The honor jury award Special prizes**
- The prize of public**



APPLICATION:

You can send the Application by e-mail: interaspect@mail.ru. The deadline is **December 1, 2019.**

With entry form must be applications the following documents:

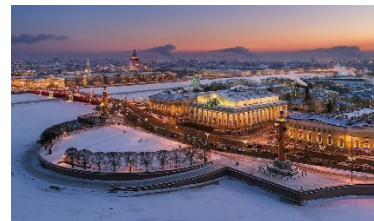
- photo of the choir (min 2 Mb);
- the planned championship programs for every round;
- CD (some works by e-mail)



Participation fee - PACKAGES BY OPTION:

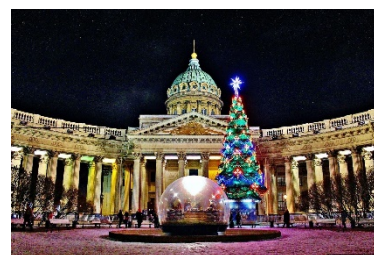
«Championship's package A» 120 EUR per 1 person (in hostel)

- 4 nights in three beds room (bathroom on the floor), with breakfast;
- transfer airport-hotel-airport with guide;
- participation in the rounds and events of Championship by schedule;
- sightseeing tour with guide (by bus);
- complete of championship information material;
- diploma, cup and money prize by concordance with place;
- for 30 persons two leaders are free (in twin room) **30+2**



«Championship's package B» 148 EUR per 1 person (3* hotel)

- 4 nights in standard twin/double rooms, with bathrooms;
- 4 breakfast on buffet;
- transfer airport-hotel-airport with guide;
- participation in the rounds and events of Championship by schedule;
- sightseeing tour with guide (by bus);
- complete of championship information material;
- diploma, cup and money prize by concordance with place;
- for 30 persons two leaders are free (in twin room) **30+2**



«Championship's package C» 160 EUR per 1 person (4* hotel in center)

- 4 nights in standard twin/double rooms, with bathrooms;
- 4 breakfast on buffet;
- transfer airport-hotel-airport with guide;
- participation in the rounds and events of Championship by schedule;
- sightseeing tour with guide (by bus);
- complete of championship information material;
- diploma, cup and money prize by concordance with place;
- for 30 persons two leaders are free (in twin room) **30+2**



Attention! The choir may arrive earlier and leave later than the Championship dates, in this case they pay additional nights by accordance with the selected package.

We organise meals, excursions and transport in accordance with the choirs. Our manager will be in touch with a choir after application and will make the individual program.



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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