JSFest!
Choral Sibelius Competition
9.-14.11.2017
8.-13.11.2018
7.-12.11.2019
12.-17.11.2020

Finland, Turku

Organization
Turun Kansainvälist Kulttuurimarkkinat yhdistys ry
SEM Consulting Oy
CHORAL COMPETITION

Choral collectives of all levels of experience and ages can take part in the competition (adults, youth and children’s choirs). All the collectives are divided into: 1. adult and 2. youth and children categories. Choruses and ensembles which get the first place in their categories, participate in the Grand Prix Competition, where they perform one composition by Jean Sibelius not previously heard in the earlier performances. In each competition a winner of Grand-Prix who gets 2000 euros is chosen. Special prizes will be also awarded.

**Adult’s choral collectives participating in the competition are subdivided into the following categories:**

**Category A:** with an obligatory composition
A1 - Mixed choruses, A2 - Men’s choruses, A3 - Women’s choruses
The program - 4 choral compositions are performed:
1) Obligatory composition by Jean Sibelius
2) Three compositions at the choir’s choice
Performance time is 15 minutes. Maximum one composition with accompaniment

**Category B:** without an obligatory composition
B1 - Mixed choruses, B2 - Men’s choruses, B3 - Women’s choruses
The program - 4 choral compositions are performed:
1) Three compositions at the choice

**Category C:** Sacred Choral Music
C1 - Mixed choruses, C2 - Men’s choruses, C3 - Women’s choruses
The program - 3 sacred choral music compositions are performed:
1) Composition by a composer of the 18-19 centuries
2) Two compositions at the choice
Performance time is 12 minutes. All the compositions are performed a cappella.

**Category D:** Folklore
D1 - Mixed choruses, D2 - Men’s choruses, D3 - Women’s choruses
The program - 3 folklore music compositions are performed:
1) Composition of the country of the participant
2) Two compositions at the choice
Performance time is 12 minutes. Maximum two compositions can be performed with accompaniment.

**Category E:** Vocal ensembles
E1 - Single gender vocally-choral ensembles consisting of no more than 12 persons, E2 - mixed vocally-choral ensembles consisting of no more than 16 persons.
The program - 3 compositions are performed:
Three compositions at the choice (Remix of a folk song of the country of the participant is acceptable). Performance time is 12 minutes. Maximum two compositions with accompaniment.
Youth and Children’s choral collectives participating in the competition are subdivided into the following categories:

**Category A:** Children’s and youth choruses  
A1 - Children’s choruses up to the age of 16,  
A2 - Single gender youth choruses (choruses of girls up to the age of 19, men’s choruses up to the age of 25), A3 - Mixed youth choruses (from 16 till 25)  
The program - 4 compositions are performed:  
1) Three compositions at the choice  
2) Remix of a folk song  
Performance time is 15 minutes. Maximum two compositions with accompaniment

**Category B:** Sacred Choral Music  
B1 - Children’s choruses up to the age of 16,  
B2 - Single gender youth choruses (choruses of girls up to the age of 19, men’s choruses up to the age of 25), B3 - Mixed youth choruses (from 16 till 25)  
The program - 3 sacred choral music compositions are performed:  
1) Composition by a composer of the 18-19 centuries  
2) Two compositions at the choice  
Performance time is 12 minutes. All the compositions are performed a cappella.

**Category C:** Folklore  
C1 - Children’s choruses up to the age of 16,  
C2 - Single gender youth choruses (choruses of girls up to the age of 19, men’s choruses up to the age of 25), C3 - Mixed youth choruses (from 16 till 25)  
The program - 3 folklore music compositions are performed:  
1) Composition of the country of the participant  
2) Two compositions at the choice  
Performance time is 12 minutes. Maximum two compositions can performed with accompaniment.

**Category D:** Vocal ensembles  
D1 - Single gender vocally-choral ensembles consisting of no more than 12 persons up to age 16, D2 - Single gender vocally-choral ensembles consisting of no more than 12 persons age from 16 till 25, D3 - mixed vocally-choral ensembles consisting of no more than 16 persons up to age 16, D4 - mixed vocally-choral ensembles consisting of no more than 16 persons age from 16 till 25  
The program - 3 compositions are performed:  
Three compositions at the choice (remix of a folk song of the country of the participant is acceptable).  
Performance time is 12 minutes. Maximum two compositions with accompaniment.
Schedule of JSFest
9.11.-14.11.2017, Turku, Finland

Day 1
Arrival of the participants of Choral Competition (Youth and Children Categories)

Day 2 in Martinkirkko
- Rehearsals and Stage rehearsals
- Evaluation Performances
- Friendship Concert
- Sightseeing*

Day 3 in Martinkirkko
- Master classes and sightseeing* for Youth and Children Categories
- Rehearsals and Stage rehearsals
- Evaluation Performances
- Grand Prix Performances
- Evening: Awards Ceremony and Closing Concert

Day 4 in Martinkirkko
- Departure of the participants of Choral Competition (Youth and Children Categories) before 12.00
- Additional day for extra pay 40/70€
- Rehearsals and Stage rehearsals for Adult Categories
- Evaluation Performances
- Friendship Concert
- Sightseeing*

Day 5 in Martinkirkko
- Master classes and sightseeing
- Rehearsals and Stage rehearsals
- Evaluation Performances
- Grand Prix Performances
- Evening: Awards Ceremony and Closing Concert

Day 6
- Departure of the participants of Choral Competition (Adult Categories)* (Sightseeing and excursions are not included, but can be booked separately.) Should you be interested in an individual trip program, please fill in the form «Remarks» on the site.
Applications will be accepted from 5.01.2017-30.06.2017
All applications and other materials must be submitted online www.semconsulting.fi. Only complete applications can be submitted and only submitted applications can be evaluated. All notifications are sent via email. All contestants who will be performing with musical instruments will be responsible for providing their own appropriate equipment. All candidates must turn in the following:
• Completed Entry Form
• Completed Photograph Release Form
• Legal proof of age (a copy of birth certificate and/or driver’s license)
• Proof of Citizenship (birth certificate and/or passport)
• Full lists of participants and attendants as well as group leaders

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
June 30, 2017

Master Classes
We offer master classes. All master classes are open to all participants. The JSFest music program has attracted master classes from the following musicians:
• Klaas Stok, Netherlands, for young conductors
• Nikolai Matashin, Russia, choir music (conductor’s work with choir)
• Nicolas Farine, Switzerland, choral conducting
• Jacek Sykulski, Poland, choral conducting
# Event Packages & Prices

### Benefits & Services

- Accommodation in hotel in the center of Turku
- Participation in the competition
- Scheduled stage rehearsals
- Participation to the Friendship concert
- Participation to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Complimentary copy of juror’s evaluation documents (1 per participant)
- Diploma
- Meeting for leaders and jury with a small buffet
- Booklet for each participant (choirs: 1 booklet per 10 people)

### Economy

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*Economy program doesn’t include meals

*Standard program includes breakfast buffet and dinner buffet

*Additional night per person in economy program 40 €

*Additional night per person in standard program 70 €

Only participation fee for choirs from Finland (without accommodation and meals): -110 € per choir
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