

RULES of -

Rules of 12th edition of Choral Festival Songs to Mary 21-22.10.2023

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 Częstochowa, town and community of Koziegłowy and the Jura 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 – songs dedicated to Holy Mary pieces on Marian themes.
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 21-22.10.2023 in Kozięglowy, Częstochowa, and other towns of the region

2. Organizer of the Festival is Stowarzyszenie Śpiewacze "Pochodnia" (Choral Society Pochodnia)

3. Polish choirs shall apply to the organizers directly according to the Polish version of the rules.

4. Foreign choirs shall apply to the exclusive partner of the festival – Melody & Polonia Cantat

Registration of applications with all attachments is till **15.07.2023** to the address:

MELODY

Ogrodowa 27A

05-509 Jozefoslaw, POLAND or by e-mail info@poloniacantat.pl

To the application there must be attached copy of the registration fee which is 100 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.

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 will receive free lunches (on 21st and 22nd October, as well as a integration party supper on 21st October)

7. Each choir prepares also ca. 30 min. sacred program for additional performances (Singing during the Mass and after the Mass) in the morning/midday on 22nd October in the churches of the region. Additionally foreign choirs can present 45 min. sacred program on Friday evening on 20th October.

8. All choirs should take part in the opening of the festival which will take place on 21st October at 10 a.m. at the main square in Kozięłowy.

9. Competition singing will take place in St. Magdalena and Corpus Christi church in Kozięglowy ca. 11-14.00 on 21st October. Approx. at 16.00 there will be performance of all choirs.

Gala concert and prize giving ceremony will take place in Jasna Gora Basilica on 22nd October at 14.30

10. On request, the organizers provide possibility of visiting St. Mary Monastery.

11. 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.

12. 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

Application Form for 12th edition of Choral Festival Songs to Mary 21-22.10.2023

CZĘSTOCHOWA - KOZIEGŁOWY

Name of the choir

City/Town/Village:....., Country:

Type of the choir (male, female, mixed, boys', etc..)

Contact address.....

Name and surname of conductore-mail.....

Name and surname of the president of the choir (or other contact person)
e-mailmobile phone.....

Competition program

	Title	Composer	year of birth of composer	year of death of composer	duration of the song
a) sacred song					
b) sacred song (<i>different style than song a</i>)					
c) sacred song dedicated to Holy Mary					
d) sacred song dedicated to Holy Mary					

ACCOMODATION (select one option for whole choir)

Option 1 (Standard plus)

Accommodation in 3 star hotels **in the centre** of Czestochowa

2 nights (including breakfasts) 20-22.10.2023 148 Euro/**person** in Twin room, 198 Euro in Single rooms

Additional night: 74 Euro/**person** in Twin, 99 Euro/person in Single,

No. of persons in Twin, No of persons in Single room.....

Option 2 (Economy Option)

Accommodation in tourist hotels/hostels in Czestochowa – Kozięglowy region (up to 30 km from Kozięglowy or Czestochowa)

2 nights (including breakfasts) 20-22.10.2023 90 Euro/**person** in 3-4 person room, 110 Euro/**person** in Twin room, 144 Euro in Single rooms

Additional night: 45 Euro/person in 3-4 person room, 55 Euro/person in Twin, 72 Euro/person in Single room,

No. of persons in 3-4 person rooms No. of persons in Twin,
No of persons in Single room.....

We accept the rules of the festival and we pass the copyrights to organizers of the festival for eventual recordings made during the festival. We acknowledge the fact that 50% of deposit for accommodation is due 15.09.2023 basing on the received invoice.

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(place, date)

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(signature of conductor)

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(signature of president of the choir)

Please attach:

- competition scores (scans or in PDF format)
- good quality photo of the choir
- short artistic history of the choir
- copy of the registration fee (100 EURO)

We do not send back submitted materials .

The application form with attachments please send to:

MELODY

Ogrodowa 27A

05-509 JOZEFOSLAW,

POLAND

or by e-mail : info@poloniacantat.pl (we accept also fully electronic applications)