

Musical Cultural Association
Choir of Karpeníssi
"Antonio Vivaldi"



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The Musical Cultural Association "Antonio Vivaldi" organizes the 16th International Choir Festival of Karpenissi and the 10th International Choir Competition "Antonio Vivaldi", which will be held in Karpenissi, Greece, between June 28 and July the 1st, 2012.

The organization of these prestigious choir events aims to:

- ✓ Promote and present the Choir Art in the wider region of Karpenissi
- ✓ Promote and present talented composers of specific time periods through their works
- ✓ Encourage the performance of group works for orchestra, choir and soloists
- ✓ Sustain the prestige of these long-lived choir events, which embrace and advance the choir art in the wider region of Europe
- ✓ Enhance the intellectual and touristic development of the Municipality of Karpenissi.

RULES OF THE CHOIR COMPETITION

1. The 10th International Choir Competition will be held between June 28 and July the 1st of 2012 in Karpenissi, Greece.
2. The categories of the choir competition are as follows:
 - A. Mixed Choirs : Adult choirs consisted of at least 20 members
 - B. Male / Female Choirs : Male or female choirs consisted of at least 20 choir members

- C. Children / Youth Choirs: Youth choirs consisted of at least 20 choir members of age up to 23 years old
- D. Chamber Choirs : Chamber choirs consisted of up to 20 choir members
- E. Sacred Music : Adult or youth choirs engaged with Sacred Music
- F. Folk Category : Adult or youth choirs engaged with Folklore Music
- G. Jazz and Modern Music: Adult or youth choirs engaged with Jazz or Modern Music

3. Each choir should send via email a scanned copy of its application form filled, and accompanied by the required material, due by February the 1st of 2012. A hard copy of all the required material should also be sent via post mail due by February the 1st of 2012. Choirs selected for participation will be notified both post and email due by February the 7th of 2012.
4. Each choir is allowed to compete in more than one category.
5. The competition will be held at a concert hall in the presence of audience.
6. Choirs competing in more than one category are not allowed to perform the same pieces of free choice.
7. Each choir may freely choose its intonation.
8. The competitive performances will be judged by a jury noted for its international expertise, and consisted of at least 3 yet up to 5 members. The artistic director participates equivalently in the critical committee. The performance of each choir will be assessed according to the following criteria: a) intonation, b) textual interpretation, c) difficulty, d) rhythm, e) conductor's skill, f) dynamics, and g) diction.
9. Choirs participating in categories A, B, C, and D may freely choose three pieces in accordance with the following criteria a) one piece between the 14th and the 19th century, b) one piece between the 19th and the 21th century, c) one folk song.
10. Choirs participating in categories E, F, and G, may freely choose three pieces closely related to Sacred Music, Folklore Music, and Jazz or Modern Music, respectively.
11. The marking process is as follows: a) 87-100 points correspond to the 1st prize, b) 77-86 points correspond to the 2nd prize, and c) 67-76 points correspond to the 3rd prize. The artistic jury may also nominate some special awards to high quality choirs with an outstanding performance, e.g., Master Conductor, Best Folk Performance, and so on.
12. The 1st prize in the Mixed Choir Category comes with a money trophy of 500 euros. A money trophy of 300 euros is awarded for the 1st prize in every other category. Each competing choir receives a diploma for participating in the competition.
13. All choirs participating in the choir events will be nominated in the closing ceremony of the Choir Festival, on Sunday 1st of July 2012, in the presence of audience and local authorities. Upon their nomination, all the awarded choirs will perform a free choice program for up to 15 minutes.
14. Group works may be performed by all competing choirs during the closing ceremony. Competing choirs are committed to perform a 30 minutes program of free choice, for the purposes of the Choir Festival of Karpenissi.
15. Participating choirs or orchestras will not have any economic benefits from potential CD recordings.

16. To participate in the Choir Competition “Antonio Vivaldi”, each choir should send both by post and email the following:

- i. Application form (filled and signed)
- ii. Recent photo and brief history of the choir
- iii. Recent photo and brief history of the choir’s conductor
- iv. Five scores for every piece of free choice
- v. Recent recording of the choir (if any)
- vi. Bank receipt indicating the deposit of 200 euros participation fee, in the following bank account (National Bank of Greece):

IBAN : GR410110370000037061170827 , Bank Swift No (BIC) : ETHNGRAA

The corresponding post and email addresses can be found at the end of this document.

17. Each choir is unilaterally responsible for its transportation plan and cost in Karpenissi.

18. To preserve the quality of the services provided in Karpenissi, choirs participating in the Choir Competition “Antonio Vivaldi” are committed to choose one of the following accommodation packages:

A. Standard Package: 4 overnight stays in a 2 star hotel in full board (including breakfast, lunch and dinner each day). The hotel facilities include bar, café, restaurant and gym. Check in: June 28, 2012, Check out: July 2, 2012.

Overall cost per person: 210 euros

B. Exclusive package: 4 overnight stays in a 5 star hotel in full board (including breakfast, lunch and dinner each day). The hotel facilities include bar, café, restaurant, gym, sauna, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi and spa. Check in: June 28, 2012, Check out: July 2, 2012.

Overall cost per person: 260 euros

The above cost corresponds to accommodation in a double or triple room. For accommodation in a single room, an additional charge of 80 euros (overall) is required.

19. To resourcefully facilitate the accommodation of each participating choir and proceed to the required hotel room and restaurant reservations in time, each choir is committed to deposit 50% of their total accommodation cost due by March 1st of 2012, and the residual 50% no later than May the 1st of 2012. In both cases, the bank receipt should be scanned and emailed to ge_xenakis@yahoo.gr. The organizing committee is obligated to reply both via email and post mail to the respective choir with an official document proving its commitment to provide the accommodation services as described in this document.

20. For any further information regarding the Choir events in Karpenissi, or for choirs with special accommodation requests, can refer to info@choirfestival.gr and ge_xenakis@yahoo.gr.

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