



XI International Sacred Music Festival “Silver Bells”

9 to 11 January 2015, Daugavpils (Latvia)

1. Organizer is Daugavpils City Council, Department of culture in co-operation with the Centre of Latvian Culture. Festival takes place once in every two years.

2. Participants of the Festival – Children's, Male, Female, Mixed Choirs, Vocal Ensembles and soloists. During the Festival there will be concerts and events in Daugavpils churches and halls.

3. Music Competition. During the Festival a competition of choirs and ensembles is held in the following categories:

A: Children choirs (*all singers up to 15 years of age, 20-50 participants*)

B: Youth choirs (*up to 25 years of age, 20-50 participants*)

C: Adult choirs of Equal Voices (*20-50 participants*)

D: Mixed choirs (*25-50 participants*)

E: Vocal groups (*3-8 participants*)

F: Children vocal ensembles (*all singers up to 15 years of age, 6-15 participants*)

G: Adult vocal ensembles (*6-12 participants*)

H: Chamber choirs (*13-30 participants*)

I: Orthodox and Old Believer religious music (*3-50 participants*)

J: Catholic and Protestant religious music (*3-50 participants*)

K: Contemporary sacred music (*all works from the period of 1970 and later, 3-50 participants*)

L: Spiritual, gospel, jazz & pop (*3-50 participants*)

3.1. Rules of the Competition.

The program must include 3 compositions:

- in the categories **I, J, K** should be only sacred music compositions;
- in others categories should be 2 sacred music compositions and one free composition of choice.

The time of the performance in the categories **B, C, D**: 10-14 min

The time of performance in the others categories: 7-12 min

At least one piece must be performed *a capella*.

Choirs can perform in several categories, provided the registration fee in each category is paid.

In the **Grand Prix** competition the choirs perform one sacred music composition, max 10 min long.

5 scores of the all performed compositions should be presented after arrival.

3.2. Scoring System and Awards.

The performance will be evaluated by an international Jury using the system of 100 points according to the following criteria:

- a) **technical merit** (selection and the difficulty of the program, intonation, ensemble, rhythm)
- b) **artistic interpretation** (fidelity of style, handling of text, emotion, vocal culture).

The verdict of the Jury will be final.

Each participant will receive a **Diploma of Participation**.

III degree Diploma will be awarded to the collectives having **65-74.99** points.

II degree Diploma will be awarded to the collectives having **75-84.99** points and more.

I degree Diploma will be awarded to the collectives having **85** points and more.

The winners of categories and also collectives having 90 points and more will participate in the Grand Prix competition.

The best collectives of the **Grand Prix** competition will be awarded the following money prizes:

Grand Prix – 2 000.00 EUR

1st place Prize – 750.00 EUR

2nd place Prize – 550.00 EUR

3rd place Prize – 450.00 EUR

Prize for the best children's collective – 350.00 EUR

Collectives are also eligible for the following Special prizes:

The Prize of the Daugavpils Music College – for the performance of the composition written by Latvian composer;

The Prize of the Daugavpils University Faculty of Art – for the most interesting programme;

The Prize of the Daugavpils Centre of Latvian Culture – for the performance of the Latvian folk song;

The Prize of the Daugavpils Centre of Russian Culture – for the best sacred music performance;

The Prize of the Daugavpils Centre of Polish Culture – to the most expressive choir;

The Prize of the Daugavpils Centre of Belorussian Culture – for the best performance of a contemporary work;

The Prize of the Daugavpils Lithuanian society “Rasa” – for the best performance of the national composer

The Prize of the Daugavpils Association of teachers of music – for the high teaching skills;

The Prize of the Latvian Association of choir conductor – for the most expressive conductor

4. The program:

09.01. – Concerts, the Opening Concert of the Festival (at 19:00);

10.01. – Concerts, competition of choirs and ensembles, party for the participants;

11.01. – Concerts, competition of choirs and ensembles, the Closing Concert of the Festival (at 15:00).

5. Accreditation.

All expenses connected to the participation in the Festival are paid by the participants. The organizers will try to find reasonable conditions of stay for every participant and will help with finding a residence and dining facilities:

- ☐ hostel accommodation – 7-10 EUR per person per night,
- ☐ hotel accommodation – from 16 EUR per person per night,
- ☐ food – 7-10 EUR per person per day.

Festival organizers can book a bus transfer to Daugavpils from the airport of Riga, Vilnius and Kaunas.

All rights of photographs and audio-, video- recordings produced during the Festival are reserved to the organizers.

A non-refundable registration fee – 150.- Eur.

Participants have to hand in the following materials until October 1, 2014:

- *Application Form,*
 - *a short summary of previous creative activity,*
 - *photo of the participants.*
- ✓ **The participants shall be announced by October 21, 2014**
- ✓ **The participation fee must be paid by November 1, 2014**

Details of registration fee deposit:

Name: Daugavpils pilsētas domes norēķinu centrs, K.Valdemāra iela 1

Registration number: 90000077325

Account: A/S Swedbanka, kods HABALV22

Konts LV69HABA0001402041250

Subkonts 200000000000

Contact us:

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International Sacred Music Festival “Silver Bells” APPLICATION FORM

1. Name of the choir _____
2. Name of conductor _____
3. Address _____
4. Phone _____
5. Fax _____ 6. E-mail _____ 7. www. _____

8. Choir type:

Children's choir _____ Male choir _____ Female choir _____ Mixed choir _____ Vocal ensemble _____

9. Taking part in the Choir Competition _____ yes _____ no

Category:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> G |
| <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> H |
| <input type="radio"/> C | <input type="radio"/> I |
| <input type="radio"/> D | <input type="radio"/> J |
| <input type="radio"/> E | <input type="radio"/> K |
| <input type="radio"/> F | <input type="radio"/> L |

10. Approximate size of group:

- total number _____ active participants _____

11. Duration of stay in Daugavpils:

- date of arrival _____ date of departure _____

Warning! All conductors of choirs that participate in the contest the Grand Prix must carry a passport (in order to be able to receive the money prize)

12. Conductor's Signature _____

Please send this form to the following address:

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