

Rules of International Choral Competition



Ave Verum - Baden - Austria • May 31st - June 2nd, 2019.

PARTICIPANTS

1. This competition is for children's, youth, female, male and mixed choirs.
2. Only amateurs may participate (except conductors)
3. Choirs must not have more than 40 but at least 16 singers.

ARTISTIC PROGRAM

1. All music pieces must be performed a cappella (no instrumental accompaniment).
2. The net time of singing as well in part A as in part B should be 12 minutes minimum, 18 minutes maximum. In case of overtime the performance can be stopped by the jury president.
3. Secular and sacred pieces are allowed.
4. **Compulsory program part A** must at least contain the following music pieces:
 - piece of Renaissance or Baroque
 - a piece of Classic or Romantic or 20th century
 - a piece composed after 2000
 - the unison compulsory song (compulsory song will follow soon)
5. **Compulsory program part B „Grand Prix Ave Verum“:**
Free program of wide-spread repertory, **pieces chosen in Part A must not be repeated in part B!** The performance must consist of a cappella works of at least three different styles/periods.
6. All choral pieces performed should follow your repertory list. Any changes of this order or key changes must be reported to the jury assistant **before** the competition.
7. **Long Night of Choral Music**
 - Every approved choir is committed to take part at one of the concerts during the „Long Night of Choral Music“. A varied program of max 12 minutes may also contain choreography and instrumental accompaniment (piano available).

- During these concerts the audience will vote on the **audience prize**

REGISTRATION

1. Fill in and send your non-binding online **REGISTRATION** along with 2-3 audio files (mp3) of your choir not older than 6 months (no payments needed!) to aveverum.baden@gmail.com. **Deadline of online Registration: October 15th, 2018.**
2. After your non-binding REGISTRATION you will get the **ICC AV APPROVAL or DISAPPROVAL**.
3. In case of approval fill in the binding **APPLICATION FORM**, scan it and send it per email to aveverum.baden@gmail.com by latest **December 1st, 2018**.
In addition send the filled in and signed APPLICATION FORM by postal service to:
International Choral Competition Ave Verum
Marchetstr. 50/1/3
2500 BADEN
Austria/Europe
4. Along with your binding application, please send **by email**:
 - a short description of the choir and its activities (highlights),
 - a short CV of the conductor,
 - a current photo of the choir and the conductor (high resolution, jpg or png, min 1600x1200pxs)
5. Pay the **competition fee by latest January 15th, 2019**.

See "PAYMENTS" below for details.

PROGRAM

Any program changes must be reported by email to aveverum.baden@gmail.com by latest **March 1st, 2019**.

Send by postal service:

- 5 original scores of each music piece in Part A and B (photocopies will only be accepted by written approval of the publisher or composer). All scores will be returned after the competition.
- for the **Long Night of Choral Music** send a repertory list only
- English translation of choral pieces where texts are written in other languages but German, English or Latin

PAYMENTS

Competition Fee

1. please send your competition fee of **€ 250,00** per choir (**non refundable**) to the ICC AV account by international bank transfer **by latest January 15th,2019**. (NO credit cards accepted!)
2. bank charges will be at the expense of the choir.
3. travel costs, room and board must be covered by the choir

ALL PAYMENTS TO:

International Choral Competition Ave Verum

bank: SPARKASSE BADEN

Hauptplatz 15

2500 Baden/Austria

IBAN: AT63 2020 5015 0000 6075

BIC: SPBDAT21XXX

CANCELLATION

The **cancellation of participation** has to be sent to ICC AV in **written form** signed by the chair or conductor of the choir (scan) by email.

PRIZES

ICC AV- Part A:

1st prize € 3.000,-

2nd prize € 2.000,-

3rd prize € 1.000,-

Special prizes € 500,00 each:

- Best interpretation of a Renaissance or Baroque choral piece
- Best interpretation of a Classical or Romantic or 20th century choral piece
- Best interpretation of a choral piece composed after 2000
- Best repertory
- Promotion prize for the best conductor
- Prize of the audience (non-cash prize)

ICC AV-Part B: Grand Prix Ave Verum € 4.000,-

JURY AND EVALUATION

1. The jury will consist of internationally renowned choral experts
2. Each jury member evaluates the choir's competitive program up to 100 points.
3. Jury evaluation will be based on:
 - **Technical performance:**
 - intonation, rhythm, phrasing, accuracy with respect to the written notes, articulation and
 - **Artistic performance:**
 - timing, agogics, dynamics, text-interpretation, balance, accuracy of style, choral sound
4. The five choirs with the highest amount of points in part A are approved to take part in part B, the GRAND PRIX AVE VERUM
5. The winner of the „Grand Prix Ave Verum" will be the choir with the highest score of competition part B.
6. The notification of awards and the ranking will only take place at the official awards ceremony.
7. All decisions by the jury will be final. Jurisdiction by court is excluded.

Every participating choir will receive a written conclusion of the jury evaluation.

EVALUATION KEY

97 - 100 points GOLD SUPERIOR
90 - 96 points GOLD
80 - 89 points SILVER
70 - 79 points BRONZE
69 and less CERTIFICATE of PARTICIPATION

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation(room and board) and travel costs must be arranged and covered by the choirs.

We recommend to book a hotel/pension directly in Baden or close to Baden not to lose time and energy by driving long distances by bus. Please be aware that the program of the competition is very tough.

For accommodation or bus transfers during the competition, please contact our partner MONDIAL REISEN. For discounts please refer to AVEVERUM!

[Accommodation and transport](#) – here you will find necessary information and contact details