

Rules of International Choral Competition



Ave Verum - Baden - Austria • June 22nd-25th, 2017.

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 50 but at least 20 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:
 - a piece of Renaissance or Baroque
 - a piece of Classic or Romantic or 20th century
 - a piece composed after 2000
 - the unison compulsory song
5. **Compulsory program part B „Grand Prix“:**
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 secretary before competition is going to start. (Program changes have to be announced to the organizer -email to aveverum.baden@gmail.com- latest by March 1st, 2017)
7. **Long Night of Choral Music**
 - Every approved choir is committed to take part at one of the partner 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 those partner concerts the audience will vote on the **audience prize**

HOW TO APPLY

1. Fill in and send your online **REGISTRATION**, sending along 2-3 audio files (mp3) of your choir not older than 6 months (no payments needed!)

2. **Deadline of Registration: October 15th, 2016.**
3. By latest 10 days after your FAST REGISTRATION you will get the **ICC-AV APPROVAL or DISAPPROVAL.**
4. In case of your approval fill in the binding online-**APPLICATION FORM, sign it** and press the "submit" button
5. The binding online-application must be submitted latest by **November 1st, 2016.**
6. Scan your signed application form and send it by email
7. Pay the fees of participation till the deadlines:
 - Registration fee till November 15th, 2016
 - Competition fee till January 15th, 2017

See "PAYMENTS" below for details.

WHAT TO SEND ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION

by postal service

- 5 original scores of each music piece (photocopies will only be accepted by written approval of the publisher or composer). All scores will be returned after the competition.

by email

- a short description of the choir and its activities (high lights),
- a short CV of the conductor,
- a current photo of the choir and the conductor (high resolution, jpg or png, min 1600x1200pxs)
- English translation of choral pieces where texts are written in other languages but German, English or Latin,
- a varied concert program (**repertory list only, no scores**) for the partner concert during the **Long Night of Choral Music**, net singing time not more than 12 minutes, instrumental accompaniment allowed.

PAYMENTS

Registration Fee

1. please send your registration fee of **€ 250,00** per choir (non refundable) to the ICC-AV account by international bank transfer **by latest November 15th, 2016.** (NO credit cards accepted!)
2. bank charges will be at the expense of the choir.

Competition Fee

(a)for choirs coming by bus:

€ 20,00/per active participant (all singers + conductor + voice trainer)

(b)for choirs coming by plane or train:

€ 30,00/per active participant (all singers + conductor + voice trainer))

(c)for any other escorting person:

€ 40,00/per person

What do you get for your COMPETITION FEE

For (a),(b),(c)

- 4 hot meals
- 1 food- and 2 drink coupons for the AFTER COMPETITION PARTY
- Welcome Reception at Congress Casino Baden
- ICC-AV booklet
- ICC-AV badge
- Admission for all competition concerts + Long Night of Choral Music partner concerts
- goodie-bag

additional for (b)

- bus service from/to the Vienna Airport /Central Station
Vienna

Please send your **Competition Fee** to the ICC-AV account by international bank transfer (NO credit cards accepted!) by **latest January 15th, 2017!**

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.

- **Cancellation of participation before February 15th, 2017**
50% of the competition fee will be refunded. Bank charges will be at the expense of choirs.
- **Cancellation of participation between February 15th, 2017 and March 15th, 2017**
25% of the competition fee will be refunded. Bank charges will be at the expense of choirs.
- **Cancellation of participation after March 15th, 2017**
NO REFUND will be possible.

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 proper prize

ICC-AV-Part B: Grand Prix Ave Verum € 3.000,-

JURY AND EVALUATION

1. the jury will consist of internationally renown 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 notification of awards and the ranking will only take place at the official awards ceremony.
6. The winner of the „Grand Prix Ave Verum" will be the choir with the highest total score of competition part A + B.
7. All decisions by the jury will be final. Jurisdiction by court is excluded.
8. Choirs who participate the ICC-AV 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