

3rd Grieg International Choir Festival

2 - 6 September 2009 Bergen, Norway

Welcome to join the festival in a program celebrating the art of choral singing. Together we create memorable days for the future.



Photo from "Sing together CARMINA BURANA" 2007

COMPETITIONS - CONCERTS - EVENTS

1. Sacred music
2. Secular music
3. Folk music
4. Contemporary music (new!)
5. Children- and Youth choir (new!)



The winner of Grieg Grand Prix 2007:
FALU KAMMARKÖR, Sweden

Grieg Grand Prix
Concerts with participating choirs

"Sing together Verdi Requiem"
"Sing together Children and Youth" (new!)



PROGRAM

COMPETITIONS

Categories

The competition is open to amateur choirs in all choral categories (mixed, chamber, male, female, children and youth choirs).

Each choir may participate in one or two of the following five categories:

1. Sacred music
2. Secular music
3. Folk songs
4. Contemporary music
5. Children - and Youth choir (for singers born 1989 and later)

The categories are all without level of difficulty, and there is no compulsory piece.

Repertoire and performance

In the categories sacred music, secular music, folk songs, contemporary music the repertoire must be a cappella.

In the category children and youth choir piano accompaniment is allowed.

The length of the program must be max. 12 minutes

In the sacred music and secular music categories, the program must include:

- A work from the choirs country or area
- A work of a Norwegian composer
- Works of free choice

In the folk song category, the program must include:

- A work based on the folk song from the choir's country or area
- A work/arrangement by a contemporary composer that is based on folk music
(*written in 1970 or later*)
- Works of free choice

In the contemporary music category, the program must include:

- A work from the choirs country or area written in 1989 or later
- A work of a Nordic composer written in 1989 or later.
- Works of free choice written after 1989.

In the Children- and Youth choir category, piano accompaniment is allowed and the program must include:

- A work from the choirs country or area
- A work of a Nordic composer
- Works of free choice

JURY

The choirs will be assessed by an international jury. The jury has the right to award the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes in each category. Adjudicator will give one point of the used the scale 10-25 points for each choir in each category. The final point will be the average of the given point from the jury. In case a choir exceeds the time limit for more than 30 seconds, each extra minute will equal to 1 minus point in the total score.

Prizes In each of the five categories:

1st Prize € 1800 2nd Prize € 1000 3rd Prize € 600

Grieg Grand Prix: The contestants will be chosen by the jury from the participating choirs. The performance time is limited to 12 minutes. The contestants will do a program of their own choice. The winner of the Grand Prix is the choir with the highest point which will be the average of the given point from the jury. The decision of the jury is final and will not be submitted to further discussion.

Grieg Grand Prix: € 5000

Concerts & events

Concerts will be scheduled with participating choirs in the centre of Bergen and the surrounding area. The concerts will take place at churches, open-air venues and concert halls such as The Grieg Hall, Troidhaugen (Edvard Grieg's home) and Håkonshallen (at Bergenhus Castle).

"Sing together Verdis Requiem" Choirs, as well as individuals, may join a festival choir and perform Verdis Requiem with symphony orchestra and soloists during the festival.

"Sing together Children and Youth" - Details will be announced March 2008

On Sunday morning your choir may participate at a church service (protestant).

Tentative schedule

3. Grieg International Choir Festival, 2.-6. September 2009

Wed 2. September

17.00	Opening ceremony
18.30-	Competition: <u>Contemporary music</u>
20.00	Concerts with participating choirs

Thur 3. September

16.00-19.00	"Sing together children" - rehearsals
18.00-	Competition: <u>Sacred music</u>
20.00	Concerts with participating choirs

Fri 4. September

10.00 -	Competition: <u>Children- and Youth choirs</u>
12.00 -	Competition: <u>Secular music</u>
14.00 -	Competition: <u>Folk music</u>
18.30	Concerts with participating choirs
21.00	Concert: "Sing together Verdi Requiem"

Sat 5. September

11.00	"Singers corner" /Open-air concerts
14.00	"Sing together Children and Youth"
15.30-17.00	Grieg Grand Prix
19.00	Closing event - dinner/party

Sun 6. September

11.00	Church service
13.00	Concerts with participating choirs

CONDITIONS

Registration fee: € 175 per choir, which will not be refunded.

Deadline for registration: 15th March 2009

Deadline for final payment: 15th May 2009

Cancellation: Cancellation must be forwarded in writing.
Between 15 March and 1 August: 70 % of the paid amount will be refunded.
After 1 August no refund should be expected.

Rates: Net rates are calculated and they are given in EURO

Travel cost: At the expense of participating choirs.

Participation fee: Each participant must pay participation fee **Euro 80** which includes:
Participation and entrance in all festival events (competitions and concerts)
Closing dinner and event

ACCOMMODATION

* **Accommodation per person/per night including breakfast** (approximately cost)

Economy Class	multiple-bed room € 40	
Standard Class	double-room € 58	single room € 72
First Class	double-room € 75	single room € 110

* The organizers are aware that some choirs may not be able to pay for hotel accommodation. To apply for other solutions, please contact the festival office.

Transportation

Transfer to/from airport can be organized on request.

APPLICATION: www.griegfestival.no or contact post@griegfestival.no

General rules: The Organizing Committee accepts no legal responsibility whatsoever in respect of anything pertaining to a choir's participation in the Festival.

Participation in the Festival implies acceptance of rules and regulations.

The Festival has the right to use radio and TV recordings at their own discretion, excluding any fees to the participants.