

International Choir Competition & Festival

”A ruginit frunza din Vii”

9th Edition. Chişinău, Moldova. October 27-30th 2016



Welcome to the international choir competition from Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, in the heart of Europe.

Our organization is committed to offer the participants the opportunity to interact with young performers from different cultural backgrounds, countries and religions.

The basic aim of the festival is to give to participants an unforgettable artistic and social experience!

Categories

Categories		Age limits	Number of performers		Maximum performing time
A	Children's Choir	Up to 16 years old	From 24	To 50	15 minute
B	Youth Choirs		-	-	
B1	- Mixed choir	16-30 years old	24	45	20 minutes
B2	- Women's' choir		24	45	
B3	- Men's choir		24	45	
C	Mixed choirs	No age limits	24	40	20 minutes
D	Chamber choirs	No age limits	16	24	20 minutes
E	Vocal ensembles	No age limits	6	24	15 minutes

Competition regulations

- The contest is addressed for non-professional choirs, led by professional conductors.
- The participating choirs need to perform four scores in acapella format and one with accompaniment (A, E categories), and all acapella – B, C, D categories.
- Scores' categories needed to be performed at the contest:
 1. **Classic music no later than 1600.**
 2. **National Music.**
 3. **Sacred Music**
 4. **Contemporary music written no earlier than 1950.**
 5. **Free choice score.**
- Conductors are not allowed to perform with the choir they lead their own compositions.
- The organizing committee will not be liable for any copyright infringements from behalf of the participating choirs.
- The event will be held in two main sections: **“Festival”** and **“Contest”**
- The choirs are allowed to participate at the **“Festival”** sections without taking part at the **“Competition”** section if the wish. The participation fee stays the same.
- The order of the choirs' performance is set by the Organizing Committee through a draw organized before the start of the competition.
- The organizing committee reserves all the rights to record and reproduce all the related event concerts.
- The festival is equipped with a piano. The Choirs who intend to use other musical instruments, they have to take care of themselves and their transport employment and inform Organizing Committee.

Contest Prizes:

1st Place: Gold Diploma (9,0—10,0 points)

2nd Place: Silver Diploma (8,0-8,9 points)

3rd Place: Bronze Diploma (7,0 – 7,9 points)

The choir who will not be able to score the points needed to secure a prize will be qualified to receive an Excellence Diploma, offered for participating at our festival.

Application Package

Your application must include:

- Application Form
- Recent photo of the choir
- Choir biography (no longer than 200 words, 10-15 rows)
- Choir members' list, which will include the year of birth and travel document number.
- Recordings for three scores performed in the last two years. It can be sent in audio format, including a Youtube link.
- One scanned copy for each performed score (5 songs)

Food and accommodation is paid by the participating choirs.

The deadline for submitting the documents is November June 31st 2016, on the email address: asociatiamuzicalcorala@gmail.com or mariancapriccio@yahoo.com

Participation fee

The participation fee is **250 EUR** per category **A, B,C, D.**

The participation fee is **75 EUR** per category **E**

If willing to participate for a second category, the participation fee will decrease at **150 EUR/category.**

The amount has to be paid on the following bank account:

Banking information:**Correspondent Bank: Commerzbank AG****Beneficiary's bank: Victoriabank, Chişinău, Moldova****SWIFT: VICBMD2X****Beneficiary: ASOCIATIA MUZICAL CORALA AO****Account: MD61VI000000022517031178****Judging criteria:**

- a) **Vocal technique**
- b) **Artistic achievement**
- c) **Program selection**
- d) **Vocal strength**
- e) **Stylistic variety and artistic effect**

The international jury will include 7 members. The decision of the Jury is final and cannot be contested.

“National” section program:

It is mandatory for each choir to perform three scores that would represent their own country cultural heritage. The performance time should not exceed 10-12 minutes.

Sacred Music

It is mandatory for each choir to perform three scores of sacred music that would represent their own country.

Performance time: 10-12 min.

Location:

The performances in the Contest Program will take place at the National Museum of Ethnography And Natural History from Chişinău.

National Program event will be held in the Organ Hall from Chişinău.

Sacred Music performances will take place in several Monasteries and Churches in Chişinău and its surroundings

BOARD AND LODGING

The participating can choose from the following options:

"Doina" Hotel of Labor Institute, 2* -Economy rooms - 90 EUR/person

Doina Hotel is located in one of the most picturesque areas of the city Chisinau. Rooms on economic category.

Four persons per room.

The prices covers four nights and 3-time meals a day.

Visit the [website](#).

"Doina" Hotel of Labor Institute, 2* - Standard Rooms – 105 EUR/person

Doina Hotel is located in one of the most picturesque areas of the city Chisinau. Rooms on economic category.

Two persons per room.

The price covers four nights and 3-time meal a day.

Visit the [website](#).

Event Schedule

October 27th, 2016

08:00 – Arrival in Chişinău

09:00 – Breakfast

10:00 – Sightseeing tour in the city of Chişinău

13:00 – Lunch

14:00 – Free time

18:00 – Official opening of the Festival-Competition. Venue: the Railway Palace

21.00 – Dinner

October 28th, 2016 Natinoal Muzeum of Etnografy

08:00 – Breakfast
10:00 – Contest. Category „A”
12:00 – Contest. Category „E”
14:00 – Lunch
15:00 – Contest. Category ”B”
16:00 – Contest. Category ”C”
18:00 - Contest. Category ”D”
19.30 – Dinner

October 29th 2016 Republi-s Palace

08:00 – Dinner
09:00 – Sightseeing at the Căpriansa and Hîncu monasteries
13.00 – Lunch
14:00 – Sightseeing at the „Cricova” underground wine cellars
18.00 – „National Music” concert with all the participating choirs. **Republic's Palace**
20:00 – Dinner.

October 30th 2016 Organ Hall

09:00 – Breakfast
11:00 – Sacred Music concert în a church from Chişinău.
18:00 – Closing ceremony. Prize awarding. Farewell party for all the participants. **Organ Hall.**

October 31th 2016

Farewell.



CHIȘINĂU

Boasting 23 lakes, innumerable parks and varied wildlife, Chisinau has one of the highest proportions of natural spaces of any city in Europe. Moldova's green capital is situated on the Bic River, surrounded by fertile land rife with vineyards, making it a popular destination for wine tours. The city is also renowned for its cognac and especially its award-winning beer, so arrive thirsty!



CRICOVA CELLARS

Cricova is the masterpiece of the Moldovan wine culture, with its National Wine collection and tasting culture. The worldwide renowned “Cricova” underground cellars have a length of nearly 60 km.

The underground keeping rooms, covered with lime, hold a constant temperature of 13-14 Celsius degrees and a 97-98% - perfect conditions for maturing the wine to is premium quality.



ORHEIUL VECHI (OLD ORHEI)

Old Orhei (Romanian: Orheiul Vechi) is a historical, archaeological and touristic complex, located in Trebujeni, at 60 kilometers north-east of Chișinău, on the Răut River. The river stunningly passes through its hills and meanders, changing its directions in unexpected ways, and therefore offering wonderful views.



HÎNCU MONASTERY

Founded in 1678, the monastery is located in the heart of Moldovan forests, offering blistering view. The visitors are usually fascinated by the monks' lifestyle and extremely calm atmosphere around.



CĂPRIANA MONASTERY

The monastery was founded in 1420 and rebuilt in 1989. It is located in Căpriană village, on the Ișnovăț lake, very close to Hâncu monastery. It is one of the oldest monasteries in Moldova.

The monastery offers a peaceful atmosphere and an inspiring view over the Moldovan forests (Codri). Also the road to it offers spending places for taking memorable pictures.

Landmarks in Moldova to visit during the festival