



XI- International Choir Festival “Music & Sea” **September, 18-23, 2023** **Paralia, Greece**

The International choir festival "Music & Sea" takes place annually in the middle of September in the beautiful village of Paralia, Greece. Paralia is a touristic seaside village situated on the west coast of the Thermaic Gulf and in the shadow of Olympus.

The Festival has two parts: **competitive and non-competitive**. However, the character and the main concept of both parts is joining music, vacation, friendship and fun. The idea of the Festival is to bring the music closer to the people and to present the music on the streets and the squares of Paralia, Olympic Beach and Katerini. All choir ensembles, regardless of the members' gender and age can apply for participation at the Festival.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

All choir ensembles may join one part of the Festival: **Competitive or Non-competitive**.

COMPETITIVE PART: - 1.Registration

All choirs' ensembles may take part in one of the next categories:

- Children choirs, provided that members' age is maximum 16 years
- Youth choirs, age limit 28 years
- Male or female choirs, no limit of age
- Mixed choirs, no limit of age
- Vocal groups
- Folk music, for all categories of choirs

The program of the choir ensemble is free of choice. Duration of performance shall not exceed, 15 minutes on stage. The choirs shall be accompanied only by a piano.

The competition will be graded by an international jury consisted of three to five members.

The best choir ensembles from each category will take part in competition for the **Grand Prix** of the Festival.

The following application documents must be provided by **the closing date 30.07.2023:**

- a) Fully completed **application forms**, from our web site www.magculture.mk
- b) Short biography of the choir ensemble in a digital form;
- c) Photo of the choir ensemble, digitally, in a form suitable for reproduction;
- d) The name of composers and the title of compositions that will be performed;
- e) Link of audio or video performance (you tube, Facebook, etc.) of the choir ensemble or CD with choir performance;
- f) Proof of bank transfer covering the application fee.

The Organizer is obliged to inform by e-mail the choir ensembles that are accepted to participate in the Competitive part of the Festival not later than 5 days after application.

2. Application fee:

The application fee for the participation in the Competitive part of the Festival is 200 euro's, per choir for each category. Half of this fee, 100 euro's, shall be considered as part of the accommodation costs. The application fee must be made payable in full to "MAG-culture & experience" and is due immediately on registration. Any banking costs that may arise must be paid by the applicant. If a choir ensemble cancels its appearance of its own accord, it shall not be entitled to a refund. The choir ensemble shall be entitled to a refund only in case the Organizer decides not to include the choir ensemble in the competition part of the Festival.

NON-COMPETITIVE PART:

1.Registration

All choir ensembles, regardless of the members' gender and age can apply for participation at the Non-competitive part of the Festival.

The program of the choir ensemble is free of choice without limit of the instruments that may accompany the choir ensemble. The duration of performance shall not exceed 15-20 minutes per performance. The choir ensembles in this part may have two performances during the Festival.

The following application documents must be provided by the closing date **30.07.2023**:

- a) Fully completed **application form**; from our web side
- b) Short biography of the choir ensemble in a digital form;
- c) Photo of the choir ensemble, digitally, in a form suitable for reproduction;
- d) Proof of bank transfer covering the application fee.

2. Application fee:

The application fee for the participation of the Festival is 200 Euro, per choir for each category. Half of this fee, 100 euro's, shall be considered as part of the accommodation costs. The application fee must be made payable in full to "MAG-culture& experience" and is due immediately on registration. Any banking costs that may arise must be paid by the applicant. If a choir ensemble cancels its appearance of its own accord, it shall not be entitled to a refund.

The bank details for registration in the both parts of the Festival are as follows:

Account holder: MAG-culture & experience - Skopje

Str.Jane Sandanski 11-3/19 , 1000 Skopje, RNM

Name of bank: Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje

Iban code: MK 07300701002244935 Bank Account #: 0270100224493

Routing # (Swift code): KOBSMK2X Tax number 4030000382613

Accommodation

Accommodation shall be organized only from the organizers in hotels and apartments in Paralia and Olympic Beach.

The participant shall be placed in rooms and apartments with 3, 4 or 5 beds; breakfast in the restaurant is included. Price is **110 euro in total per person for 5 nights**.

For accommodation in **double room, breakfast included, the price is 125 euro's per person**. **There are no accommodations in single room**.

For accommodation with breakfast and dinner in rooms with 3, 4 or 5 beds, the price is 135 euro's per person, and, for accommodation in double room the price is 150 euro's in total per person.

The touristic tax, 0,50euro per room, is not included in the price.

The accommodation is free of charge for conductor and driver/s of the vehicle used for transport of the participants at the Festival.

The total costs for the accommodation must be paid to our cashier, in cash, latest on the day of arrival on the Festival, before check in and entry in the rooms. If you have any change in the total participant's, the accommodation needs information with at least 10 days before the arrival. After this date we must pay the total participant's that you declare

Travel expenses

The transport to and from the Festival has to be organized by the ensembles themselves. Travel expenses are borne by the participating ensembles themselves.

3. Languages of Correspondence:

We would like to ask you for your understanding that only the English versions of documents such as announcements, offers, acceptance of offers and correspondence shall be considered as legally binding.

4. Contact of organisers:

For the organisation of the Festival and for your application, please contact only the address:

MAG-culture&experience-Skopje &Wave travel-Paralia

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