

IBEC WORKPLACE CHOIR OF THE YEAR Competition Syllabus

28th April - 2nd May

2021

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Cork International Choral Festival

Introduction

Founded in 1954 to be a dynamic force in developing choral music in Ireland, the Cork International Choral Festival is now one of Europe's premier international choral festivals. It is held annually for the five days immediately preceding the first Monday in May. The Festival takes place in dozens of venues across the city, including Cork's City Hall (capacity 1,000) - one of the most attractive and acoustically superb venues in Ireland. It is noted for its diverse programme, high competitive standards, excellent organisation, and the friendliness of its welcome.

IBEC WORKPLACE CHOIR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

For the first time this year we are launching the new Ibec Workplace Choir of the Year Competition in conjunction with but not exclusively for our new Choirworks initiative. Choirs based in the workplace can enter without needing to travel to Cork!

We are inviting you to submit a video in performance of your choir to be judged by our international jury, by compiling a virtual performance made up of individual choir members' videos. The winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony of the Cork International Choral Festival.

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Peter Stobart
Artistic Director

NEW – Ibec Workplace Choir of the Year Competition

GENERAL

- Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 2nd April of the same year.
- Open to any workplace choir.
- The choir is not requested to travel to Cork to participate in the competition.
- The video must be of a virtual performance compiled of individual choir members' videos.
- All entries will be judged as one category.
- Minimum 3 voices / No maximum.
- The video should not have been published previously. After 2nd May 2021 the choir can upload the competition video on their own online channels.
- There should be no verbal announcements at any point during the presentation.
- Finalists will be judged by our international jury.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

The repertoire should be one piece of your choice with or without accompaniment. A backing track is acceptable as an accompaniment. The five-member international jury allocates marks for the technical and artistic quality of the piece and the overall quality of its performance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

If you are interested in entering the competition, please contact kery@corkchoral.ie to receive the application form and details of entry fee.

Each choir is required to forward by 2nd April of the same year:

1. An online completed application form.
2. Competition video (max 2GB) to be submitted via WeTransfer (wetransfer.com) to info@corkchoral.ie. WeTransfer is free and allows you to send up to 2GB.
3. A digital description of the choir and it's members, detailing their relationships with the company, and how the choir was established or operates, in English (approx 250 words).
4. A company logo.
5. (Optional) One digital photograph of the company premises or office space (at least 1MB in size, print resolution or 300dpi) suitable for publicity purposes.
6. Receipt of payment of entry fee.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for the Ibec Workplace Choir of the Year Video must be paid by bank transfer to the Cork International Choral Festival's account by 2nd April of the same year.

Choirs are responsible for all related bank charges.

BANK DETAILS

Bank: Allied Irish Banks plc,
Patrick's Street, Cork, Ireland
IBAN: IE85 AIBK 9341 5105 1954 48
BIC: AIBKIE2D
Account Number: 05195448
National Sort Code: 93 41 51
Recipient: Cork International Choral Festival

NOTE: Please ensure that the name of choir and contact details are noted on bank transfer.

PRIZES

First Prize:
Certificate and Trophy.

The winner will be announced at the Awards Ceremony of the Cork International Choral Festival. Depending on the Covid-19 restrictions in place, the Awards Ceremony will take place in Cork City Hall and/or online on the Sunday of the Festival week.

BROADCASTING RIGHTS

It is a condition of participation that a choir agrees that:

- All rights regarding the audiovisual recordings made for the Workplace Choir of the Year Video Competition as well as their exploitation are herewith being granted non-exclusively to the Cork International Choral Festival by the choir for subsequent reproduction and/or broadcast on radio/television/internet without payment to the choir.
- The Festival will be free to dispose of the audiovisual recordings or utilise them in promotional materials as it sees fit. It is the duty of all choirs with members under 18 years of age to ensure that informed consent is sought from young people and their parents/carers in this regard.
- The Festival may, without payment, dispose of the audiovisual recordings and shall further be entitled to reproduce any such recording and to sell, let for hire, offer or exposure for sale or hire, distribute or otherwise dispose of any recording or reproduction of recording of any such performance in any manner as it sees fit.

GENERAL RULES

1. Adjudicators' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding any aspect of their work.
2. A selected choir that withdraws from the competition is not entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
3. The Festival accepts no legal responsibility whatsoever in respect of anything pertaining to a choir's participation in the competition.
4. The Festival accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by any choir or individual chorister participating in the online competition.
5. The Festival reserves the right to change its dates in the event that a concert, or other public event or any circumstance outside the control of the Festival renders it impracticable to hold the festival on the scheduled dates.
6. It is contrary to law to perform music that has been reproduced illegally. Should a choir do so, the Festival accepts no responsibility for any action taken by the copyright owners.
7. Participation in the competition implies acceptance of all the rules and regulations.
8. Any updates will be made on www.corkchoral.ie and will supersede information in this brochure.

We look forward to
MEETING YOU ONLINE

www.corkchoral.ie

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