

# Musical Cultural Association "Antonio Vivaldi"

in collaboration with the "Aprilov - Palaouzov"  
1861 Community Centre



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## Organization

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## Artistic Director

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The Musical Cultural Association "Antonio Vivaldi", in collaboration with the "Aprilov – Palaouzov" 1861 Community Centre, organizes the 2nd International Choir Festival of Gabrovo and the 2nd International Choir Competition "Antonio Vivaldi", which will be held in Gabrovo, Bulgaria, between June 22 and 24, 2012.

The organization of these prestigious choir events aims to:

- ✓ Promote and present the Choir Art in the wider region of Gabrovo
- ✓ Promote and present talented composers of specific time periods through their works
- ✓ Encourage the performance of group works for orchestra, choir and soloists
- ✓ Establish the prestige of the choir events, which embrace and advance the choir art in the wider region of Europe
- ✓ Enhance the intellectual and touristic development of the Municipality of Gabrovo.

## RULES OF THE CHOIR COMPETITION

1. The 2nd International Choir Competition will be held between June 24 and 26 2012 in Gabrovo, Bulgaria.
2. The categories of the choir competition are as follows:

- A. Mixed Choirs : Adult choirs consisted of at least 20 members
- B. Male / Female Choirs: Male or female choirs consisted of at least 20 choir members
- C. Children / Youth Choirs: Choirs consisted of at least 20 choir members of age up to 23 years old
- D. Chamber Choirs : Chamber choirs consisted of up to 20 choir members
- E. Sacred Music : Adult or youth choirs engaged with Sacred Music
- F. Folk Category : Adult or youth choirs engaged with Folklore Music
- G. Jazz and Modern Music: Adult or youth choirs engaged with Jazz or Modern Music

3. Each choir should send via email a scanned copy of its application form filled, and accompanied by the required material, due by February the 1st of 2012. A hard copy of all the required material should also be sent via post mail due by February the 1st of 2012. Choirs selected for participation will be notified both post and email due by February the 7th of 2012.
4. Each choir is allowed to compete in more than one category.
5. The competition will be held at a concert hall in the presence of audience.
6. Choirs competing in more than one category shall not perform the same pieces of free choice.
7. Each choir may freely choose its intonation.
8. The competitive performances will be judged by a jury noted for its international expertise, and consisted of at least 3 yet up to 5 members. The artistic director participates equivalently in the critical committee. The performance of each choir will be assessed according to the following criteria: a) intonation, b) textual interpretation, c) difficulty, d) rhythm, e) conductor's skill, f) dynamics, and g) diction.
9. Choirs participating in categories A, B, C, and D may freely choose three pieces in accordance with the following criteria a) one piece between the 14th and the 19th century, b) one piece between the 19th and the 21th century, c) one folk song.
10. Choirs participating in categories E, F, and G, may freely choose three pieces closely related to Sacred Music, Folklore Music, and Jazz or Modern Music, respectively.
10. The marking process is as follows: a) 87-100 points correspond to the 1st prize, b) 77-86 points correspond to the 2nd prize, and c) 67-76 points correspond to the 3rd prize. The artistic jury may also nominate some special awards to high quality choirs with an outstanding performance, e.g., Master Conductor, Best Folk Performance, and so on.
11. The 1st prize in each category comes with a money trophy of 300 euros, while each competing choir will receive a diploma for participating in the competition.
12. All choirs participating in the choir events will be nominated in the closing ceremony of the Choir Festival, on Sunday 24th of June 2012, in the presence of audience and local authorities. Upon their nomination, all the awarded choirs will perform a free choice program for up to 15 minutes.

13. Group works may be performed by all competing choirs during the closing ceremony. Competing choirs are committed to perform a 30 minutes program of free choice, for the purposes of the Choir Festival of Gabrovo.
14. Participating choirs or orchestras will not have any economic benefits from potential CD recordings.
15. To participate in the Choir Competition “Antonio Vivaldi”, each choir should send both by post and email the following:
- i. Application form (filled and signed)
  - ii. Recent photo and brief history of the choir
  - iii. Recent photo and brief history of the choir’s conductor
  - iv. Five scores for every piece of free choice
  - v. Recent recording of the choir (if any)
  - vi. Bank receipt indicating the deposit of 200 euros participation fee, in the following bank account (Piraeus Bank):
- IBAN : GR2101721590005159028649867, Bank Swift No(BIC) : PIRBGRAA
- The corresponding post and email addresses can be found at the end of this document.
16. Each choir is unilaterally responsible for its transportation plan and cost in Grabrovo.
17. To preserve the quality of the services provided in Gabrovo, choirs participating in the Choir Competition “Antonio Vivaldi” are committed the following accommodation package:
- 4 overnight stays in a 3 star hotel in full board (including breakfast, lunch and dinner each day). The hotel facilities include bar, café, restaurant and gym. Check in: June 21, 2012, Check out: June 25, 2012.
- Overall cost per person in a double/triple room: 160 euros*
- Overall cost per person in a single room: 190 euros (limited number of single rooms)*
18. To resourcefully facilitate the accommodation of each participating choir and proceed to the required hotel room and restaurant reservations in time, each choir is committed to deposit 50% of their total accommodation cost due by March 1st of 2012, and the residual 50% no later than May the 1st of 2012. In both cases, the bank receipt should be scanned and sent by email to ge\_xenakis@yahoo.gr. The organizing committee is obligated to reply both via email and post mail to the respective choir with an official document proving its commitment to provide the accommodation services as described in this document.
19. For any further information regarding the Choir events in Gabrovo, or for choirs with special accommodation requests, please refer to ge\_xenakis@yahoo.gr.

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