



To Friends of Choral Music!

We are pleased to present you with the official announcement for the 59th International Choir Competition 2025 at Schloss Porcia in Spittal an der Drau, Carinthia, Austria, and warmly invite you to participate.

Organizers of the Event:

- Carinthian Provincial Government
- Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) - Studio Carinthia
- Cultural Department of the Municipality of Spittal
- Singkreis Porcia, Spittal an der Drau

Event Organizers:

Municipality of Spittal an der Drau
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Singkreis Porcia, Spittal an der Drau
Director: Bernhard Wolfsgruber
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Artistic Director:

Bernhard Wolfsgruber

Date and Venue of the Competition:

July 3 - 6, 2025

Schloss Porcia, Spittal an der Drau, Carinthia, Austria

The competition will take place in two categories:

- Category A - Art Song (Advanced Choral Literature) (with Günther-Mittergradnegger Prize)
- Category B - Folk Song

Competition Schedule:

Thursday, July 3, 2025

- 8:30 PM: Opening concert by Singkreis Porcia (Schloss Porcia)

Friday, July 4, 2025

- 9:30 AM: Choir directors photo session (Schlosshof Porcia)
- 9:45 AM: Choir directors meeting (Porcia Room, Schloss Porcia, 1st floor)
- 10:45 AM onwards: Stage rehearsals (Schlosshof Porcia and Stadtsaal, Lutherstraße)
- 7:00 PM: Competition Category B - Folk Song (Schloss Porcia and Stadtsaal, wearing traditional costumes)

Saturday, July 5, 2025

- 9:30 AM: Required repertoire performance (Stadtsaal) - Category A: Art Song
- 7:00 PM: Choice program - Category A: Art Song (Schloss Porcia and Stadtsaal)

Sunday, July 6, 2025

- From 9:00 AM: Optional participation in church services in surrounding communities
- 11:15 AM: Open singing in Millstatt (wearing traditional costumes)
- 7:00 PM: Prize ceremony and winners' concert (Schloss Porcia)
- 9:30 PM: Closing celebration (Stadtsaal)

Participation in all scheduled events is mandatory!

Prize Money:

Category A - Art Song

- 1st Prize: € 1500
- 2nd Prize: € 900
- 3rd Prize: € 600
- Günther-Mittergradnegger-Prize for the best interpretation of a contemporary work: € 1.000

Category B - Folk Song

- 1st Prize: € 1.000
- 2nd Prize: € 700
- 3rd Prize: € 500

Prizes will be awarded by a jury of internationally recognized choral experts. The jury's decision is final.

General Terms of Participation:

Travel Expenses:

Participants must cover their own travel costs to and from Spittal an der Drau. Additional travel expenses during the competition that have not been pre-arranged must also be covered by the participants. Any necessary visas must be obtained in time by the choirs themselves.

Accommodation and Meals:

The organizers will cover the cost of accommodation and meals (excluding drinks) for participants, with a € 50 contribution per person (see below).

- Accommodation will be arranged in hotels, guesthouses, hostels, or private rooms, mainly in shared rooms.
- Single rooms are only available for the choir director and bus driver.
- Accommodation and meals begin with dinner on Thursday, July 3 and end with breakfast on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Participants (maximum 50 people, including singers, conductor, interpreter, and bus driver) must pay a € 50 contribution per person.

Application:

Applications must be submitted by February 16, 2025, using the provided form.

Include:

- A brief history and description of the choir's activities.
- A recent high-resolution digital photo (less than one year old).
- No audio recordings are required.

Applications should be submitted online. Alternatively, printed forms can be sent to:

Municipality of Spittal an der Drau

Department 7 - Culture & City Marketing

Burgplatz 1

A-9800 Spittal an der Drau, Austria

Participation Requirements:

- Only mixed choirs are eligible.
- Choirs must have 16 to 45 singers.
- Only amateur singers are allowed (except the conductor).
- Choirs must compete in both categories (A and B).
- A jury will select the choirs based on their application.

Category A - Art Song / Required Pieces:

Each choir must perform three mandatory pieces and a choice program (maximum 10 minutes). The choice program may include a demanding jazz or pop arrangement.

Mandatory pieces for 2025:

1. Come Gentle Swains - Michael Cavendish (ca. 1565 - 1628)

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2. Herr, nun lässest du, Op. 96, No. 1 - Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809- 1847)

ISMN: 9790007062514 (4:30)

3. Pseudea - Martin Stampfl (*1984) (Text: Laura Wiesinger, commissioned work)

- The commissioned work by Martin Stampfl will be provided to participants in early February 2025.
- Participants must purchase their own copies of the other works.
- Only a cappella performances are allowed.
- The jury will evaluate each performance based on intonation, choral sound, dynamics, rhythm, style, and quality.

Category B - Folk Song:

Each choir must perform 3 to 4 folk songs from their home country (maximum 10 minutes of singing time).

- At least one song may be performed by a small group (minimum 4 singers).
- Songs should be traditional folk arrangements, highlighting the choral abilities and cultural identity of the choir.
- Folk songs must be performed from memory and conducted.
- Traditional instrumental accompaniment is allowed (except piano).

The jury will evaluate each song based on intonation, choral sound, dynamics, rhythm, and style.

It is strongly encouraged that choirs perform in their national or regional traditional costumes.

Participation Fee:

- A € 50 participation fee per eligible participant (singers, conductor, interpreter, and bus driver, up to 50 people) must be paid by March 1, 2025.
- Non-eligible accompanying persons must pay € 250 for accommodation and meals.

For the winners concert (Sunday), choirs must prepare an additional song.

At the „Singing under the Linden Tree“ event in Millstatt (Sunday at 11:15 AM), participants are encouraged to perform lighter songs, ideally different from their Category B repertoire.

For further details, visit: www.singkreis-porcia.at or contact info@chorbewerb-spittal.at.