

The Festival	Our festival provides the opportunity for choirs from all over the world to meet “colleagues” from other countries and to make new contacts. We pay serious and professional attention to the musical achievements of the choirs, but we find it also important that the participants enjoy their stay and have fun!
When?	The festival takes place every 3 years. The next festival will be held on 21, 22 and 23 October 2011 .
Where?	Veldhoven, the Netherlands (in the south, near Eindhoven)
The organisation	The festival is being organised by the Foundation IYF (Chamber of Commerce 41091037). All the people involved in the organisation are volunteers.
What is so special about this festival?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The choirs are free to choose their own repertoire (no compulsory songs)• The proceeds of the festival go to a project for (handicaped) children in a Third World country.
Which choirs can participate?	The festival is open to choirs from all over the world. The age of the members is <i>preferably</i> between 14 and 40 years, but the rules are not very strict.
Festival performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The official festival performances take place on Saturday and Sunday. The organisation determines on which day the choir will perform before the jury.• Each choir has 15 minutes in total to perform a “warm up” song and two other songs. These two songs will be judged by a professional jury.• Before the performance, the choir will have the opportunity to rehearse 30 minutes in a separate room (it is not possible to rehearse on stage).• The jury will announce the results at the end of the festival (Sunday afternoon).• There is no financial award or prize.• Piano, drums, amplifier etc. are already at the choir’s disposal. The choir will receive more detailed information in due time.
Jury and categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A professional jury will judge the choir’s performance among others on purity, rhythmic, pronunciation, expression, interpretation, choral sound and general impression.• Each choir will receive a report of the jury with remarks for possible improvements at the end of the festival (Sunday).• Based on the total number of points, four awards will be announced (starting with the highest honour): “First Prize Cum Laude”, “First Prize”, “Second Prize” and “Third Prize”.• The choirs can indicate on the entry form if they want to perform in the category “classical music” or “popular music” (these are preliminary categories until the jury is complete). Each choir only performs once during the festival weekend, so it is not possible to perform in more than one category.• The scores of the festival songs have to be sent in triplicate to the organisation before 1 September 2011. The scores will be returned to the choir after the festival.
Extra performances	In addition to the festival performance, it is also possible to perform in the shopping centre in Veldhoven (open air) or during a mass in one of the churches in Veldhoven or surrounding area (the choirs are not obliged to participate).

- Saturday night** The participants have the opportunity to become better acquainted during a social evening (party with live dance music!) on Saturday night. We will start this evening with a *special musical exchange program!* The choir will receive more detailed information in due time.
- Farewell Dinner** On Sunday evening, after the official closing of the festival, a Farewell Dinner will be held to give the participants the opportunity to say good-bye (in a musical way).
Costs: € 15,- per person, to be paid in advance.
- Accommodation** We are willing to arrange the sleeping accommodation for your stay in Veldhoven. The choir can choose one of the following three options:
- Sports hall
- Costs: 2,50 euro per person per night.
 - The choir must bring air mattresses, sleeping bags and the like.
 - There are *no* separate sleeping areas for men and women.
 - It is possible that the choir has to share the accommodation with another choir.
 - Available for only a limited number of choirs. First entries are given priority.
- (Youth) Hostel
- Costs: ± 20 - 27 Euros per person per night (exact price to be determined).
 - The accommodations are simple, but clean.
 - The rooms differ in size, so it is possible that you have to share it with several people.
 - The choir will have to bring its own sheets and/or pillow (cases).
- Hotel
- The costs are depending on hotel rating; to be paid directly to the hotel.
 - The organisation cannot make any advance payments
- Meals** We are willing to arrange your meals. These have to be ordered and paid in advance.
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| • Friday evening (bread/soup) | € 5,50 per person |
| • Breakfast Saturday | € 5,50 per person |
| • Lunch Saturday (sandwiches) | € 5,50 per person |
| • Dinner Saturday (hot meal) | € 11,- per person |
| • Breakfast Sunday | € 5,50 per person |
| • Lunch Sunday (sandwiches) | € 5,50 per person |
| • Farewell Dinner | € 15,- per person |
| • Packed lunch (for journey home) | € 5,50 per person |
- Drinks are already included in the prices of the meals.
Please note that for security reasons it is not allowed to prepare hot meals in the sleeping accommodations!
- Transport**
- Please inform us in time if you want us to arrange transport within the Netherlands and/or Veldhoven (the costs are for the account of the choir).
 - **Please keep in mind** that the sleeping accommodations, churches and shopping centre are mostly *not* on walking distance of the festival hall. So there is a possibility that you will need transport during your stay.

Visas

- Please note that if visas are required, the choir alone is responsible for applying and receiving them. This cannot be arranged by the festival organisation.
- Please inform us *in time*, if the choir requires an official invitation letter!

Participation costs and terms

Costs and payment

- We charge a registration fee of 225 Euros. In return the choir will receive the full amount in vouchers for drinks during the festival weekend.
- If we have to arrange accommodation for the choir, we will also charge an advance payment of 50%.
- The **registration fee** and (possible) **advance payment** for accommodation has to be paid into our bank account **before 1 April 2011**. **Only after receipt of payment** the choir is an official participant of the festival!
- If we do not receive the payment before this date we reserve the right to remove the choir from the list of participants.
- The remaining amount for accommodation and/or meals (if applicable) has to be paid **before 1 July 2011**.

Changes

We will arrange accommodation and/or meals based on the number of people as mentioned in the entry form. Please inform the organisation of any changes by e-mail or letter **before 1 August 2011**. You can still change the number people after this date, but not free or charge!

Cancellation terms

- If the choir decides to cancel before 1 July 2011, the registration fee will not be refunded. A refund of the advance payment for accommodation depends on the costs the organisation already had to made for your stay.
- The registration fee and advance payment will not be refunded in case of cancellation after 1 July 2011.
- We cannot make any refunds after 1 September 2011.

Bank details

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IBAN code: NL75 RABO 0153 6022 79
BIC code: RABONL2U

Important dates

1 March 2011	Please send us your entry form before 1 March!
1 April 2011	Once the choir is selected, you will be requested to transfer the registration fee and advance payment for accommodation (if applicable) into our bank account before 1 April 2011. Only after receipt of payment the choir is an official participant of the festival!
1 July 2011	The remaining amount for accommodation and/or meals has to be paid before 1 July 2011.
1 August 2011	Please inform us of any changes in number of people in writing before 1 August 2011.
1 September 2011	Please send us the scores of the festival songs in triplicate before 1 September 2011.

Provisional festival program

Friday evening	- Performances in the shopping centre in Veldhoven (<i>optional</i>) - Official opening of the Festival and live music (festival hall)
Saturday morning	- Performances in the shopping centre in Veldhoven (<i>optional</i>)
Saturday afternoon	- Festival performances (festival hall)
Saturday evening	- Performances in churches (Veldhoven/surrounding area - <i>optional</i>) - Festive evening with live dance music and special (cultural) program (festival hall)
Sunday morning	- Performances in churches (Veldhoven/surrounding area - <i>optional</i>)
Sunday afternoon	- Festival performances (festival hall) - Followed by: the results of the jury and the official closing of the festival (fest.hall)
Sunday evening	- Farewell Dinner for participating choirs (festival hall)

Application & selection

Application

- Please send us the following information **before 1 March 2011**:
 - the completed **entry form** (available via internet or the contact person)
 - a **short description** of the choir
 - a **picture** of the choir
 - and a recent **music recording**
- These terms are also applicable to the choirs that already participated in the festival before!

Closing date and selection

- The closing date is **1 March 2011**.
- Entry forms are attended to in order of receipt.
- We will inform you after the closing date if the choir is selected to participate in the next festival!

Contact information

Contact person Address

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karin Hazenberg
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We are looking forward to seeing you in Veldhoven in 2011!