

Northern Choir Conducting Competition 2023

The choir festival SyngSydfyn (Singing Fionia) arranges its 3"third competition for young classically trained choir conductors from the 12th–14th of June 2023 in Svendborg, Denmark.

Where

The competition takes place in Vor Frue Kirke (Our Lady Church) in the very center of Svendborg, Fyn.

Setup

The competition runs over 3 days and through 3 rounds with 1) a semi-professional choir (Det Fynske Kammerkor), 2) a top professional vocal ensemble (The Danish National Vocal Ensemble) and 3) a skilled amateur choir (SNUK, a choir consisting of pretty young singers).

Besides performances with the 1) and 2) choirs, the participants have to demonstrate a shorter rehearsal session with 3) the amateur choir. The repertoire goes from late renaissance up to contemporary works. The assignments are made by the jury.

From the videofiles every applicant has to send, the jury select 18 participants for the competition. After the first round 9 participants continue, after second round 3 continue and in the third and final round the numbering (for the prizes) is decided.

The prizes: 1st prize = 3.000 euro, 2nd prize = 2.000 euro and 3rd prize = 1.000 euro

The jury

consists of the internationally well-reputed choir conductors David Hill (UK), Alice Granum (DK), Philip Faber(DK), Susanne Vongries (GE)..

Rikke Lender (DK), representative from The Danish National Vocal Ensemble.

Chairman of the Jury is Povl Christian Balslev, Head of the Festival.

Participation

Choir conductors, born in 1st of July 1988 or later born European or with permanent residence in Europe can apply for the competition.

Applicants must document an education as classical choir conductors from a academy of music/ Musikhögskola, university or similar institutions. Applications from students, who are who are in the final years of their study, will be accepted.

Video documentation

Together with the letter of application every applicant will have to send a video recording not older than 2 years. This recording should not be edited/ mixed etc.

Maximum duration of the video is 6 minutes, and it has to show the concuctor from different angles while conducting.

The files must be suited for MAC or Windows.

Please remember to inform the name of the performers (choir, conductor, soloists etc.), titles of the music and date(s) of the recording(s).

Economy

The whole project depends on the financial support we can obtain from a long row of private Foundation. The arrangers therefore reserve the right to cancel the competition, if the economical base turns out to be too uncertain.

There will be no fees for participation, but the applicants will have to pay themselves for transport, board and lodging, - but we will of course help you in getting good prices where it is possible.

Application:

Deadline for application is January 23rd, 2023

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the application formula and send ot to us.

Application form (can be found on the website SyngSydfyn.dk/ nccc 2023 T

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Read more about the festival and the competition on https://www.syngsydfyn.dk or https://

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Best regards

Povl Balslev and Inger Allan Heads of SyngSydfyn Festival and the competition NCCC 2023.