



2014 Taiwan International Vocal Festival World New Spiritual Choral Competition-「Happy 50」 Rules and Regulation

1. **Date:** 4th October, 2014
2. **Place:** New Taipei City Cultural Affairs Department Culture and Arts Center
3. **Sponsoring Body:** The New Choral Foundation, Taiwan Choral Music Center
4. **Entry requirements**
 - 1) Minimum of 20 singers , maximum of 50 singers, conductor and accompanist excluded.
 - 2) Singers must be 50 years old or older. Total number of singers under 50 years old may not exceed 10% of choir.
 - 3) Different types of choirs (Mixed, Women's or Men's choirs) can participate in the competition.
 - 4) Only non-professional choirs can participate in the competition (conductor and accompanist excluded).
 - 5) The singer may not cross-choir enrollment.
5. **Registration methods**
 - ✧ Choirs **NOT** from Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen or Matsu
 - 1) Deadline of registration: 31st May 2014 (postmark date)
 - 2) Submission methods: Send by post or Email
 - 3) Please submit the following together before deadline of Registration:
 - i. Registration Form.
 - ii. Recent Photographs of choir. (suitable for publicity purposes): digital photos must have a resolution of at least 300 dpi or file size larger than 1MB.
 - iii. A short CV of the choir and the conductor, detailing activities and achievements (Chinese & English Text, 200 words)
 - iv. A recent CD/DVD, Mpeg or Youtube of a performance or rehearsal sent by mail.
 - v. Registration fee US\$ 100. The fee is not refundable.
 - 4) After the meeting of the artistic committee, the results and qualified choirs which will be invited to participate in the competition will be post on the Taiwan International Vocal Festival website in Mid-May.
 - 5) The qualified choirs must submit the following together before 31st August:
 - i. Seven original scores of each work (A4 size, copied front and back, non returnable), The participant is responsible for complying with all copyright laws.
 - ii. The order of competition performance.
 - 6) Payment method: Please submit payment to the Organizing Committee.
Postal Remittance Account:
A/C WITH BANK : Bank Of Taiwan Kung Kuan Branch
ADDRESS : No.120 Sec 4, Roosevelt Rd. Taipei Taiwan R.O.C
SWIFT CODE : BKTWTP034
ACCOUNT NO. : 034-007-029-869
BENEFICIARY'S NAME : New Choral Foundation

6. **Address :**

New Spiritual Choral Competition "Happy 50" Preparatory Committee
8F., No.35, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City

Email address : vinci@tcmc.org.tw

7. The stage order will be drawn at coordination meeting(The date will be announced later). The result will be announced at the official website, and further notified individually.

8. **Important Points for Registration**

- 1) Please complete each item on the registration form and submit for review, failure to fully complete any item will invalidate the registration.
- 2) Any falsifications on the registration form will disqualify that participant.
- 3) The participation fee is not refundable.

9. **Competition rules**

- 1) Sheet music copyright compliance responsibility rests with the choir.
- 2) Each choir's performance time must not exceed 12 minutes, and will be calculated from the first performance sound of each song (including accompaniment). For every 30 seconds over the time limit 0.5 points will be deducted from the final score, etc.
- 3) Repertoire Requirement:
 - i. Free selected pieces. At least one of the performance should include the stage performance .
 - ii. If the choir wants to attend the competition of Best Hanguang Interpretation, which is provided by the Hanguag Educational Foundation, it must perform the music without alternation. The music is arranged by the Pop/Jazz Artistic Director of Taiwan Choral Music Center, Mr. Ray Chu, named Phoenix Headwear (釵頭鳳). The scores is available on the Taiwan International Vocal Festival website, <http://festival.tcmc.org.tw/>.

10. **Judging criteria**

| Item | Explanation | Percentage |
|-----------|---|------------|
| Artistry | Interpretation, expression, stylistic fidelity | 70% |
| Technique | Intonation, rhythm, articulation, vocal technique, tone quality, timbre | |
| Stage | Artistic concept and stage change | 30% |

11. Prizes

- 1) Gold Medal: 85 points or more
Silver Medal: 80 points or more, below 85 points
Bronze Medal: 75 points or more, below 80 points
There is more than one winner for Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal Prize.
- 2) Best Hanguang Interpretation Prize: The Best Hanguang interpretation.
- 3) If no points reach the required standard, that award will not be given.

| Prize name | Prize money | Award |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gold Medal | NT\$ 10,000 | Certificate |
| Silver Medal | NT\$ 8,000 | Certificate |
| Bronze Medal | NT\$ 6,000 | Certificate |
| Best Hanguang Interpretation | NT\$ 5,000 | Trophy |
| Best Costume | none | Certificate |
| Best Stage Performance | none | Certificate |
| Special Judges' Award | none | Certificate |
| Best Creativity | none | Certificate |
| Best Popularity | none | Certificate |

12. **Judges:** Made up of international and domestic judges of note.

13. Miscellaneous

- 1) Participating choirs are responsible for all their costs.
- 2) All choirs must use legitimate musical scores.
- 3) The concert Hall will have a grand piano available, but any other accompanying instruments will have to be brought by the choirs themselves.
- 4) The choirs will receive the following items at the conclusion of the event:
 - i. Judges remarks
 - ii. One set of competition photos
 - iii. One DVD of this competition
- 5) All choirs must give up any rights to audio or video recordings of performances. The organizer reserves the rights to all radio and television broadcasts, recording, filming and photographing of competition performances without reimbursement to the participants.
- 6) Please carefully read the above registration rules, rights and obligations, registration submission is seen as agreement to all of the above conditions.

14. Rules for Claiming Prizes

Each choir should nominate a member to claim prizes and sign as receiver at the time prizes are issued. According to the international income tax regulations, the organizer must withhold 20% of prize money for tax purposes.

15. For further information, please contact with Ms. Tsai,
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