



A RUGINIT FRUNZA DIN VII

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL-CONTEST

Chişinău International Choir Competition & Festival 16th Edition

**Welcome to the International Choir Competition
from Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, in the heart
of Europe!**

**You will have the opportunity to interact with young
performers of to the only international festival-competition in
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, located in the heart of Europe.**

***We invite choirs from our country and from all over the world
to participate in the 16-th edition of the International
Festival-Contest of choral music "A RUGINIT FRUNZA DIN VII" in
Chisinau.***

Organiser: The Muzical-Coral Association of Moldova

Main Partener: The Ministry of Culture of The Republic of Moldova

Location: Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

Date: from 18th till 21st of October

Contact: asociatiamuzicala@gmail.com

These are the categories you can participate in:

| Categories | | Age limits | Number of performers | | Performing time(max) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| A | Children's Choir | up to 16 years old | from 24 | to 50 | 12 minutes |
| B | Youth Choirs | 16-30 years old | | | 15 minutes |
| B₁ | Mixed Choirs | | 24 | 45 | |
| B₂ | Women's Choirs | | 24 | 45 | |
| B₃ | Men's Choirs | | 24 | 45 | |
| C | Mixed Choirs | NO AGE LIMITS | 24 | 40 | 15 minutes |
| D | Chambers Choirs | NO AGE LIMITS | 16 | 24 | 15 minutes |
| E | Vocal Ensembles | NO AGE LIMITS | 6 | 12 | 12 minutes |

Competition regulations:

Collectives in categories A, B, C, D, E must perform the songs in acapella format in with accompaniment

1. One national piece, representing the country of origin.
2. One piece of sacred music
3. One modern creation
4. One creation of free choice

- The organizing committee **will not be liable** for any copyright infringements from behalf of the participating choirs.
- The event will be held in two main sections: **"Festival"** and **"Contest"**
- The choirs **are allowed** to participate at the **"Festival"** sections without taking part at the **"Competition"** section if the wish. **The participation fee stays the same.**
- The order of the choirs' performance is set by the Organizing Committee through a draw organized before the start of the competition.
- The organizing committee **reserves all the rights** to record and reproduce all the related event concerts.
- **The festival is equipped with a piano.**

The Choirs who intend to use other musical instruments, **they have to take care** of themselves and their transport employment and **inform Organizing Committee.**

Participation fee:

Choir formations - 250 euros
Vocal ensembles - 150 euros

The participation fee has to be paid on the following bank account:

Banking information:

Correspondent Bank: **Commerzbank AG**
 Beneficiary's bank: **Victoriabank, Chişinău, Moldova**
 SWIFT: **VICBMD2X**
 Beneficiary: **ASOCIATIA MUZICAL CORALA AO**
 Account: **MD61VI000000022517031178**

Application package:

Your application must include:

- Application Form
- Recent photo of the choir and conductor
- Choir biography (*no longer than 200 words, 10-15 rows*)
- Choir members' list, which will include the year of birth and travel document number.
- One scanned copy for each performed score (*5 songs*).

Food and accommodation is paid by the participating choirs

Deadline for applying up to date September 16-th 2023, on the email address: mariancapriccio@yahoo.com

Contest prizes:

1st Place: Gold Diploma (21,0—30,0 points)

2nd Place: Silver Diploma (12,0 -20,0 points)

3rd Place: Bronze Diploma (8,0 – 11,0 points)

The choir who will not be able to score the points needed to secure a prize will be qualified to receive an Excellence Diploma, offered for participating at our festival.

Judging criteria:

- a) Vocal technique
- b) Artistic achievement
- c) Program selection
- d) Vocal strength
- e) Stylistic variety and artistic effect

The decision of the Jury is final and cannot be contested.

There will be more concerts at the festival.

All participating choirs are required to participate in all the concerts planned by the organizers.

Board&Lodging

The accommodation and food costs are covered by the participants.

The choral formations are obliged to plan and reserve their places only through the Coral Musical Association.

Participants can choose from the following options:

**Hostel City Center – for 75 EUR/person
3 nights, 4 days, 3 meals included**



Comfortable rooms for men and women for 2 to 6 people. All rooms are equipped with lockers to allow guests not to worry about the safety of valuables. Guests have a bathroom at their disposal. Bed linen and towels, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, etc.
Website - <http://city-hostel.md/ro/>
Address: Alexandr Puşkin 32, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova.

**"INSTITUTUL MUNCII" - 2★ hotel, Standart Rooms for 96 EUR/person
3 nights, 4 days, 3 meals included**



This is a 2 star hotel with a good location, near to the center of the city. Each room is for 2 people, and has sanitary block, air conditioning, TV, free Wi-Fi and 24/24 reception
Website - <http://institutulmuncii.md/hotel/>
Address: Strada Zimbrului 10, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, MD 2024

**"ZAREA" - 1★ hotel, Semilux Rooms for 100 EUR/person
3 nights, 4 days, 3 meals included**



It is very conveniently located in the center of Chisinau and is just a few minutes walk from many places of interest. At our hotel, you will be pleasantly surprised by the hospitality of the staff and the low prices. Each room is designed for 2 people.
Website - <http://hotelzarea.com/ro>
Address: Strada Anton Pann 4, Chişinău

**"ELM" - 5★ hotel, for 135 EUR/person
3 nights, 4 days, 1 meal included**



Hotel Elm is located in Chisinau, in the Codru shopping complex, and offers free Wi-Fi and garden views. Guests have free parking. The air-conditioned rooms have a seating area, a fridge and a flat-screen TV with cable channels. The bathrooms are equipped with a hairdryer and bathrobes.
Website - <https://elm.hotelschisinau.com/en/>
Address: Strada Spicului 6, Chişinău Republic of Moldova

Event schedule

18-th October, 2023

08:00 – Arrival in Chişinău
09:00 – Breakfast
10:00 – Sightseeing tour in the city of Chişinău
13:00 – Lunch
14:00 – Free time
16:00 – The parade of choirs
18:00 – Official opening of the Festival-Competition.
Venue: the Railway Palace
21:00 – Dinner.

**The National History Museum of Moldova
19-th October, 2023**

08:00 – Breakfast
10:00 – Contest. Category „A”, Category „B”
14:00 – Lunch
15:00 – Contest. Category "C, Category "D", Category "E", Category "F"
19.30 – Dinner.

Organ Hall

20-th October, 2023

08:00 – Breakfast

09:00 – Sightseeing at the Căpriană and Hîncu Monasteries

13.00 – Lunch

14:00 – Sightseeing at the „Cricova” underground wine cellars

18.00 – Closing ceremony. Prize awarding. Farewell party for all the participants. National Philharmonic in Chisinau

20:00 – Dinner.

In different locations of the city 21-st October, 2023

08:00 – Breakfast

10:00 – National Music Concert in different locations of the city.

12.00 – Farewell.

Places you will visit:

Chişinău

With 23 lakes, countless parks and a rich variety of species, Chisinau has one of the largest areas of green spaces in Europe. Moldova's green capital is located on the banks of the Bîc River, surrounded by fertile land and wine -ries, making it a popular destination for wine tours. The city is known for its cognac and especially for its local beer.



The Cricova Cellars

Cricova is a pearl of Moldovan winemaking, with a National Wine Collection, and tasting rooms. The famous "Cricova" galleries are over 60 km long. The natural limestone undergrounds ensure a constant temperature - 12-14 degrees and humidity of 97-98% - optimal conditions for maturing top quality branded wines.



Orheiul Vechi

The well-known natural, archaeological and tourist complex - Orheiul Vechi is situated in the picturesque bed of the Răut river. It is a monument of town architecture, where many buildings have been preserved, which is of great interest for historians, archaeologists, architects, but also tourists.



CĂPRIANA MONASTERY

It was founded in 1420, rebuilt in 1989. It is located in the village of Căpriană, Străşeni district, on the shores of Lake Işnovăţ, 35 km from Chisinau. It is one of the oldest monasteries in Moldavia. The first mention of the monastery dates back to the reign of Alexander the Good (1400-1432).



HÎNCU MONASTERY

Founded in 1678, it was returned to the faithful in 1990, is located in Nisporeni district, about 45 km from Chisinau. The Hîncu monastery started as a monastic hermitage of the hermit Mihail Hîncu. In 1956 the monastery was closed and its rooms were turned into warehouses. The entire monastery estate was transferred in 1978 to the Institute of Medicine in Chisinau, which opened a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients here, which existed until the mid-1980s.

