



VARESE VIRTUAL CHOIR

International Contest of Composition for Classical and Rhythmic Choir

Contest Description:

With the aim of contributing to the promotion of the choral activities, in times when the ensemble events are being forcibly suspended, the "Solevoci" Cultural Association for Social Promotion is willing to support the work of choral music composers and also to highlight the artistic and natural beauties of the Varese area, therefore is announcing and organizing the International Choral Composition Contest "Varese Virtual Choir".

The winning compositions will be performed by a virtual choir made of twenty voices, selected through a dedicated call, whose individual audio/video recordings will be made in some of the most remarkable locations in Varese. The video will then be published on the most popular social media.

The contest is divided in **two sections**:

1. Classical choral composition, based on a text chosen by the candidate among four options indicated by the artistic direction of the contest. The texts, which will be in Italian, will be taken from the works of the writer and poet Roberto Piumini and must be put fully in music. The composition must be for an a cappella choir, with four mixed voices and a soprano soloist. Roberto Piumini's text will be available on www.solevoci.it starting from Friday, June 5th, 2020.
2. Original choral arrangement (Pop) of an existing song chosen by the candidate, with no restrictions on the language. The composition must be for an a cappella choir, with four mixed voices, where soloists are also admitted.

Contest Rules:

1. The submitted compositions must have the following characteristics:
 - 1.1. Given that each chorister must individually record an audio track, the target and the degree of difficulty must be intended for an amateur choir.
 - 1.2. The song duration shall be between 3 and 5 minutes.
 - 1.3. The song may have temporary divisions through the vocal sections, up to a total of no more than eight. In the polyphonic composition the soprano soloist will not have to sing for the entire duration of the song, but her part must be sufficiently significant.
2. The submitted compositions must be unpublished and must have never been awarded nor reported in other contests.
3. The contest is open to musicians of any nationality/ citizenship, regardless the age. Each candidate can submit a maximum of two compositions for each category. The musical scores sent will remain in the contest records.
4. The music scores must be sent by filling out the form on www.solevoci.it by Sunday, July 5th, 2020.
5. It is expected the payment of a € 25.00 registration fee for each composition submitted, to be made by bank transfer to the "Solevoci" account at BCC Bank, IBAN IT13F084045070000000044367 - purpose of the payment: "Varese Virtual Choir". The payment receipt must be attached through upload when filling out the form. In case of participation in both categories of the contest, two separate registrations must be made, each of them with their dedicated form. The registration fee payment can be made once and for all.
6. The music scores must be strictly anonymous and marked only by the title, the indication of the duration and a short recognition code. The code will be shown on the registration form. All the data will be reserved exclusively to the contest secretariat and covered by strict professional secrecy, and they will be not made known to the members of the jury.
7. The compositions will be examined by a jury made of three members, different for each of the two categories. The jury's decision is final. The components of the two juries will be indicated on www.solevoci.it by Saturday, June 6th, 2020.
8. The first classified in each category will be awarded an indivisible expenses reimbursement of € 1000,00 (including taxes). The prizes are intended as a contribution to the winning composers and will be sent by bank transfer. The winning compositions will be published in digital edition by Preludio Music (www.preludiomusic.com).
9. The results of the contest will be communicated directly to the winners and published on www.solevoci.it by Wednesday, July 15th, 2020, barring unforeseen circumstances.
10. Although not expressly mentioned in this contest announcement, the provisions of the Civil Code and the specific laws in this matter remain valid. All specific complaints must refer to the text in Italian. Any controversy will fall under the jurisdiction of the Varese Court. The registration for the contest constitutes acceptance of the rules.

[Click here for the registration form](#)

