

Competition

The competition framework was deliberately designed to give each choir the chance to express its own traditions and strengths. The choir's repertoire should reflect the musical activities according to the different countries. At the same time, the idea of the 1st „Heart of Europe“ Choir Competition anticipates the desire that choirs will take an interest in cultural and musical traditions elsewhere in the world and will perform at least one piece that does not have its origins in their native cultural circles.

Each choir may participate in one or two of the following four categories:

1. Sacred Music
2. Secular Music
3. Contemporary Music
4. Folklore

Further information: www.heartofeurope.de



Peterkirche - venue for sacred meeting concerts



Marienkirche - the category „Sacred Music“ will take place here

Prizes

The choirs will be assessed by an international jury of five members. In each of the four categories gold-, silver- and bronzediploma will be awarded. Furthermore in each category:

1st Prize:	2.000,-€
2nd Prize:	1.000,-€
3rd Prize:	600,-€

The Jury can award exceptional prizes for special performances.

„Heart of Europe“ - Grand Prix:

In addition to the category-competitions the „Heart of Europe“ Grand Prix will take place. The contestants will be chosen by the jury. The winner of this competition will receive the „Heart of Europe“- Grand Prix amounting to € 5000,-.

Other Events

Apart from the competitions a number of other events will be scheduled: the opening- and closing-ceremony, gala concerts, meeting concerts (with participating choirs and choirs of the surrounding area of Gelnhausen), workshops etc.

After the award- and the closing-ceremony a great open-air choir party will take place at the Obermarkt in Gelnhausen.



Obermarkt - central venue of the festival

Motive

The organizing committee represents the male chamber choir „DelicataTon“ from Freigericht, a town right in the vicinity of the festival venue. The choir was founded in the year 2000, and it wasn't just for the purpose of performing high-level choir music. Several awards with gold- and silver diploma as well as special prizes prove our continuing work.

We also wanted to create a competition where one is able to plunge into the extraordinary atmosphere and listen to incredible sounds every once in a while.

There's no better way to indulge your senses: you can get goose-bumps, watery eyes, or you can freeze on your seat completely stunned. Just soak up the sound and you're blown away to far away places ...

So that's why we decided to celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2010 by arranging an international competition: a best possible forum for choirs to enable artistic, cultural and human contributions to each other and create that "certain something" that you can only find in choral events.

Let's get together – come on, come on ... !

We are convinced that this event will not only occur for the participants, but also for the people in this area as a valuable addition for their cultural life.

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In the Heart of Europe

Therefore we are sincerely inviting ambitious choirs from all countries to contribute to the 1st „Heart of Europe“ Choir Competition enabling them to present themselves as a part of cultural exchange on a high international artistic and technical level.

The picturesque old town of Gelnhausen with the „Obermarkt“ as the festival center provides perfect conditions for all activities. Another important fact: the connection between Gelnhausen and Frankfurt (City) Airport is very convenient as it is close by.

Last but not least: high artistic performance deserves high appreciation. Awards summing up to approx. 20.000 € are given to outstanding performances.



Gelnhausen - German City in the geographical hotspot of the European Union

Philosophy

Choirmusic is a marvellous thing – actually it is one of the most important cultural heritage of mankind. On the one hand singing in a choir means connecting people all over the world in countless events reflecting a social, cultural and musical exchange. On the other hand the choristers get connected to themselves by uniting their body, mind and soul as an individual contribution to the superior goal: sharing the love for music.

With the 1st „Heart of Europe“ Choir Competition we would like to provide a platform for artistic and cultural exchange. A place of integration and tolerance for the good intentions of a european and worldwide community. A stage for outstanding choral performances.

Located in a particular place, regarding the symbolic get-together of nations, cultures and societies: Gelnhausen, the German city in the geographical hotspot of the European Union. Right in the “Heart of Europe”.

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