

8th EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF ACCORDION ORCHESTRAS

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The Czech Accordion Association and the Concert and Travel Agency CTA Prague are organizing an International competition of accordion orchestras as a part of 8th European Accordion Festival in Prague.

The festival will be held in representative city halls.

All registered non professional accordion orchestras may participate. Accordion orchestras and friends from all over the world are welcome to this great international music show. Prague - our Golden City, invites you.

CATEGORIES:

I. JUNIOR ACCORDION ORCHESTRAS

Orchestras of 12 and more musicians (at least 70% of the members must be under the age 16 years). These bands may also include other instruments with at least 10 accordions. Free choice of programme, without any limitations.

II. CLASSICAL AND MODERN MUSIC

Orchestras of 12 and more musicians, no age limit, these bands may also include other instruments besides at least 10 accordions. Free choice of programme, with one original modern composition (Difficulty level: 5).

III. LIGHT MUSIC

Orchestras of 12 or more members with no age limit, either consisting mainly of accordions and of other instruments (where the accordion predominates). Free choice of programme.

The duration of performance

Please, be careful that you do not go beyond the time limit – in the 1st category max. 12 minutes, in the 2nd and in the 3rd category max. 15 minutes. This limit will the Jury control and break penalize.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2014

Scores

It is necessary to submit at least one score of compositions (copy) you have played to the Jury shortly before your performance.

Time table

Participating orchestras are required to register 30 minutes before their competition is advertised in the festival programme book by the competition leader or the person in charge of your group or your musical director.

Lots for the registered orchestras will be drawn on April 5, 2014 in Prague.

Jury

The Jury will consist of international distinguished artists, pedagogues and experts. The decision of the Jury is irrevocable and will be awarded with marks from 1 to 50.

Conductors can receive respective critics from the Jury chairman or from his authorized representative after all performances in writing.

The Jury reserves the right not to award prizes should it decide that the orchestras do not have sufficient artistic standard.

Festival prizes

for category winners are prepared valuable cups of the Bohemian crystal glass.

Organizers will award also other special prizes according to the recommendations of the Jury. All participating orchestras will get valuable certificates.

The absolute winner (Festival Laureate) is required to perform his short programme during award ceremony.

Costs

Traveling and accommodation costs are at the expense of participants.

Participation in the competition is obligatory for registered orchestras. The application fee in the cat. I. EUR 170.00 and in the cat. II. and III. EUR 200.00 should reach the Festival Secretariat CTA by **March 31, 2014** at latest.

Festival fee

EUR 30.00 per person will be required from the orchestras which do not book their stay (programme and accommodation) through the festival organizers.

Festival badge

(which includes programme book and festival souvenirs) authorizes entry to all competition events, admittance to the award ceremony and to all festival concerts except Gala concert. Obligatory for all visitors and members of the orchestras. Price: EUR 8.00 (Festival badge is already included in our accommodation and stay package – see application).

Accommodation

Will be offered in 3 categories and confirmed on a „first come first served“ basis. (please, see the application form and our Prague hotel offer)

Boarding

Participants can order meals in the restaurants of the Prague centre and in the hotel restaurants (EUR 10.00 per three courses menu).

The final invoice for each registered orchestra will be sent by the festival secretariat 2 weeks prior to final payment deadlines.

Notice

The Festival organizers decline all liability for accidents of any kind sustained by the participants during the festival. All supplementary instruments you'll need, you have to bring with!

Pavel Švarc, Festival manager

Ladislav Horák, Festival President

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THE FRAME PROGRAMME:

Thursday, May 29

6.00 pm Liben Castle, Zenklova str. 35/1, Prague 8 GPS: 50°6'27.368"N, 14°28'16.674"E
OPENING CONCERT by registered orchestras and ensembles

Friday, May 30

6.00 pm St. Salvator church, Prague 1
FESTIVAL CONCERT

8.00 pm "PRAGUE BY NIGHT" - Moldau boat trip with dinner and music

Saturday, May 31

8.00 am Concert Hall of Prague Conservatory, Dvořákovo nábř. 2, Prague 1
Rehearsals
10.30 am Public COMPETITION PERFORMANCES

4.30 pm Adjudication of all categories, presentation of special awards, performance of the
Festival Laureate

7.00 pm Hotel Prague
"GOOD-BYE PARTY" - with buffet dinner, music and dance
(for registered participants)

Sunday, June 1

touristic programme

- changes reserved -

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REGISTRATION FORM

(for orchestras and other participants)

Please send until March 31, 2014 to the festival office CTA

Na Hájku 367, 180 00 Praha 8, Czech Republic

Fax: +420 284 826 608 E-mail: cta@iol.cz

Our orchestra applies for participation in the 8th European Festival of Accordion Orchestras Prague 2014.

Orchestra's name _____

Orchestra's address Street _____

Area Code _____ City _____ Country _____

Phone: _____ / _____ E-mail: _____

Conductor's name and surname _____

Address, phone, fax (e-mail) _____

Number of players _____ Number of all participating persons _____

Our orchestra will participate in the following category / categories (please tick):

- ☐ I. Junior accordion orchestras
- ☐ II. Classical music
- ☐ III. Light music

Please arrange accommodation as follows:

☐ A: ***Hotel (triple rooms with shower, WC, TV)
EUR 109.00 per person SRS EUR 44.00, DRS EUR 31.00, ED EUR 30.00

☐ B: **** Hotel (triple rooms with shower, WC, TV, 10 minutes from city centre)
EUR 129.00 per person SRS EUR 75.00, DRS EUR 43.00, ED EUR 38.00

☐ C: *****Hotel Hilton www.prague.hilton.cz (in the city centre)
EUR 219.00 per person SRS EUR 108.00, ED EUR 65.00

SRS = single room surcharge DRS = double room surcharge per person ED = extra day

Every 21st person is free!

Total number of participants _____

Quantity and type of rooms requested: single rooms (SRS) _____ doubles _____ triples _____

Please contact us if you are not satisfied with our hotel offer.

Prices include the following services:

- 3 nights accommodation incl. breakfast
- festival fee
- 1 x guided sightseeing tour
- English speaking guide (only by more than 20 persons)
- Festival badge incl. programme book

We would like to participate at the concert (15-20 min.) on:

- ☐ Thursday, May 29
- ☐ Friday, May 30

Further requests:

..... festival badges	EUR	8.00
..... tickets for „Prague by Night“ with dinner and music	EUR	24.00
..... tickets for Good bye Party with dinner and music	EUR	10.00

The application fee EUR 200.00 (EUR 170.00) per orchestra and category please send by a bank transfer to the following bank account (nonreturnable):

Holder: Michal Švarc, Nad Kotlaskou IV 395E, 180 00 Praha 8
Bank: Komerční banka, a.s., branch Praha 8, CZ
Account Nr.: IBAN: CZ1901000000434698210277, Swift Code: KOMBCZPP

Deposit of 60% of the full price is due April 25, 2014 at the latest. Please forward to our festival account. All final payments including late bookings must be received prior to May 16, 2014.

Cancellation penalties:

- cancellation of full group or individuals, from April 26, 2014 administration fee of EUR 25.00 per person plus 50% of accommodation per person will apply
- cancellation of full group or individuals, from May 17, 2014 administration fee of EUR 25.00 per person plus 80% of accommodation per person will apply
- 3 days prior to arrival all payments are non refundable

We acknowledge the registration and participation conditions and enclose the following documentation:

- short biography of the orchestra - max. 10 lines
- a good photograph of the orchestra
- recording of the orchestra (at least two compositions)
- competition programme
- a copy of the bank transfer

Place, Date _____ Name and surname _____

Funktion within the orchestra _____ Signature _____