

# 4th Grieg International Choir Festival

14 - 18 September 2011 Bergen, Norway

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Welcome to join the festival in a program celebrating the art of choral singing.

Together we create memorable days for the future.

## COMPETITIONS - CONCERTS - EVENTS

Sacred music

Secular music

Folk music

Contemporary music

## Grieg Grand Prix

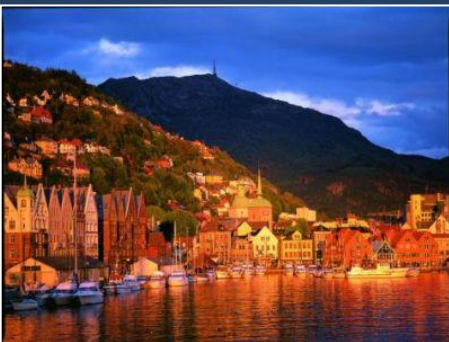
Concerts with participating choirs

“Sing together CARMINA BURANA”



Photo from “Sing together CARMINA BURANA” 2007

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Bergen



The winner of Grieg Grand Prix 2009:  
SOFIA VOKALENSEMBLE, Sweden



Grieghallen

# PROGRAM

## COMPETITIONS

### Categories

The competition is open to amateur choirs in all choral categories  
Each choir may participate in one or two of the following categories:

1. Sacred music
2. Secular music
3. Folk songs
4. Contemporary music

The categories are all without level of difficulty, and there is no compulsory piece.

### Repertoire and performance

In all the categories the repertoire must be a cappella.  
The length of the program must be max. 12 minutes (pure singing)

In the sacred music and secular music categories, the program must include:

- A work from the choirs country or area
- A work of a Norwegian composer
- Works of free choice

In the folk song category, the program must include:

- A work based on the folk song from the choir's country or area
- A work/arrangement by a contemporary composer that is based on folk music (*written in 1970 or later*)
- Works of free choice

In the contemporary music category, the program must include:

- A work from the choirs country or area written in 1991 or later
- A work of a Nordic composer written in 1991 or later.
- Works of free choice written after 1991.

## JURY

The choirs will be assessed by an international jury. The jury has the right to award the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes in each category. Adjudicator will give one point of the used the scale 10-25 points for each choir in each category. The final point will be the average of the given point from the jury. In case a choir exceeds the time limit for more than 30 seconds, each extra minute will equal to 1 minus point in the total score.

Prizes in each of the five categories:

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1st Prize € 1500

2nd Prize € 1000

3rd Prize € 600

**Grieg Grand Prix:** The contestants will be chosen by the jury from the participating choirs. The performance time is limited to 12 minutes. The contestants will do a program of their own choice. The winner of the Grand Prix is the choir with the highest point which will be the average of the given point from the jury. The decision of the jury is final and will not be submitted to further discussion.

**Grieg Grand Prix: € 4 000**

## Concerts & events

### Concerts

will be scheduled with participating choirs in the centre of Bergen and the surrounding area. The concerts will take place at churches, open-air venues and concert halls such as The Grieg Hall, Trolldaugen (Edvard Grieg's home) and Håkonshallen (at Bergenhus Castle). Each concert will be composed of 4-6 of choirs singing 15-20 minutes program.

### “Sing together CARMINA BURANA”

Choirs, as well as individuals, may join a festival choir and perform Orffs Carmina Burana with symphony orchestra and soloists during the festival. Participants must know the music, and bring their own score for the performance.

### Church service

On Sunday morning your choir may participate at a church service (protestant).

## Tentative schedule

### 4. Grieg International Choir Festival, 14. - 18. September 2011

#### Wed 14. September

18.00 Festival opening &  
Competition: Contemporary music

20.00 Concerts with participating choirs

#### Thur 15. September

17.00- Competition: Sacred music

20.00 Concerts with participating choirs

#### Fri 16. September

10.00 - Competition: Secular music

14.00 - Competition: Folk music

18.30 Concerts with participating choirs

(19.00 Rehearsal Carmina Burana for participating singers)  
21.00 Concert: **“Sing together Carmina Burana”**

#### Sat 17. September

11.00-14.00 Concerts/“Singers corner”/Open-air concerts with participating choirs

15.00-16.30 Grieg Grand Prix

20.00 Closing event

#### Sun 18. September

11.00 Church service

13.00 Concerts with participating choirs

## CONDITIONS

**Registration fee:** € 175 per choir, which will not be refunded.

**Deadline for registration:** 1. April 2011

**Deadline for final payment:** 1. June 2011

**Cancellation:** Cancellation must be forwarded in writing.  
Between 1. April and 1. August: 70 % of the paid amount will be refunded. After 1 August no refund should be expected.

**Rates:** Net rates are calculated and they are given in EURO

**Travel and accommodation:** At the expense of participating choirs.

Accommodation can be booked online: <http://www.visitbergen.com/en/>  
or the festival can be at help on request

Transfer to/from airport can be organized on request.

**Participation fee:** Each participant must pay participation fee **Euro 50** which includes:  
Participation and entrance in all festival events.

**General rules:** The Organizing Committee accepts no legal responsibility whatsoever in respect of anything pertaining to a choir's participation in the Festival.

Participation in the Festival implies acceptance of rules and regulations.

The Festival has the right to use radio and TV recordings at their own discretion, excluding any fees to the participants.

**APPLICATION:** before 1. April 2011  
Download application form [www.griegfestival.no](http://www.griegfestival.no)  
or contact [post@griegfestival.no](mailto:post@griegfestival.no)

