



2009 Taiwan International Contemporary A Cappella Festival

- International Competition -

Objective

Our competition welcomes all *amateur* singers from all culture backgrounds to meet in Taiwan and share their music. The core spirit of our competition is to demonstrate the beauty of choral ensemble music, to promote intercultural communications among vocal groups, and to motivate music dialogues between generations. By joining our festival, I assure you that you will find music feast, warm friendship, culture exchange and unforgettable experiences of a lifetime!

2009 Festival Timetable and Important Deadlines

- May 01, Application deadline
Qualification determination process begins
- May 15, Qualification announcement
- Jun. 15, Registration deadline
- Aug. 15, All required information sent to TCMC
- Oct. 17, Taiwan National Competition
(Taiwan groups only)
- Oct. 18, Taiwan International Competition



Klangbezirk, Germany. 1st Prize, 2007

Competition Details

■ APPLICATION and QUALIFICATION

Deadline: May 1st, 2009

For application, each group should send us the required information listed below. Once we receive your COMPLETE application materials, everything will undergo a reviewing process by our committee. The group's qualification will be announced no later than *May 15th, 2009*. Application materials must include:

- 1) Application form (Please see "Appendix I")
- 2) Group information in English
- 3) 10-minute newly recorded (within 1 year) audio file.

There are 2 required songs:

- ◆ One song in your native language
- ◆ One song in English
- ◆ All song must be a cappella pieces

* For Mailing Information, please see last page.



FOOL MOON, Hungary 1st Prize, 2006



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■ REGISTRATION

Deadline: June 15th, 2009

After qualification announcement is made, groups with confirmed qualification should start the registration process. Each group should send us the following materials to confirm their enrollment in our competition:

- 1) Acceptance letter
- 2) Passport copy/scan
- 3) Passport photo
- 4) Group press kit (for PR purposes): Photos in good quality; CDs published; award granted.
- 5) Registration fee: € 100EURO or \$130USD. This fee is not refundable. Fee is waived for groups sent by our festival partners:

- top 3 winner groups from *vokal.total.2008 International A Cappella Competition* (Graz, Austria)
- top winner group from *Korea National A Cappella Competition* (Seoul, Korea)



O-KAI SINGERS, Taiwan. 2nd Prize 2006

* For the information regards to international bank wire transfer, please refer to the last page.

■ COMPETITION RULES

Please review the competition rules carefully:

- i. The top 3 winner groups from the *Taiwan National Competition* will join the *Taiwan International Competition*.
- ii. Each group must consist no less than 3 and no more than 8 people.
- iii. Competition program must contain the following 3 songs:
 - ♦ One song in your native language
 - ♦ One song in English
 - ♦ One song of your choice
- iv. All songs must be a cappella pieces; no tonal instrument is allowed.
- v. Please send the scores of your competition program to TCMC before **August 15th, 2009.**
- vi. Each group should perform at least three required pieces mentioned above. The total on-stage performance time allowed is **15 minutes**, including applause, talking, and bridging between songs.
- vii. Competition has a prize for the best vocal percussionist. Vocal percussion is only recommended but not mandatory.



Focal+, Taiwan Best Vocal Percussion 2007



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- viii. The organizer will provide eight directional microphones at the competition venue.
- ix. For groups that DON'T have soundmen: the organizer will provide a head sound engineer that will help all groups during sound check and competition.
- x. For groups that DO have soundmen. Your soundman may not control the organizer's mixer and console. He/She can communicate with the organizer's head sound engineer during the sound check and the organizer's sound engineer controls the sound during competition. For groups that insist to control their own sound, the groups' soundmen may bring their own mixers and connect to our console. Please note the electricity voltage in Taiwan is 110v.
- xi. The work that wins The Best Choral Arrangement must be unpublished prior to our competition. TCMC owns the rights to distribute the score to other groups and perform in Taiwan.
- xii. No synthesizer accompaniment is allowed.
- xiii. All songs should have at least three voice parts.
- xiv. At any given moment on stage, the participating groups may change the numbers of members according to the voice parts required; however, any non-registered singers may not be on the stage at any given time.
- xv. No singer should represent more than one group to compete on-stage.
- xvi. Change of competition program is permitted before **Aug 15th. 2009.**
- xvii. Those groups which have competed in the previous year's competition, you may not perform the songs you sang at last year's competition.

■ JURY and JUDITARY

All our jury members are internationally acclaimed experts in their fields of profession. The evaluation is based on 70% of technical and artistic performance, and 30% of stage performance

■ GENERAL INFORMATION

- i. International competitors will be offered a 3-night free accommodation.
- ii. Competitors will have to pay for their own meals and transportations in Taipei.
- iii. The organizer will provide a local guide, volunteered by students in Taiwan, for each international group.
- iv. Extended tours and concerts can be arranged by the organizer, please feel free to ask.



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- v. ACCOMODATION: In order to prevent last minute cancellation problem, we have to collect € 30EURO or \$40USD per person in advance. The amount will be returned to you after checking into your hotel in Taipei. Reservation will not be made until this deposit has been received. (The earlier we receive the deposit, the earlier we can make the reservation, in which case the group members are more likely to be able to stay in the same hotel.)
- * For the information regards to international bank wire transfer, please refer to the last page
- vi. Each group is responsible for its own flight expense. TCMC's expense only covers all the competing singers and one (1) additional non-singing member Any other personnel(s) come with the group will be at his/her own expense.
- vii. The participating groups will receive the following documents after the competition:
- 1) A written evaluation based on the assessment of the jury
 - 2) One photo of the group in performance
 - 3) The competition DVD

■ AWARDS

The competition will give out both group prizes and individual prizes. In addition to that, each group that participates in the competition will receive a diploma for joining our competition.

- i. *Prizes:* There are 4 group prizes and 3 individual prizes.

Group Prizes	1st Prize	NTD\$30,000
	2nd Prize	NTD\$20,000
	3rd Prize	NTD\$10,000
	Best Stage Performance	NTD\$5,000
Individual Prizes	Best Choral Arrangement	NTD\$5,000
	Best Solo or Lead Voice	NTD\$3,000
	Best Vocal Percussionist	NTD\$3,000

- ii. *Diploma:* Each group will be ranked with gold, silver or bronze diploma according to the points received.
- iii. If no group meets the standard set by the jury, the prize will not be awarded.



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TERMS and CONDITION

- i. Participants must be 18 years old or older; any participants under this age limit must apply for special permit from the organizer.
- ii. The Organizing Committee reserves the rights to decide which group may participate in the competition.
- iii. The Organizing Committee reserves the rights to all radio and television broadcasts and to any recording, filming and photographing of the competition without reimbursement to the participants.
- iv. The participating groups are responsible for complying with all domestic and international copyright laws.
- v. According to the laws of income tax: the Organizing Committee has to deduct 20% of the winner prize for reporting the tax returns **in 2009**.
- vi. By sending the Registration Form and Acceptance Letter back to TCMC, the participating group agrees with all terms and conditions written in this document.

The organizer's information:

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Taipei, 10049, Taiwan, R.O.C.
email: info@tcmc.org.tw
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FAX: +886-2-23519197



SJTone, Korea. Best Vocal Percussion 2006

International bank transfer information:

BANK OF TAIWAN / KUNG KUAN Branch
#120 Section 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei, Taiwan. R.O.C.
Swift Code: BKTWTWTP034
Bank Code: 004
Account Number: 034 007 029 869
Account Name: NEW CHORAL FOUNDATION



Kaichiro Kitamura. Vocal Percussion Performance, 2007



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Appendix I - Application Form

1. Group Information

Group Name			
Contact Person 1 (Group Leader)	Passport #		
	E-mail		
	Telephone		
Contact Person 2	Passport #		
	E-mail		
	Telephone		
Address of both Contact Person		Skype / MSN	
Description of the Group, in English	(use extra page if necessary)		

2. Personal Information

On-Stage Competing Singers Information							
No	Passport Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Voice Part	Nationality	Passport No.	E-mail
1							
2							
3							
4							
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6							
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Extra one person's Information (non-performers, ex: Soundman or manager)						
No.	Passport Name	Date of Birth	Gender	What's your role?	Passport No.	E-mail
9						

※ Please send passport and photo copy. JPG files are accepted.

3. Competition Repertoire

Repertoire	Composer	Lyrics	Arranger	Soloist	Vocal Percussionist	Language	Any non-tonal Instrument?
1/			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Native	
2/			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Native	
3/			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Native	

※ Please refer to competition guideline for materials required for qualification determination.

※ Please check the box “” if you wish to apply for individual prizes in that category for that song.

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5. Registration fee: Registration fee: €100EURO or \$130USD. This fee is not refundable. Fee is waived for groups sent by our festival partners. Please refer to competition guideline for detail

6. Hotel Reservation fee: €30EURO or \$40USD per person Please refer to competition guideline for detail.

7. Please contact us if you are interested about opportunities in additional touring concerts.

8. International bank transfer information:

Name: Bank of Taiwan, Kung Kuan Branch
 Address: No.120, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Rd. Taipei 10091, Taiwan R.O.C.
 Swift Code: BKTWTWTP034
 Account No: 034-007-02986-9
 Account Name: New Choral Foundation

9. For further information, please contact the organizer:

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