

CHORAL COMPETITIONS

- See 'General Competition Rules' and 'General Festival Rules' as well as the following.
- Entry Fee for each choral competition is €20.
- Entries to be submitted to the national organizer by **20th March 2024**.
- A master copy of each song to be submitted with entry form. Photocopies are not acceptable due to copyright.
- All choirs to have master copies of the songs for each of the judges on the day prior to competing. These will be returned to the choir after the competition.
- Feedback in writing can be provided for the choirs by the judges after the competitions by requesting them in writing from Competition Coordinator.
- All part songs must be unaccompanied except for Competitions E & H.
- In Pan Celtic Competitions Penillion Singing is not regarded as accompanied.
- To qualify as a new entrant a choir must not have entered for the previous two years.
- Each choir must consist of ten (10) persons, at least.
- Three (3) instruments is the maximum permitted in choral competitions with accompaniment. Percussion of any kind is considered an instrument in such competitions.

COMPETITION A: Mixed Choirs (S.A.T.B)

Two songs of choirs' choice in their Celtic language.

1st Prize: Perpetual Trophy & €250;

2nd Prize: Plaque & €200.

COMPETITION B: Mixed Rural Choirs (S.A.T.B) Population under 15,000.

Two songs of choirs' choice in their Celtic language.

1st Prize: Perpetual Trophy (Glór na nGael Cup) & €250;

2nd Prize: €200.

NOTE: Choirs from rural towns or rural areas are not confined to competition B. It is possible to compete in Competition A, if desired. (Enter one competition only - A or B)

COMPETITION C: Female Choirs (3 or 4 parts)

Two songs of choirs' choice in their Celtic language.

1st Prize: Perpetual Trophy & €200;

2nd Prize: €150.

COMPETITION D: Male Choirs (3 or 4 parts)

Two songs of choirs' choice in their Celtic language.

1st Prize: Perpetual Trophy (ITGWU Cup) & €200;

2nd Prize: €150.

COMPETITION E: YOUNG PEOPLE – Senior Competition (Age: 12 – 19 Years)

Two songs (2, 3 or 4 parts) of choirs' choice in their Celtic language. Both songs may be performed with accompaniment.

1st Prize: Perpetual Trophy & €150;

2nd Prize: €100.

COMPETITION H: Open Competition for Choirs (with accompaniment)

Two songs of choir's choice in their Celtic language.

1st Prize: €150;

2nd Prize: €100.

COMPETITION I: Traditional Group Singing (*sponsored by Oireachtas na Gaeilge*)

Unaccompanied unison singing - two songs, old or new, in choir's Celtic language, sung in the native style. Translations are not acceptable.

1st Prize: Cearnaire na nEaltan - Perpetual Trophy & €500;

2nd Prize: €300.

The Pan Celtic Trophy & €200 will be awarded for the best performance by any choir, at the discretion of the adjudicators.

A trophy & €200 will be awarded for the best song performed by a non-prizewinning choir.