



# IX BALTIC CHOIR COMPETITION 2026

6-7.06.2026

## CHOIR COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I Competition Organisers

Organisers:

Koszalin Philharmonic

"Pomerania Cantat" Association in Koszalin

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Competition Director: Radosław Wilkiewicz, tel. + 48 604 222 543

Artistic Council: Radosław Wilkiewicz, Robert Wasilewski, Bogdan Narloch, Monika Zytke

### II Goals of the Competition

1. Popularization of the idea of choral singing.
2. Performance confrontation and gaining artistic experience by participants.
3. Improving the performance level of choirs and conductors, expanding and presenting the repertoire.
4. Exchange of experiences and creative thoughts, creating interpersonal bonds and consolidating the choral environment, also in terms of generations.
5. Interest in choral music to a wider audience.

### III Assumptions of the Competition

1. Only amateur choir groups from Poland and abroad can participate in the Competition.
2. The competition takes place in four categories:
  - A - school choirs (choir members must be of school age - up to 19 years of age)
  - B - adult choirs (choir members must be over 18 years old).
  - C – senior choirs (choir members must be over 60 years old)
  - D – open in terms of age (choirs that cannot be assigned to categories A, B or C).
  - E – vocal groups (open age category, maximum 12 singers).In categories A, B, C up to 15% of team members may deviate from the age requirements.
3. In categories A, B, C, D, teams must have a minimum of 12 singers on stage.
4. In all categories, teams prepare a program of songs for the Jury's evaluation, at least 2 of which will be sung a cappella. There will be a piano on the stage. The total time the band stays on stage cannot exceed 15 minutes.
5. The choirs' performances will be assessed by a jury composed of recognized choral authorities appointed by the organizers. The jury will evaluate the following elements: intonation, timbre, voice emission, interpretation, verbal and musical articulation, musical expression and selection of repertoire. The jury's verdict is final. The jury report will be published on the competition website after the official announcement of the results.
6. In each category there is: the Main Prize and, depending on the number of points obtained, Diplomas: Gold, Silver, Bronze with the specified number of points received (max. 100 points). All teams receive a diploma of participation in the Competition.
7. In each category, the Moniuszko Laurel will be awarded for the best performance of a work or arrangement of a work by Stanisław Moniuszko.

8. In each category, the Kashubian Laurel will be awarded for the best performance of a work in the Kashubian language.
9. The organizers also reserve the possibility of special prizes, in cash and in kind, depending on financial possibilities and sponsors obtained.
10. Based on artistic considerations, the jury may not award individual prizes or may divide them differently in consultation with the competition organizers.

#### **IV Organization of the Competition**

1. The competition is organized every year alternately, in Koszalin and Słupsk. In 2026, the competition will be held in Koszalin.
2. Choirs that want to take part in the competition in 2026 should send a completed APPLICATION FORM by March 31, 2026 to pomeraniacantat.bkch@gmail.com. The application must include: scores of the competition program (readable PDF), curriculum vitae, good quality photo of the band (e.g. 300 DPI, suitable for printing), recording or link to an audio/video recording. Please send applications with attachments electronically to pomeraniacantat.bkch@gmail.com or on an electronic medium to the address of the competition office with the note: Baltic Choir Competition "Pomerania Cantat".
3. The decision to qualify the band for the Competition is made by the Artistic Council by April 10, 2026, based on the submitted recordings and, in the case of a large number of applications, based on the order in which they were sent.
4. Qualified teams are obliged to pay a participation fee of PLN 400. The participation fee must be paid no later than April 30, 2026 to the account of the Pomerania Cantat Association : PL61 1140 2004 0000 3802 7703 4268 with the note: Baltic Choir Competition "Pomerania Cantat".
5. The competition auditions will take place on June 06-07, 2026 in the Koszalin Philharmonic Concert Hall, ul. Piastowska 2. The time of the auditions will be given in the notification of the team's qualification to the competition. The results will be announced along with the final concert on June 07. 2026 afternoon at the Koszalin Philharmonic.
6. The organisers will not cover any travel expenses.
7. Organisation and costs of accommodations and meals belongs to participants.
8. The organisers hold the right to audio and video recording of the participating choirs.
9. The participating choirs are responsible for the scores used during the competition and any copyright laws applying to them.

Competition Director

Radosław Wilkiewicz