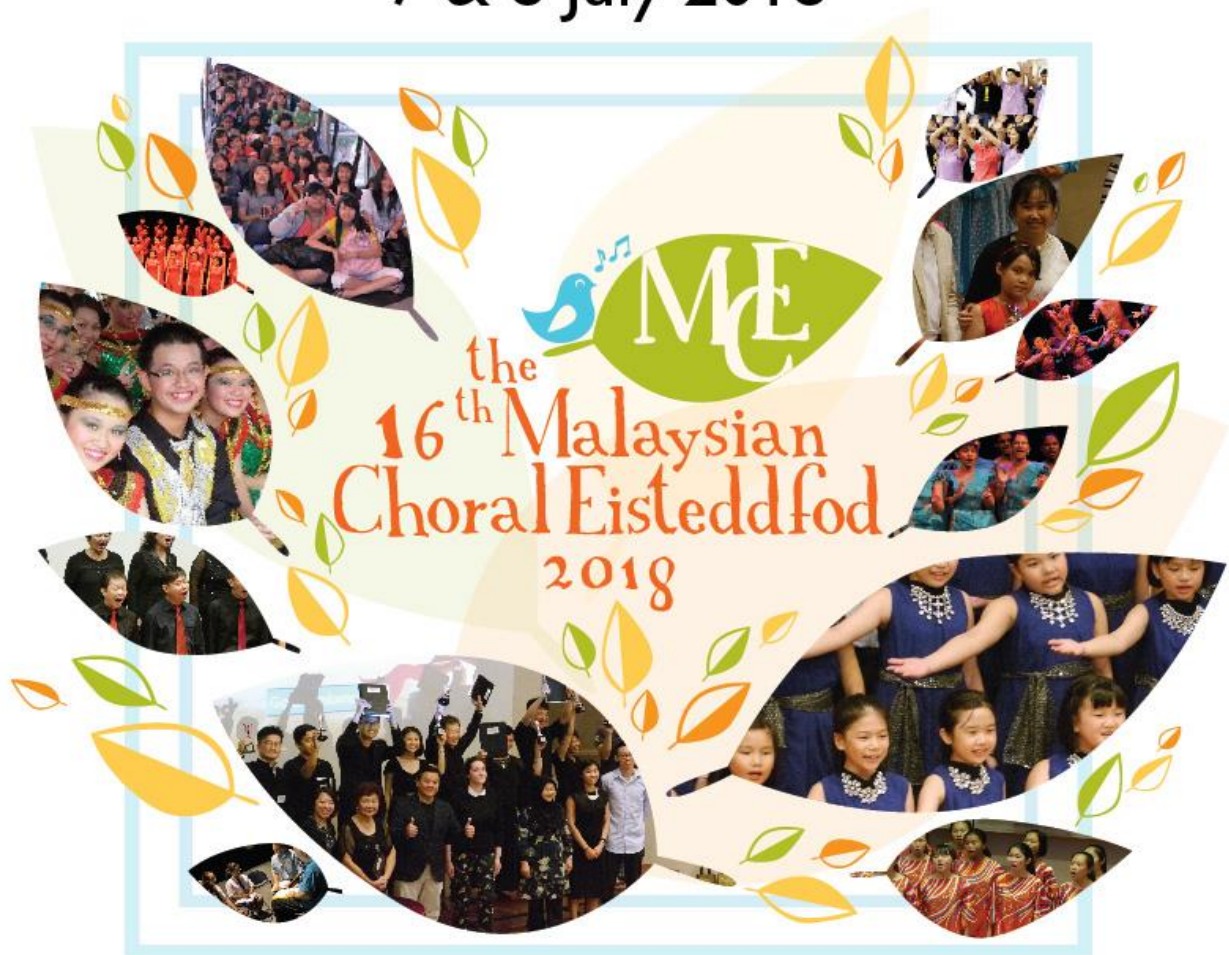


NATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION

7 & 8 July 2018



CATEGORIES AVAILABLE

PRIMARY SCHOOL | SECONDARY SCHOOL | KINDERGARTEN SHOWCASE

REGISTRATION FEE : RM30 PER PARTICIPANT
(INCLUDING CONDUCTOR & ACCOMPANIST)

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COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Choirs may take part in the following **THREE (3) Categories** in the Competition:

- i. Category A: Primary School Choirs**
- ii. Category B: Secondary School Choirs**
- iii. Category C: Kindergarten Showcase**

For Category A & B: Primary & Secondary School Choirs

1. The **minimum** number of singers allowed (not inclusive of conductor and accompanist) in each category for each participating choir is **20 singers**, there is **NO** maximum number of singers allowed for each category.
2. Each choir must prepare a programme of **TWO (2) CONTRASTING PIECES, one freely chosen and one song in Bahasa Malaysia** which may be **accompanied** or **unaccompanied**. If accompanied, they should only be with a **piano**. Recorded playbacks or backing tracks are **NOT** allowed. Choirs are welcome to perform pieces in any language and from any time period, including original compositions or commissions. Choirs are encouraged to choose works that highlight their particular talents or background and demonstrate a range of styles.
3. Each choir is allowed a **maximum pure singing time of 8 minutes**. This is **NOT** inclusive of walking on and off the stage. The start of timing will begin when the first note of each piece is sung and will conclude at the final note of each piece. Timing will be restarted at the beginning of the next piece. The time to enter and exit the stage will not be included, nor will the time in between pieces. Choirs exceeding the maximum pure singing time will be penalized **2 points for every 30 seconds**, from their total score.

For Category C: Kindergarten Choirs

1. The **maximum** number of singers allowed (not inclusive of conductor and accompanist) is **25 singers**.
2. Each Choir should prepare a programme of **TWO (2) CONTRASTING PIECES, both freely chosen** which may be **accompanied** or **unaccompanied**. If accompanied, they should only be with a **piano**. Recorded playbacks or backing tracks are **NOT** allowed. Songs may include the use of small props, costumes and theatrical elements.
3. Each choir is allowed a **maximum pure singing time of 8 minutes**. This is **NOT** inclusive of walking on and off the stage. The start of timing will begin when the first note of each piece is sung and will conclude at the final note of each piece. Timing will be restarted at the beginning of the next piece. The time to enter and exit the stage will not be included, nor will the time in between pieces. Choirs exceeding the maximum pure singing time will be penalized **2 points for every 30 seconds**, from their total score.

For ALL Choirs

1. Registration fee is **RM30.00** per participant (**including conductor and accompanist**) for each Category. The fee covers the cost of an individual certificate of participation, competition fee, combined singing session, snacks and a drink.
2. For each choir, a maximum of **ONE (1)** accompanying teacher for every 10 students will be permitted. (Eg: 30 participants = 3 accompanying teachers allowed only).
3. Each choir must submit **FIVE (5) sets of scores** for the Jury, along with their Registration Form. This may be in the form of **hard copies** of scores or **licensed electronic copies** obtained from the publisher or composer. Scores must be **original scores**, and will be returned to the conductor/choirs at the end of the competition. Submitted scores must be in conventional **stave notation**.
4. The conductor of a choir may be allowed to conduct a different choir or choirs in either categories of the Competition.
5. The Organizers reserve the right to record performances of choirs during the Competition, as well as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies for archive purposes.

EVALUATION AND JUDGING CRITERIA

1. The Competition Jury will consist of a panel of international choral experts.
2. The evaluation of the Competition will be based on an international evaluation system, according to the following criteria:
 - i. **Technical Evaluation**
 - a) Intonation
 - b) Sound quality of the choir
 - ii. **Artistic Evaluation**
 - c) Fidelity to the score
 - d) Overall artistic impression
3. The final result is calculated from the total sum of all final scores of the jury. The lowest and highest scores will be disregarded.
4. According to the final result from all final scores of the jury, choirs will be awarded the following **Diplomas**:

GOLD Diploma	A grade	90 points and above
	B grade	85 points to 89.90 points
	C grade	80 points to 84.90 points
SILVER Diploma	A grade	75 points to 79.90 points
	B grade	70 points to 74.90 points
	C grade	65 points to 69.90 points
BRONZE Diploma	A grade	60 points to 64.90 points
	B grade	55 points to 59.90 points
	C grade	40 points to 54.90 points
5. All decisions of the Jury will be considered **final** and cannot be contested.
6. All choirs will receive written copies of their adjudicated scores.

PRIZES AND AWARDS:

Each category will present the following awards:

- GOLD Diploma** (80 points and above)
- SILVER Diploma** (65 – 79 points)
- BRONZE Diploma** (40 – 64 points)

The choir which is awarded a **GOLD Diploma** with the highest marks will be named **Category Winner** of the respective category.

Choirs which do not receive any Diplomas will receive a **Certificate of Participation** for their performances.

The Jury may award the following **Special Awards** at their discretion:

- **Jury Prize**
 - For outstanding musical direction (for conductors) or accompanist (for pianists) of the choir during the Competition.
 - Student conductors are **not** eligible for this award.
- **Most Promising Choir (Primary School Category)**
 - For a Primary School choir, demonstrating outstanding potential during the Competition.
- **Most Promising Choir (Secondary School Category)**
 - For a Secondary School choir, demonstrating outstanding potential during the Competition.
- **Most Promising Choir (Kindergarten Category)**
 - For a Kindergarten Category choir, demonstrating outstanding potential during the Competition.

Registration deadline is **Saturday, 2nd June 2018**. All necessary documents including **original scores** and **Registration Form** must reach the Organizers by this date.

Competition Schedule

Competition schedule subject to change

- 7th July** Afternoon: Arrivals / Registration, Primary School Choir Competition, 2 representatives from each choir to meet the jury and announcement of results.
- 8th July** Morning: Arrivals / Registration / Kindergarten choir and Secondary School Choir Competition, 2 representatives from each choir meet the juries session (Secondary/ Open Categories)
Announcement of Results and Closing Ceremony

***The organizer do not provide transportation to all participants.*

***Detailed schedule will be given to all participation choirs after closing date.*

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REGISTRATION FORM

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Please submit a short biography (maximum 250 words) and a recent high-resolution photo of your choir together with this Registration Form.

Name of Choir / Choral Organization / School			
Mailing Address			
Name of Contact Person			
Contact number:		Email	
Number of Participants (including Conductor and Accompanist)		Number of accompanying persons	

ART 2: CHOIR INFORMATION

Name of Participating Choir (as printed in Certificate)	
Name of Conductor (as printed in Certificate)	
Name of Accompanist (as printed in Certificate)	
Category of Participation	<p>Please tick the relevant categories:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Category A:</u> Primary School Choirs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Category B:</u> Secondary School Choirs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Category C:</u> Kindergarten Showcase</p>

PART 3: COMPETITION REPERTOIRE

We require **FIVE (5) sets of ORIGINAL scores for EACH work / piece**, together with the completed Registration Form to reach the Organizers by **Saturday, 2nd June 2018**.

Titles of Works / Pieces	Duration	Name of Composer / Arranger
1)		
2)		

By signing below, the participating choir warrants, represents, and agrees, that i) all information provided above is true and correct ii) the requisite permissions and all other rights thereof have been obtained to perform the music and all other elements in the competition performance.

Authorised Signature / Official Stamp / Date:

PART 4: CHECKLIST FOR CHOIRS

Please tick

1.	Completed Application Form	
2.	Choir Biography and Photo (high resolution only)	
3.	Five (5) sets of original scores of each work/piece performed during the Competition	
4.	Registration Fee: (RM30.00 per person in each choir, including Conductor and Accompanist)	

Please send the completed Registration Form together with all accompanying documents (choir biography and photo, five (5) sets of original scores for each work/piece) to reach the Organizers by the **Closing Date: Saturday, 2nd June 2018**.

Please send/email all documents to address below:

Young Choral Academy Sdn Bhd
114A Jalan Burhanuddin Helmi, Taman Tun Dr. Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur
Email: youngchoral@gmail.com

Payment details:

- 1) Cheque made payable to 'Young Choral Academy Sdn Bhd'
- 2) Bank transfer to **Young Choral Academy Sdn Bhd**
Bank Account no: **Maybank 5142 7144 0101**
Please send us bank-in slip upon payment to: youngchoral@gmail.com