



## Chorus Contest Information



### En Armonía 2019

We hope this document will give you all the information you need for a trouble-free contest.

Please take the time to read all the information.

The contest will take place on **Saturday 6th April 2019**

**All contestants and supporters must be in possession of valid SABS Convention Registration.**

**All contestants must read and comply with the SABS Contest Rules Rev 2017.**

**All SABS National Contestants must be fully paid up members of SABS at least 2 months before contest.**

The contest will be held in accordance with the current SABS rules with which you should be familiar.

#### **CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Please ensure you complete the Chorus Contest Entry Form and submit it by email to the CA team at [contestadmin@sabs.es](mailto:contestadmin@sabs.es) no later than **31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**.

#### **The Stage**

There will not be a shell. The risers will be accessed from stage right. There will be no curtains. There is a limited amount of 'stage familiarisation' time (for 2 or 3 members of your chorus) available on Friday – see the SABS programme for details.

#### **On the Day**

Prior to the contest please assemble, dressed ready to go on stage, at the Courier Desk at your report time where you will be collected by a courier and taken to the warm-up room. Contestants are advised not to bring valuable items into the system as they remain the responsibility of the owner at all times. If you need to bring a handbag, please bring a small one. These will be collected prior to performance and returned afterwards.

As soon as you are in the warm-up room you are in a timed programme. You will have 20 minutes in warm-up.

The courier will give a 5 minute warning, followed by a 2 minute warning.

The next instruction will be "Time to move".

Water will be available in the warm-up rooms.

Each chorus has been given 13 minutes stage time. This is to include entrance, song 1, applause, song 2, applause and exit.

There will be an official photographer taking photographs during your performance.

### **Contestant Announcement**

When the chorus is ready the MD should indicate their readiness to the Stage Manager. When the judges are ready the MC will announce your chorus:

***Stewards please close the doors - can we have the house lights down. Contestant number.....  
From.....Under the direction of..... Chorus Name.....***

There will be no further signal to start singing in either song.

If there is a false start to either song, the MD should stop the singing and restart the song. It should be noted that the Presentation Judge will continue to judge the performance but Singing and Music judges will restart their marking at the recommencement of the song.

You will leave the stage after your performance stage left.

After your performance you are free to enter the auditorium and await the results.

The awards ceremony will take place following the mic-coolers' performance.

**Trophy winners are reminded that they are responsible for engraving the trophy and returning the trophy for the following year.**

### **Judges' Table**

Competitors and their guests are advised that judges are not permitted to talk with competitors or members of the audience during the contest and the award presentations.

Please do not approach the Judges area for score sheets. These will be available from the SABS Desk as soon as possible after the contest.

### **Evaluation**

A brief bullet point summary written evaluation will be distributed to each competitor. If possible, we will distribute this over the convention weekend or it will be sent to each competitor as soon as possible after convention.

### **SABS Shows**

The medal winners in the SABS national and International contest will be asked to sing on the Saturday show. We would like you to include your contest package in your show package, plus 1 or 2 songs, depending on the length of your spot.

SABS would like the SABS National gold medal winning chorus to return to be mic warmers the following year and perform other duties such as door stewards, couriers etc.

**No photography, audio, or video recording is permitted during the contest**

### **RISER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

If any of your chorus is able to help with moving and erecting the risers over the weekend, please email: [convention@sabs.es](mailto:convention@sabs.es)