

NATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION FOR BUDDING
YOUNG SINGERS OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

„CZECH SINGING“
(“ČESKO ZPÍVÁ“)



Rules of competition in its 12th year „Czech Singing 2018“

I. ABOUT THE COMPETITION

CZECH SINGING (ČESKO ZPÍVÁ) is a contemporary national competition in singing with international participation from Slovakia, Poland, Russia ... The competition is open to all amateur singers aged between 9 and 26 year.

The competition is divided into **two age categories** (*the age on the date of the Final 2 is decisive – 7th April 2018*).

- **Solo singers 9 - 14 years**
- **Solo singers 15 - 26 years**

The competition has four rounds: **auditions, qualifying round, semi-final, final.**

Kamila Nývltová, a solo front singer of the Broadway Theatre, Hybernia Theatre and Karlin Musical Theatre, is the patron of the competition "CZECH SINGING".

The contest is organized by association TŠ Bonifác, z.s., in co-operation with the agency Art Presto s.r.o.

WHAT CAN THE COMPETITION BRING TO YOUNG SINGERS?

- expert opinion and advice on their singing performance,
- opportunity to sing on professional stage,
- prizes from the sponsors of the competition,
- original piece of art (wrought iron sculpture from the workshop of an artistic blacksmith),
- consulting in the field of music production,
- personal meeting with celebrities of the Czech music scene,
- participation in social and cultural events,
- new friends.

II. HOW TO ENTER

Competitors are to fill an **online application form**, available on the official website www.cesko-zpiva.cz/en. The data in the registration form must be true and complete. Each contestant thus agrees that in case of their advance from the auditions round their personal data will be published on the website of the contest.

Participants must provide a record of their singing. The record must meet following requirements:

- **must be in Czech language / their native language (competitors from abroad)** (*competitive song for all rounds of the contest*),
- must not be longer than **3 minutes**,
- as a musical background it is possible to use a musical instrument or music without any other solo singing (recorded vocals or chorus are permitted).

After completing and sending the online application form, the competitor will pay **registration fee of 300 CZK** into the bank account of the organizer within 5 working days. The application is invalid without the payment of the fee.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Bank account number: **19-2904372359 / 0800** (*Česká spořitelna*)

Variable symbol: **date of birth in the form ddmmyyyy** (e.g. June 25, 1998 = 25061998). Competitor states his name in message for the recipient for easier identification of the payment.

IBAN: CZ25 0800 0000 1929 0437 2359 (*for payments from abroad*)

BIC: GIBACZPX (*for payments from abroad*)

The competitor will receive a **confirmation of the application** by production of the competition via an email within 10 working days and than a **confirmation of payment of the registration fee**.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY the 31st JANUARY 2018.

III. OTHER CONDITIONS

During the competition participants **cannot change the song**.

It is not possible to appeal against the decisions of the jury in any round.

Competitors who finished in first place in previous years are not allowed to participate in the same age category.

Competitors who finished in second and third places are not allowed to participate in the same category next year.

IV. AUDITIONS

The jury will select a number of competitors from all participants who have fulfilled the conditions of the competition and enter them into the next round (12. - 15. February 2018).

List of competitors, who enter into qualifying round, will be published on the website www.cesko-zpiva.cz/en no later than February 19, 2018.

Competitors will receive an e-mail regarding their result (by 19th of February 2018).

V. QUALIFYING ROUND

The QUALIFYING ROUND of both age categories will take place in Museum GRÉVIN in Prague on the 5th of March 2018. *(The organizer of the contest has the right to change the date and place reserved.)*

Competitors will pay **the charge of 350 CZK** at registration and hand in a filled-in “**licence contract**” available on the official website www.cesko-zpiva.cz/en.

Competitors will sing **the competitive song** *(attached to application form)* live, in front of the jury. As a musical background any musical instrument or music *(on CD)* free of any other solo singing can be used *(recorded vocals or chorus are permitted)*.

Because of the large number of competitors each song will be limited to 1,5 minutes *only (after that the musical background will be turned down by the sound engineer)*. Modification of the song is allowed *(shortening overtures, omitting stanzas...)*.

All competitors will be provided with a professional sound system and technical help.

What the jury evaluates: Overall impression *(on stage presentation, originality, style, choreography, quality of the background music, selection of the song)* and most importantly **the quality of the singing**.

List of competitors from category Solo singers 9 - 14 years and Solo singers 15 – 26 years, who enter into the semifinal – about **80 SEMI-FINALISTS**, will be published on the website www.cesko-zpiva.cz/en no later than March 9, 2018.

Competitors will receive an e-mail regarding their result (by 9th of March 2018).

VI. SEMIFINAL

The SEMIFINALS of both age categories will take place as a public event on the 6th of April 2018 in the Community center UFFO in Trutnov.

The competitors will pay **the charge 350 CZK** at registration. Competitors will sing **the competitive song** (*attached to application form*) live, in front of the jury. As a musical background any musical instrument or music (*on CD*) free of any other solo singing can be used (*recorded vocals or chorus are permitted*).

Because of the large number of semi-finalists each song will be limited to 2 minutes *only (after that the musical background will be turned down by the sound engineer)*. Modification of the song is allowed (*shortening overtures, omitting stanzas...*).

Competitors are allowed to co-operate with vocalists, live playing musicians and dancers (*max number 4*).

All competitors will be provided with a professional sound system and technical help.

The jury will evaluate: overall impression (*entering and leaving the stage, interview with the commentator, originality, image, choreography, quality of musical background, selection of song*) and mainly **the quality of singing**.

The jury will select competitors, who will enter into the final – about 10 FINALISTS from category Solo singer 9 - 14 years and about 10 FINALISTS from category Solo singer 15 - 26 years.

VII. FINAL 1

- Solo singer 9 - 14 years

The FINAL 1 will take place as a public event taking place on the 6th of April 2018 in the Community centre UFFO in Trutnov.

Competitors will sing **the competitive song** (*attached to application form*) live, in front of the jury. Further, they will sing the **second competitive song of their choice** (*in any language*). As a musical background any musical instrument or music (*on CD*) free of any other solo singing can be used (*recorded vocals or chorus are permitted*).

Competitors are allowed to co-operate with vocalists, live playing musicians and dancers (*max number 4*).

All competitors will be provided with a professional sound system and technical help.

The jury will evaluate: overall impression (*entering and leaving the stage, interview with the commentator, originality, image, choreography, quality of musical background, selection of song*) and mainly **the quality of singing.**

In this category the jury will select 3 best singers. Also audience present will choose their winner.

VIII. FINAL 2

- Solo singer 15 - 26 let

The **FINAL 2** will take place as a public event taking place on the 7th of April 2018 in the Community centre UFFO in Trutnov.

Competitors will sing **the competitive song** (*attached to application form*) live, in front of the jury. *As a musical background any musical instrument or music (on CD) free of any other solo singing can be used (recorded vocals or chorus are permitted).*

Competitors are allowed to co-operate with vocalists, live playing musicians and dancers (*max number 4*).

Further, competitors will sing live with a **musical accompaniment** (*provided by the organizer of the contest*) **a song**, that they will choose from **the list of finals songs**. The list will offer **30 songs** (*Czech and foreign*). The finalists will agree on their chosen songs among themselves and with organizers at the end of the semi-finals, after the finalists are chosen. (*None of the song may be used twice. A random draw will decide in the case the same choice.*) There will be a **rehearsal with the musical accompaniment** before the finals.

All competitors will be provided with a professional sound system and technical help.

The jury will evaluate: **overall impression** (*entering and leaving the stage, interview with the commentator, originality, image, choreography, quality of musical background, selection of song*) and mainly **the quality of singing**.

In this category the jury will select 3 best singers. Also the audience present, medial jury and VIP jury (with partners of the contest) will choose their winner.

IX. JURY

Music producers, managers, professionals and celebrities will be part of the jury and evaluate live singing performances.

In previous years for example the following professionals were part of the jury: EDUARD KLEZLA (professor of singing), MILAN HERMAN (music producer), KAMILA NÝVLTOVÁ (singer, patron of the competition), BOHOUŠ JOSEF (singer), TOMÁŠ SAVKA (singer), LEONA MACHÁLKOVÁ (singer), RENATA DRÖSSLER (singer), OTA BALAGE (musician and conductor), TOMÁŠ MAGNUSEK (film director), LENKA HATAŠOVÁ (photographer), TOMÁŠ SMIČKA (professional dancer of group DANCE 2XS), representatives of Czech Radio (Český rozhlas) and other.

X. INTERNET PRICE

On the internet will be placed **videos of all competitors from qualifying round** (*recordings of their singing performance in qualifying rounds*). Public can send to your favorite vote. Detailed information on the voting will be announced before starting this price.

The winner will be announced during the semifinals on April 6, 2018 in the Community Centre UFFO in Trutnov.

XI. CONTACTS

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