



The 17th Annual Festival of Sacred & Religious Choral Music
December 13th, 2020
Requirements; Rules & Regulations

This year we invite you to participate in our first ever **online** festival of sacred music. Because of the unique situation we have found new ways of communicating to the public our main theme of this festival - **BE LOVE!** The main mode of performance will continue to be choral music, however we will also feature **other art forms**.

If you wish to participate as a choir

1. You may submit a video of your own virtual choir or a previously recorded live performance (It must connect to the theme Be Love)..
2. The choir should comprise mainly young singers representing your diocese/parish/school/college, aged approx between 10 and 30 years.
3. No of singers: a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 40 people.
4. The choral performance should not exceed 8 minutes.
5. **The music may be one traditional carol and/or one sacred choral piece**
6. All pieces are subject to the approval of 'The Festival Director of Music.'
7. The accompanying track (if used) may include only acoustic sounding instruments (*no electronic sounds*). Some percussion is permitted, but **no** drum kits.
8. Kindly ensure that your performers are dressed appropriately.
9. We (*Pueri Cantores India*) reserve the right to veto any pieces/costumes/performances we think inappropriate.

IF you wish to participate in the theme song and/or another Indian piece, we will provide the following:

1. Music scores of the theme song and other as needed.
2. A recording (*mp3*) of individual parts of these pieces as required, to assist in learning.
3. A guide track to ensure the consistency of the performance. For the main theme song kindly send in an audio recording of your voice first and then a separate video recording. (A template for these recordings is in the attached document). For the second Indian piece, please send only the audio of the voice.
4. Kindly listen to the guide track using headphones so that we receive a clear recording of the singers voice only.
5. We request each choir conductor/ to check the performance of their singers before submitting it to us.

For the Joint participation in our theme song

Please submit

1. A list of names of the participants along with their voice (to be sent in by the 5th of December latest)
2. Kindly collect ALL recordings from your group and submit it to us in a folder marked with the name of your choir as well as the country
3. All video/audio recordings for the theme song and other Indian piece to be labelled - Name of song_Voice_participants name (eg. Kyrie_Soprano_Jenny)

For Your Choir's Featured Performance, please submit

1. A PDF with Names of Pieces, composer, etc. Choir name, Conductor/Director name. If it is a previously recorded video, then send details of the place where and when performed.
2. The video of your choir performance. The video should be a high resolution video (1920x1080 Full HD is preferred). Submit the video in either .mov or .mp4 formats.

All submissions should be sent to puericantoresindia@gmail.com through Wetransfer, Google Drive or OneDrive.

Some other ways of participating individually or as a group.

We will upload your creative contributions as we see fit.

All videos should be high resolution (1920x1080 Full HD is preferred) AND in either .mov or .mp4 formats.

Art Creation (painting, sculpture, embroidery, any art form)

You can send in a high resolution image of a work of art created pertaining to the theme. Add a small text message if you like.

A film clip You can record a short video clip of a certain situation that has touched you or moved you. This too must connect with the theme. We will upload this too.

Dance

You may record a short (*within three minutes*) performance of an interpretative dance (typical of your culture) in keeping with the theme.

Poetry

Maybe the theme has evoked some emotions in you. You have put it to song or poetry. Recite or Sing it and send us your Record and send us your recording.

You are a musician

You can send us a video of you playing a musical (*acoustic*) instrument with a short message..

You are good at culinary arts

Send in a video of you making that special something for Christmas, or the prepared dish. You may narrate your thoughts. Tell us who you will share your dish with - someone in need, or lonely, or just your family. Help put a smile on someone's face.

An Act of Love

The theme may inspire you to go out and help someone in need or do something to help those struggling. Share this with us in a video-recording or simply through a written text message. Whatever you send us must conform to the theme - '**BE LOVE**'

A note on 'BE LOVE' (Inspirations from the Parable of the Good Samaritan)

In order to truly SEE & EXPERIENCE the love of God, the world needs us to **BE!** Rather than being just men and women of words let us be men and women of action.

People who...

take time to meet another's need, be there for the lonely and suffering, see and feel the hurts of the poor and victims of injustice, look beyond our own borders and boundaries, see the universal brotherhood of ALL people, weep with those who weep, share and laugh with others unlike ourselves, share from our need rather than our abundance, share in our own unique ways.....

Pueri Cantores India.

Steps to record yourselves

1. Dress appropriately. You could choose a uniform colour or style.
2. Use a light colour sheet (make sure it is ironed) or curtain (avoid heavy patterns) or even a plain wall behind you. Avoid any clutter behind you. No white background please.
3. Make sure that we can see your face clearly. The light should fall on your face and there should be no source of light (window, lamp) behind you.
4. Try and sing without your paper, but if you need your lyric sheet then avoid making any sound with the paper. And don't let the sheet be seen in the video. Try and use a stand or hold it very steady and **DON'T COVER YOUR FACE**. Be as expressive as you can!! And look at the camera while singing.
5. Try and avoid using makeup, but if you do use makeup keep it very light. (NO DARK LIPSTICK)
6. Play the track from a separate device from the one you will record with. Use headphones. Keep one earplug/headphone off your ear so that you can hear yourself singing. Make sure the volume of the track isn't too soft nor too loud so that you are able to sing without any issues.
7. Make sure that the fan in the room is off and the windows/doors are all shut to prevent any sound disturbances (DO NOT record in a stairwell or a room that has an echo or natural reverb) Ask your family not to make any loud sounds (speaking, tv, vessel/utensil noises) while you record. (Try to record when there isn't a lot of traffic noise near your home)
8. Use a separate phone/computer/tab/laptop or any other device to record and film yourself singing your part. Make sure that the compressor setting for audio recording is off. Set it to no compression.
9. The video frame must be horizontal (landscape mode). Place the recording device at eye level and on a firm surface (Do not hold the camera in your hand so to avoid any shake). Avoid leaving too much empty space above your head. Set your recording device's video settings to record at 1080p at 30fps.



10. After the final note, continue to look into the camera for at least 10 seconds and then stop recording the video.
11. After you're done please check your recording to make sure that the audio and video is clear.
12. Transfer your final recording to your computer (if recorded on a phone). Do NOT use Whatsapp to transfer your recording to the computer. Use either bluetooth or a usb cable connected to your phone.
13. Email your final recording to puericantoresindia@gmail.com through Wetransfer, Google Drive or OneDrive.