



# 750 JAAR KOORZANG IN DE SINT-JANSKATHEDRAAL

## ENGLISH PAGE COMPOSITION CONTEST

In the year 2024 a special anniversary takes place in the St-John's cathedral of 's-Hertogenbosch. It marks the 750<sup>th</sup> year of choral singing in the cathedral, which is cause for a special celebration. To continue this tradition, we are organizing a composition contest.

### For whom?

Young composers up to 30 years old.

### Prizes:

- Main prize 'Onze Lieve Vrouwe Broederschap' of 750 euros + performance of the composition by the Schola Cantorum during the Nacht van de Koorzang (night of choral song) in June 2024 and during the closing concert of the anniversary year on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.
- Encouragement prize of 250 euros, made available by the foundation Maurice Pirenne.
- Young talent encouragement prize consisting of a 100 euro-voucher for a musical course or music sheets, made available by the Schola Cantorum.

### Who is the Schola Cantorum?

The Schola Cantorum is the choir of the St-John's cathedral. It consists of around a hundred members, ranging from adults to young adults to children. The choir has its own musical training program for children, and takes care of the music during the Sunday morning masses and festivities of the church. For more information you can visit our website: [www.schola.nl](http://www.schola.nl) (Dutch)

### The composition

The composition has to meet the following requirements:

- Text: Salve Regina (in Latin)
- 4-part choral song (a capella SATB, without splitting)
- Duration: 3 to 4 minutes

### Text:

Salve, Regína, mater misericórdiae; vita, dulcédo et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamámus, éxsules fílii Evae. Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et flentes in hac lacrimárum valle. Eia ergo, advocáta nostra, illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte. Et Iesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsílíum osténde. O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo María.

*Translation:*

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us.  
And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary

**The jury:**

- Composer Will Todd
- Jeroen Felix (rector cantus of the Schola Cantorum)
- Véronique van den Engh (organist of the St-John's cathedral in 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands and teacher in the training team of the Schola Cantorum)

**Dates:**

- Deadline sign-up: 1<sup>st</sup> of May
- Handing in composition: from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May until the 30<sup>th</sup> of September
- Evaluation by the judge: until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December
- Announcement of the winning candidates: 15<sup>th</sup> of January
- Rehearsal of the winning composition by the Schola Cantorum: in 2024
- Personal feedback for all the participants: TBA

**Additional information:**

- The prizes of the winning compositions will be awarded in June during the *Nacht van de Koorzang* (translation: Night of choral song) in s-Hertogenbosch.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will be asked to attend a rehearsal in order to prepare for the performance of the song.
- The traveling expenses of attending the rehearsal and the *Nacht van de Koorzang* will be refunded for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner.
- For any other questions or remarks you can email [contact@750jaarkoorzang.nl](mailto:contact@750jaarkoorzang.nl).

**Conditions:**

- The winning composition can be performed solely by the Schola Cantorum for 3 years without cost.
- The winning composition can be copied, recorded and published online or on tv solely by the Schola Cantorum for 3 years without cost.
- After the 3 years the winning composition can be published and performed publicly by the composer. The Schola Cantorum can still use the composition as mentioned above without cost.
- For the additional conditions read the contract below carefully. If you send the sign-up sheet you agree to all its terms and conditions.

**Sign-up sheet: on the bottom of the webpage:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.750JAARKOORZANG.NL/COMPOSITIEWEDSTRIJD/](https://www.750jaarkoorzang.nl/compositiewedstrijd/)