Choirs

Invitation to contribute

Take the Kirchentag to the most diverse locations in Hanover and inspire listeners with your artistry, **unplugged** and **open air**.

Through your music, the whole city will be able to sense the presence of the Kirchentag, beyond the event venues. As a choir, you will enrich the city scene with your music in public places and locations.

When performing in **diaconal institutions**, such as hospitals or retirement homes, you can gift your music to people who are unable to actively participate in the programme themselves.

If you are interested to accompany a thematic event, a church service, a Bible study or community singing with the songbook, we will be happy to try and arrange for you to do so. There will also be workshops and participatory concerts in which you can take part.

You are also welcome to join other choirs as a group or as individual singers.

We look forward to your contribution!

Costs

The Kirchentag thrives on people who help shape the programme on a voluntary basis. All participants who contribute to the overall programme of the Kirchentag are considered contributors. In return for their commitment, they receive the opportunity to attend the Kirchentag at a reduced price. After registering, you will need to purchase a contributor's ticket for each member of your group for **33 euros per person** (probably including a ticket for Hanover's public transport system). This is a significant discount on the regular 5-day ticket (119 euros) and gives you access to all events at the Kirchentag.

Registration procedure

To sign up, please first register with *My Kirchentag* (kirchentag.de/en/my-kirchentag/register). This portal on the Kirchentag website allows you to view your registration details at any time and manage your personal Kirchentag programme. You register with your email address, which will also be used for communication purposes: information on further procedures and any invoices will be sent to this address.

If you already have an account, log in with your user data and then select *Choirs* (*English version*) at <u>kirchentag.de/en/take-part/</u>. Here you will find the relevant registration forms.

Note: You can continue working on your application form at any time until the registration deadline on December 15, 2024 by which you must select "send" (final submission).



Information to be submitted

Contact details: You enter your contact details and from then on you are the contact person for the Kirchentag staff and represent the interests of the group. As the contact person, you are responsible for passing on information from the Kirchentag to your group and for informing the Kirchentag staff of any changes in your contact details.

You can also register as an individual and will then be assigned to one of the participating choirs.

Description: You provide information about the name, size and expected vocal line-up of your group and, if applicable, information about already agreed co-operation or gigs.

Event: You perform 30 to 60-minute concerts on public streets or squares in Hanover and possibly in diaconal institutions. You can choose whether your choir is also available to participate in a church service, a Bible study or another thematic event, or whether you would like to lead community singing with the songbook. If you are willing to provide musical accompaniment for an event or lead community singing with the songbook, it would be helpful to provide us with a link to demo material in the "additional remarks"-box before submitting.

Technical requirements: Please note that your musical performances will be **unplugged.** Electricity, equipment or instruments will not be provided.

Demo material: If you would like to take part in a church service, Bible study or other thematic event or lead community singing with the songbook, please provide a link to a video or audio sample as an additional remark. Otherwise, no demo material is required for your registration.

Finalising your registration: Please read and accept the Conditions of Participation for Choirs, the General Terms and Conditions (German version only) and the Kirchentag's Safeguarding and Care Policy. If you agree and are satisfied with all your details, please submit your registration to the Kirchentag. Your final registration must be completed by **December 15**, **2024**.

Registering for contributor tickets and accommodation: From autumn 2024, you will be able to order your required contributor tickets and accommodation directly via your *My Kirchentag account*. This option will be available to all participants until **February 19, 2025.** We will inform you as soon as registration opens for contributor ticket and accommodation.

If you have any problems completing the *My Kirchentag* registration form, you can contact us at **choere@kirchentag.de** or by telephone on 0661 96648-299. We will be happy to help you fill in the online forms.

Important information at a glance

- **The Conditions of participation for choirs** of the 39th German Protestant Kirchentag apply.
- The closing date for registration is **December 15**, **2024**.
- Please note that your performances will be exclusively **unplugged** and will normally take place in the open air. Under no circumstances can event equipment be provided.
- You will receive an email confirming your registration. Be aware that this may take a few days. Please also remember to check your spam mailbox.
- Your binding order for contributor tickets and, if applicable, accommodation will be possible from autumn 2024 and must be completed by February 19, 2025.

Please note: There are separate application procedures for the **culture** section, which you should use if you wish to apply to perform a church music concert or a concert with technical requirements, for example with a gospel choir. You can find information (in German) on this at **kirchentag.de/mitwirken.** If you have trouble navigating the German website and application form, please do not hesitate to contact us an we will be happy to help you.