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# The "Little Singers' International Gala" is an event, whose aims are:

- To promote and produce songs suitable for children and performed by them;
- To promote "Childrens' Rights" and non-profit institutions for the benefit of children;

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- To make everyone aware of the need for peace and universal brotherhood, in order to build a better world for children;
- To stimulate the love for music in children;

► To create ties of friendship among nations, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex or social background.

The "Little Singers' International Gala" is promoted by Câmara Municipal da Figueira da Foz, with the support of Associação das Pequenas Vozes.

The "Little Singers' International Gala" will be held annually, in Centro de Artes e Espectáculos da Figueira da Foz (CAE).

The Secretariat of the event approved the following Regulation:

### Nr. 1

The Little Singers' International Gala aims to promote and produce songs suitable for children and performed by them.

### Nr. 2

The Little Singers' International Gala is a public event. Children aged between 5 and 10 years, on the date of registration, will be admitted.

### Nr. 3

All the programmed activities must strictly respect the rights of children.

### Nr 4

The songs will be judged by an appointed jury. Each member of the jury has a maximum score of 5 points for each "little singer". The evaluation will be based on vocal, interpretive and communication skills of each child and the type of the song presented, taking into account its content and the main goals of the event.

In the case of an equal score between two or more "little singers", the President of the jury has the casting vote.

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Nr. 5

The following prizes will be awarded:

1. National Winner:

Prize awarded to the Portuguese child with the highest score among the Portuguese participants.

# 2. Foreigner winner:

Prize awarded to the foreign child, with the highest score among the foreign participants.

# 3. Best Lyrics:

Prize awarded to the Portuguese song with the best lyrics. The award is given to the author of the lyrics.

4. Best Music:

Prize awarded to the Portuguese song with the best original music. The award is given to the composer.

# 5. Attendance:

Prize awarded to all children participating at the Gala.

# Nr. 6

1. The portuguese songs interpreted by the "little singers" must be original and suitable to the spirit of the event. It is recommended that the songs are not disclosed to the public before their presentation at the "Little Singers' International Gala", except in situations which are unavoidable.

2. The foreign "little singers" should present songs that may or may not be original, traditional or popular songs from the country which they represent.

3. Each Country will have only one representative invited and/or selected by the Secretariat of "Little Singers' International Gala", except Portugal. The invitation is made through Embassies, Immigrants' associations or others.

# Nr. 7

1. The "little singers" can participate either individually or in duet, and will be accompanied by an orchestra, and the choir "Coro Pequenas Vozes da Figueira da Foz ". 32<sup>a</sup> Gala Internacional dos Pequenos Cantores

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2. Each "little singer" can enrol one or more songs, but the Secretariat will select only one song. The duration of each song must not exceed three minutes.

### Nr. 8

1. The enrolment of "little singers" has to be completed by their parents/tutors, at the date set yearly, in a registered letter, addressed to the Secretariat of the LITTLE SIN-GERS' INTERNATIONAL GALA:

Divisão de Cultura da Câmara Municipal da Figueira da Foz Centro de Artes e Espetáculos, Rua Abade Pedro 3080-084 Figueira da Foz PORTUGAL

2. The letter sent by the parents/tutors of the child candidate to participate in the event must mention the following:

a) Full name of the child or children;

b) Date and place of birth;

c) Copy of ID card or passport;

d) Address and phone number;

e) Name of the School and year of attendance;

f) Letter of person with musical knowledge attesting the capability of the child to perform in the event, in conditions considered acceptable in terms of vocal and musical structure compatible with this regulation;

g) Permission granted by parents/tutors for the child to participate in Gala and full acceptance of this regulation;

h) Name of adult that will be the child's official attendant;

i) Attached should be sent a CD containing the sound recording of the songs to perform (voice and music) in audio format mp3 or wma video;

j) The lyrics of the songs and the scores for piano should be sent in an editable file with two photos of the child participant, in digital format, which may use for press purposes;

k) Another envelope, closed and sealed, should also be included and should contain: the name, place of birth and address of the songs' authors, as well as a signed declaration, with an officially recognized signature, accepting the audio and video recording of their songs.

I) The identification of the composer and lyrics author's must only be detailed in the sealed envelope mentioned in the previous article;

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m) The material for enrolment will not be returned.

**3**. Only applications which completely fulfil the requirements referred in point 2 of article 8 will be accepted.

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### Nr. 9

The Secretariat, after selecting the children participating in the Gala, shall issue its decision to theirs parents/tutors, through registered mail.

### Nr. 10

The selection of "little singers" will be made by jury appointed for that purpose or will be the responsibility of the Secretariat.

### Nr. 11

1. Each "little singer" participating at the Gala, as well as the authors of the music and lyrics of the songs presented, will, at the enrolment, accept by implication the public broadcasting through Radio, Television, Cinema or Video of this Gala, without claiming the rights that these situations may ordinarily offer.

2. The organisation has the audiovisual rights of this Gala and may grant the copyrights and marketing rights to an institution, to be chosen.

### Nr. 12

1. The use of clothes or objects that may constitute direct or indirect advertising is forbidden to all participants.

2. Parents accept by implication at the enrolment that their children may have to wear clothes chosen by the organisation for the purposes of TV broadcasting. In this case, clothes will be provided, free of charge, by the organisation.

### Nr. 13

In order to ensure the best cooperation between the performers and the TV and Radio broadcasting personnel, parents also accept that their children must participate in all rehearsals and the show.

### Nr. 14

1. Authors and "little singers" born or resident in the Autonomous Regions of Açores and Madeira should participate in the selection carried out in those regions, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Little Singers' International Gala. The selections, in Madeira and the Açores, are made by the Organizations of Festival da Canção Infanto



Juvenil da Madeira, in Funchal and of Festival da Canção Infantil da Povoação, in Açores.

2. The cost of the airline ticket (round trip) of the participants from Autonomous Regions of Açores and Madeira and their official attendant will be reimbursed by the secretariat to parents/tutors, upon presentation of proof of travel expenses.

#### Nr. 15

1. The organisation will not assume any responsibility, to any level, with the participants at this Gala, except a contribution of an amount to be determined per song competing, to help with the cost of the participants and official attendant's accommodation and meals.

2. The organisation will provide personal accident insurance to all participants.

3. The organisation does not assume any responsibility resulting from economic or moral damage caused by the participants, during the Gala or acts inherent to it.

### Nr. 16

All omissions or cases of dubious interpretation shall be resolved by the Secretariat of the organisation, which may also change the date of the event at any time.