



FESTA DE LA MÚSICA CORAL

1. The Orfeó Català announces the organization of the **2nd International Choral Music Competition "Festa de la música coral"** to promote the new Catalan and international coral creation with high standards, suitable for both amateur and professional choirs.
2. In parallel, the **FCEC (Catalan Choral Federation)** calls the **VII International Awards "Catalonia" in coral composition** that ask for compositions on Catalan text and harmonization of traditional Catalan songs level low / medium difficulty.
3. Awarded works will be premiered in the **Festa de la Música Coral** that will take place on February 25, 2018 at the Palau de la Música Catalana. The Festa de la Música Coral, organized by the Orfeó Català, will allow providing the Catalan choral world a unifying event, which will welcome all choral Catalan family with the essential collaboration of the Catalan Choral Federation (FCEC). This is an event organised to support the creation of new choral music both nationally and internationally, and which also will have a significant presence recovery of the musical heritage of Catalan composers of the past.
4. The **Festa de la Musica Coral**, organized by the Orfeó Català, is inspired in a musical event that took place between 1904 and 1922, called Festa de la Música Catalana. An event that was created with the intention of increasing the choral catalogue of Catalan authors in a time when choral activity was flourishing, and close in format and prestige as the Catalan "Jocs Florals", a poetry contest organized by the city of Barcelona.
5. Both contest are called every two years and have different processes, jury and prizes and will hold several categories, shown below.
6. The verdict will be communicated publicly during the 11th World Symposium of Choral Music that will take part in Barcelona from the 22nd to the 29th July 2017.
7. The **International Choral Music Competition "Festa de la música coral"** has increased the financial endowment of the prizes. The most important prize will be the Choral Music Composition for mixed voices prize, with 2.500 Euros, named as Maria Font Bernaus Prize, in memory of her commitment, dedication and support for many years in the Orfeó Català and its founding values.