



TENSO

The European network for professional chamber choirs

Tenso Network Europe is an association under Dutch law.

Criteria for membership

- Membership is open to professional chamber choirs consisting of minimally 12 and maximally 40 singers.
- The conductor and the majority of the singers should have completed a formal (conservatory) musical education.
- The choirs should be backed up by a professional organization which demonstrates the following:
 - a clearly defined division of tasks between performers and organization
 - year-round activity (thus excluding ad hoc / project-oriented organizations)
 - sustainability : choirs should have existed for more than five seasons and plan to exist for three seasons ahead.
- Choirs should have an independent programming, such as:
 - a significant number of a cappella / small accompaniment programmes
 - their “own” concert series.
- Programming should not predominantly comprise works of the conductor or artistic leader.
- Repertoire should have significant focus on contemporary music.
- Choirs should regularly present premieres, commission works and present programmes featuring contemporary music (1950-present).

Annual contribution (rates 2014)

- Full members and candidate members :
 - € 500 for organizations with an annual budget lower than € 500 000
 - € 750 for organizations with an annual budget between € 500 000 and € 1 000 000
 - € 1000 for organizations with an annual budget higher than € 1 000 000
- Associate members : € 150
- Individual members : € 25
- Affiliates : rates are set by the Board for individual cases

Commitments

In addition to the contribution, member choirs commit themselves to the following :

General members are willing and able :

- to send a representative to attend annual membership meetings (if necessary, arrange travel and accommodation at own expense)
 - to perform free of charge at Tenso Days at least once every three years (providing artistic content)
- The exact terms of participation in Tenso Days are laid down in the Regulations.

These criteria and conditions have been set in the general members meeting in October 2014.