



BANDUNG  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY



# Lembah Strait

**International Bitung Choir  
Festival 2023**

4-7 October 2023 | Bitung, Sulawesi Utara - Indonesia

Artistic Director  
**Tommyanto Kandisaputra**

## **Activities**

Opening Ceremony • Competition  
Grand Prix • Friendship Concerts • Workshops  
Choir Clinic • Awarding Ceremony and many more...

**INFORMATION BOOK**





## GREETINGS



**Ir. Maurits Mantiri, M.M.**  
Mayor of Bitung City

Bitung is a beautiful gem in the north of Indonesia. A beautiful city that has wide plains laid out with trees, flowers, and wide, clean streets, a beautiful coastline, and beautiful looking mountains surround the city. The city continues to be prepared to become a center for modern industrial, trade, cultural and tourism development equipped with advanced digital technology facilities. This progress is also complemented by the friendliness of the residents, culinary tours typical of seafood and regional cultural and musical events.

This year, in addition to the Wonderful Lembah Strait Festival which is the focus of tourism development in Bitung, the Bitung City Government for the first time is presenting the "LEMBEH STRAIT – INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL". This festival aims to enliven the city of Bitung with music, as well as to encourage the development of the arts of singing and choirs that already exist in Bitung and in North Sulawesi Province in general.

The government of Bitung City invites choirs from all over Indonesia and the world to attend and participate in the "LEMBEH STRAIT – INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL". Let's sing together, while enjoying the beauty of the city and various tourist attractions, enjoying culinary tourism and the friendliness of the people of Bitung City.

Singing together brings special joy to those who sing and also to those who hear it. Singing while traveling in Bitung will be an unforgettable beautiful experience. See you in Bitung.

## GREETINGS



**Rita Aleta Lousiane  
Tangkudung, ST**  
Leader of Regional Pesparawi  
Development Institute in Bitung City

Music is a very important part of human life. "Without music, Life would be a mistake" as the saying goes. Therefore, we need to build music well so that our human values become intact. More specifically, the development of choirs as a forum for musical activities (specifically singing) can foster various values such as togetherness, mutual respect (tolerance), living in harmony and peace, building a virtuous and quality national character.

It is time for the Regional Pesparawi Development Institute (LPPD) of Bitung City to take the initiative to build regional choirs and expand to other regions and internationally. Building a choir takes time and dedication through continuous education, training and performances. Therefore, the Regional Pesparawi Development Institute (LPPD) of Bitung City warmly welcomes the implementation of the "LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023" in Bitung City in the series "FESTIVAL PESONA LEMBEH SELAT 2023"

Participating in a Choir Festival is always fun for the singers and all the teams involved. Besides being able to improve the quality of the choir to perform as well as possible, the experience of singing in various different places and meeting various other choirs is a valuable and unforgettable experience. Therefore, we invite choirs from all over North Sulawesi, all of Indonesia and the world to come and participate in the "LEMBEH STRAIT INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023" in Bitung City

We welcome with open arms the arrival of choral contingents from various places with pleasure and pride. Come to Bitung City! Let's sing together. Let's carve out the history of the choir together, while enjoying the beauty of nature, culinary tours, the friendliness of the people, building friendship and making wonderful memories in the city of Bitung.

Greetings from Bitung

## GREETINGS



**Tommyanto Kandisaputra**

Leader Bandung Choral Society  
Direktur Artistik

LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL  
BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023

While giving thanks to God the Most Gracious, I warmly welcome LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023 which will be held on 4-7 October 2023. I also congratulate and thank the Bitung City Government for holding this Choir Festival, which is open for community choirs throughout Indonesia and also international choirs.

Choir development is very important and must be carried out continuously because the formation and development of choirs takes a long time and is continual. Through the Choir Festival being held, it will stimulate the activities of singers, coaches and various aspects and areas of life involved. In addition to singing activities, choir activities can also explore and develop cultural and socio-economic potential.

Bitung City is a city that is developing very rapidly as an active port city and various natural resources. Abundant marine and agricultural products, highly developed industries and a religious community living in harmony and friendliness. However, what is very special is that the people of Bitung who really like to sing can be found in all districts, churches and the wider community. The art of singing masamper, pato-pato has very strong roots side by side with traditional and modern choir singing arts.

Let's come to Bitung City in North Sulawesi. I invite the choir to participate in the LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023. Let's sing together while enjoying the natural beauty of the Lembeh Strait, culinary fresh seafood with delicious flavors, and meeting the hospitality of the people of Bitung City in North Sulawesi.

See you in Bitung City!

# LEMBEH STRAIT INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, 4 October 2023

- Stage Rehearsal
- Choral Workshop
- Choir Clinic
- Registration
- OPENING CEREMONY

### Thursday, 5 October 2023

- Competition day 1
- Choral Workshop
- Choir Collaboration & Exchange
- Friendship Concert

### Friday, 6 October 2023

- Competition Day 2
- Choir Workshop
- Friendship Concert
- AWARDING CEREMONY

### Saturday, 7 October 2023

- Returning Music Score
- Meet The Jury
- Grand Prix Competition
- CLOSING CEREMONY

*\*Jadwal masih dapat berubah sewaktu-waktu*





## ACTIVITY

### A. OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony of LEMBEH STRAIT - BITUNG INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023 will be marked by concert performances from invited choirs and various other activities.

### B. CHOIR CLINIC

This educational activity is open to the public. Participants will acquire knowledge and skills. Choral techniques that will be shared directly by international choral music experts. Please contact the Bandung Choral Society for registration. Free for choirs that have paid all administration fees up to a predetermined date..

### C. CHORAL WORKSHOP

This educational activity is open to the public. Participants will get the opportunity to study theory and practice directly with choir experts who have a good reputation on the international stage.

### D. FRIENDSHIP CONCERT

This activity aims to build friendly relations between choirs. Participants will appear in a special concert designed so that participants can share stories or interact with the audience. Registration is open while slots are still available.

### E. STAGE REHEARSAL

This activity is specifically for participants to know room acoustics, find the right standing position for sound quality when appearing in competitions later.

### F. CHOIR COMPETITION

This activity is open to public choirs by following the conditions set by the Bandung Choral Society. The participant who achieves the highest gold score in each category will become the "Winner of Category" and perform at the Grand Prix.

### G. GRAND PRIX

Grand Prix performance is a competition between participants of the "Winner of Category" or choir recommended by the judges, if any. Participants will compete again to get the title "Grand Prix Winner of LS-IBCF 2023".



#### H. MEET THE JURY

Competition participants will receive comments and suggestions directly from the judges chosen by the participants for 10 minutes. Participants can send representatives of 5 people to take part in this activity.

#### I. SPECIAL JURY AWARDS

The jury will give special awards to choir participants, conductors or accompanists who are able to impress the jury with high artistic value.

#### J. AWARD & CLOSING CEREMONY

The series of activities will end with the announcement of the winner and closing ceremony.

The entire series of LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023 activities are carried out in accordance with health protocols and will work actively with the local government's covid task force.

## CATEGORY

A. The categories within this group are classified based on age, gender and number of participants.

NO.	CATEGORY	AGES	NUMBER OF SINGERS	VOICE TYPE	SONG & DURATION	SONG'S PROGRAM
A01.	CHILDREN'S CHOIR	< 13	Min. 16 Singers	SA/SS(A)(A)	2 songs, 10 minutes	Free Choice of Song (it is highly recommended to perform age-appropriate songs).
A02.	TEENAGER'S CHOIR	12 – 15	Min. 16 Singers	SSA /TTB / SATB	2 songs, 10 minutes	Free Choice of Song (it is highly recommended to perform age-appropriate songs).
A03.	YOUTH CHOIR	15 – 18	Min. 16 Singers	SSA /TTB / SATB	2 songs, 10 minutes	Lagu Bebas
A04.	MIXED CHOIR	> 18	Min. 16 Singers	SATB	2 songs, 10 minutes	Free Choice of Song
A05.	MALE CHOIR	> 18	Min. 16 Singers	TTBB	2 songs, 10 minutes	Free Choice of Song
A06.	FEMALE CHOIR	> 18	Min. 16 Singers	SSAA	2 songs, 10 minutes	Free Choice of Song
A07.	SENIOR CHOIR	> 50	Min. 16 Singers	SSA /TTB / SATB	2 songs, 10 minutes	Free Choice of Song



**B. The categories in this group are classified based on the type of music and are not limited by age and type of voice.**

NO.	CATEGORY	NUMBER OF SINGERS	SONGS & DURATION	SONG'S PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
B01.	MUSICA SACRA	Min. 16 Singers	2 songs, 10 minutes	The song program refers to the church's sacred music from ancient times to the present	One song before the birth in 1900 and one song after the birth in 1900 from the composer.
B02.	TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL	Min. 16 Singers	2 songs, 10 minutes	The song program must be in the Spiritual tradition of Afro-Americans.	Modern Gospel songs and African folksongs cannot be performed in this category.
B03.	POP & JAZZ	Min. 16 Singers	2 songs, 10 minutes	The song program consists of popular songs (can be secular or spiritual).	Participants may only use acoustic musical instruments.
B04.	FOLKSONG	Min. 16 Singers	2 songs, 10 minutes	The song program is a folk song that has been arranged in the form of a choir.	Participants are advised to perform folksongs from the participants' areas of origin.
B05.	MUSIC OF RELIGION	Min. 16 Singers	2 songs, 10 minutes	The song program draws on religious music from around the world, such as Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, or other beliefs.	Songs with sacred music and traditional spiritual content may not be performed in this category.
B06.	VOCAL GROUP	6 - 15	2 songs, 10 minutes	The song program is a free choice of songs from all musical genres.	Participants may only use acoustic musical instruments.





# COMPETITION RULES

## GENERAL

1. LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023 can be participate by all types of choirs from Indonesia and around the world.
2. Please carefully read the conditions associated with each category; number of singers, age limit, performance duration, number of songs, voice type, song type, and others.
3. Choirs are only allowed to participate in a maximum of 3 categories.
4. The choir only chooses one category from **Group A** and can add one category from **Group B**. (Exception for participants who will take part in the Male/Female category).
5. The number of singers performing must match the number registered. The committee has the right to disqualify if there is a difference in the number of singers.
6. Choirs are required to pay a registration fee to participate in LEMBEH STRAIT - BITUNG INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023.
7. The age limit tolerance is 10% of the total singers who are one to two years more/less than the stipulation.
8. **PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE AMPLIFICATIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC MUSIC INSTRUMENTS.**



## HEALTH PROTOCOL

1. Participants must comply with health protocols in accordance with government regulations.
2. All participants (singers, accompanists and conductors) must show a vaccine certificate that is listed on the one healthy application.
3. The committee has the right to disqualify participants who do not comply with the health protocol.

## SONG'S PROGRAM & PERFORMANCE

1. Participants must perform 2 songs in accordance with the provisions in each category.
2. The song program must be informed to the committee no later than August 4, 2023.
3. Song programs **MUST** be approved by the LEMBEH STRAIT Artistic team - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023. Song programs that are not approved **MUST** be replaced immediately.
4. If a participant performs in more than 1 (one) category, the song displayed must be different.
5. The committee has the right to change the category, if the song program is more in line with other categories.
- 6. The song program must be an original work for the choir, not a reduction from the orchestra.**
7. Performance with movement is allowed, but not mandatory.
8. Participants who become Grand Prix finalists must present 2 songs, 1 song from the category they are participating in, and 1 free song.





## MUSIC SCORE & INSTRUMENT

1. Participants must submit 5 (five) original scores or 5 (five) scores with a license from the composer/arranger or proof of purchase from the publisher to the Bandung Choral Society Office no later than September 4, 2023. (The committee does not guarantee that the evaluation of the participant's performance can be carried out properly if scores received after the date above).
2. Participants are fully responsible for the COPYRIGHT of the songs.
3. Participants may change the keynote of the chosen song, by writing the change in keynote on the score signed by the conductor in the score.
4. Sheet scores will be returned to the participant at the time before the jury consultation. There is no delivery of scores from the committee after the closing day.
5. Participants can use a maximum of 3 additional instruments without a 'definite pitch'. The instrument to be used must be informed to the committee.
6. The committee will provide one piano on stage.

## PERFORMANCE PROPERTY

1. The use of performance property/equipment must be informed in writing to the committee no later than September 4, 2023.
2. No performance involving fire, smoke, glassware, liquids, sharp weapons or other dangerous scenes are permitted in the building.
3. Property that is not informed to the committee and is not permitted, may not be used at the time of appearance.

## STAGE REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

1. Stage trial duration is 10 minutes for one category.
2. The appearance schedule will be notified after September 1, 2023. The schedule will give priority to participants who have submitted their arrival time in Tomohon. **SCHEDULE THAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED CANNOT BE CHANGED.** The committee is not responsible if participants do not get a stage trial schedule because they are late in confirming their arrival.

## DURATION & EVALUATION

1. The duration of the performance is 10 minutes, counting from the sound of the first note to the end of the last note, including pauses between songs. If the total duration exceeds the allotted time, the total score will be deducted by 1 point per minute.
2. Evaluation will be based on:
  - A. INTONASI INTONATION**
  - B. KUALITAS SUARA SOUND QUALITY**
  - C. FIDELITY TO THE SCORE** (INTERPRETATION PRACTICE FOR VOCAL GROUP, AUTHENTICITY OF FOLKSONG)
  - D. OVERALL ARTISTIC**
3. All participants will receive awards in the form of Medals & Certificates in accordance with the final results of the evaluation obtained by grouping the Final Grades as follows:

- Successful Participation	: 01.00 - 39.99
- Bronze Medal	: 40.00 - 59.99
- Silver Medal	: 60.00 - 79.99
- Gold Medal	: 80.00 – 100
4. The jury's decision is final and cannot be contested.

## REGISTRATION

All choir members (singers, musicians, conductors) participating in the LEMBEH STRAIT - INTERNATIONAL BITUNG CHOIR FESTIVAL 2023 are MANDATORY to pay the Registration Fee with details as follows:

### CHOIR AND VOCAL GROUP REGISTRATION FEE

#### Stage 1

- Registration Until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
(For the First 20 Choirs to register)
- Registration fee USD 150 / category

#### Stage 2

- Registration Until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Registration fee USD 225 / category

#### Stage 3

- Registration Until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Registration fee USD 300 / category

#### Stage 4

- Registration Until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Registration fee USD 400 / category



## **PAYMENT**

Participants can make a payment of Registration and Event Package by bank transfer:

### **BANK**

- BANK CENTRAL ASIA (BCA), BCA KCP M. TOHA – BANDUNG

### **ADDRESS**

- JL. MOHAMMAD TOHA NO.165 BANDUNG, JAWA BARAT – INDONESIA

### **PHONE**

- +62.22.520.9785

### **ACC. NO.**

- 8100 96 91 91 (USD)

### **HOLDER**

- TOMMYANTO KANDISAPUTRA INDONESIA PT.

### **SWIFT**

- C E N A I D J A

Or via PayPal

[tommyantokandisaputra@gmail.com](mailto:tommyantokandisaputra@gmail.com)

### **Important!**

1. There is no refund for participants who cancel their participation for any reason
2. If there is a cancellation of activities related to government policy due to the pandemic situation (Lockdown) the festival will be rescheduled/postponed. Registration and participant participation fees can be used for the next activity.

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