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Hermitage Grand Prix in Ice Sculpturing
(THE 5TH CHRISTAMS SYMPHONY-2009 TEATRICAL CONTEST)
December 7-8, 2008
St.Petersburg, Russia

It will be the 7th international ice sculpturing contest in St.Petersburg. For the last years this contest is held in the frame of celebrating the traditional Hermitage Days in the Winter Palace main yard. The contest site is located quite close to the historical place where in the 18th century the Russian Empress Anna Ioannovna ordered to build the Ice Palace. In 2009 for the first time the contest will have a new status of the Hermitage Grand Prix in ice sculpturing. .

HERMITAGE GRAND-PRIX IN ICE SCULPTURING CONSTITUTION

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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

The similar contest is going to be held for the 5th time. The target of the contest is to promote ice and snow sculpturing art in Russia and make St.Petersburg the international center in this trend.

One of the contest features is to demonstrate the individual sculptors' craftsmanship. In very short period of 24 hours the sculptors should present their ice compositions accompanied with sounds and light to the audience and adjudicators judgment. The professional board of judges formed from the organizers of the similar contests and professional ice engravers who don't participate in this competition will evaluate the sculptures of the competitors.

The contest will last only 24 hours. The composition will be engraved from two ice blocks with the dimensions of 1.0 x 1.0 x 0.40 m. The organizer will install two ice blocks vertically to get a blank pile of 2.0 x 1.0 x 0.40 m. Each sculpture will be mounted on the pedestal foundation of 0.25 m height. .

Each participant should present musical illustration and light illumination of the ice composition devoted to Christmas or New Year. Music should be submitted to the organizers the day before the contest and the organizers should provide the participants with the illumination equipment.

The contest subject is Funny New Year. Your original ideas full of humor and devoted to Funny New Year should be presented as a theatrical performance accompanied with light and music.

NB!

1. Due to unstable winter weather in St.Petersburg the competitors have to be ready to work at the temperatures above 0. The contest will take place under any weather conditions. In case of warm weather and temperatures above 0 all the participants will be provided with the common refrigerator with the dimensions of 2.5x2.5x10.0 m and necessary volume of dry ice.

2. Before the professional contest the participants will serve as the instructors of the family teams of the 5th Children's Competition called *Snow Queen Kingdom in the Winter Palace-2009*. The results of such cooperation will be evaluated by the professional judges adding some extra points.

3. The erection of the present sculptures replicas is not allowed.

NOTES:

1. Snow elements made from snow got through the mechanical treatment of provided ice are appreciated.
2. **APPEARANCE CONDITIONS:**
 - 1.1. The sculptors who decide to participate not later than 01.10.08 should send their applications to the organization center the following documents:
 - participant application form (See Appendix No.1);
 - future sculpture sketch,
 - CV;
 - passport copy;
 - the photo of the competitor (funny, if any).
 - * **Note: the organizers leave the right to select the participants.**
The number of teams will be 10.
 - 1.2. The competitors selected will be formally invited by the team or organizers.
3. **TEAMS:**

Number of members: one ice sculptor.
Number of teams is 10.
4. **CONTEST PROGRAM:**

December 5: sculptors' arrival and accommodation arrangement;
December 6: 10.00 – the excursion to the Hermitage followed by a special cultural Program ;
December 7: 11.00 - The 5th Children's Competition called *Snow Queen Kingdom in the Winter Palace-2009* commencement meeting
 - 14.00 - 15.00 - finishing the children's competition work and closing ceremony.
 - 16.00 - professional competition start.December 8:- 16.00 – work finishing;
 - 16.00 – 16.30 – work of professional judges board;
 - 16.30 – 17.00 – prizes awarding;
 - 20.00 – 24.00 – awarding the prize of Spectators' Sympathy and banquet.December 9:- participants' departure.
5. **SITE AND MATERIAL**

The competition will take place in the State Hermitage main yard Only for the participants of the contest one of the most famous world museums will be open 24 hours. **Each** team will be provided with the site of 3.0 x 3.0 m, 2 ice blocks (1.0 x 1.0 x 0.40) assembled in a vertical blank of 2.0 x 1.0 x 0.4m and installed onto the pedestal of 0.25 m height;
5 LED lamps (red, blue, green, white and yellow).
The lamp is a round disk with the diameter of 12 cm and 5.0 cm thick.
6. **TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:**

The team will be provided with a ladder, a water tank, a spade and a set of lamps. The rest necessary tools and equipment the participants should bring themselves. The electric equipment is supplied with 220 V, 50 Hz.

7. PRECAUTIONS:

Each competitor should have his personal medical insurance and he is responsible for taking all safety precautions.

8. BOARD OF JUDGES

The head of the board of judges is the State Hermitage Director Mr. M.B. Piotrovsky. The representatives of the similar organization teams of the local and foreign contests of the same kind and some professional ice sculptors who don't participate in the competition will be included into the board of judges. The audience will award their Prize of Sympathy. .

9. ICE COMPOSITIONS EVALUATION:

- original idea is up to 12 points;
- humor is from 0 up to 3 points;
- artistic expression is up to 12 points;
- technical craftsmanship including ice treatment methods, assembly ways, etc. is up to 12 points;
- charm of novelty of technical and expression means is up to 5 points;
- musical illustration is up to 3 points;
- illumination is up to 3 points;
- point for supporting the children's team is up to 3 points.

In each category one lowest and one higher merit are taken away and after that final sum is done. .

The winner will be that who will have the highest number of points.

The winner of the Audience Sympathy Prize will be named by the Hermitage visitors.

10. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

Grand Prix EURO 3000.-.

Hermitage Prize is a special one to be awarded by the Director of the State Hermitage Mr. M.Piotrovsky.

Sympathy Prize will be provided by our sponsors.

Special sponsors' prizes:

- for humor;
- for illumination solutions;
- for musical illustration..

Each participant will be get the appearance fee of EURO 200, the participants diploma and presents.

11. ORGANISERS PROVISIONS:

- meeting the participants and seeing them off;
- professional interpreters, if necessary;
- accommodation in a two-bed rooms in the hotels categorized 4 to 5stars;
- three meals a day;
- cultural program in St.Petersburg;
- technical support of the carving process.

Note: transport fares are at the participants' expense.

12. CONTEST ORGANIZERS:

- 1. The International MASTEROK Ice and Sand Creation Developing Center
Independent Non-commercial Organization**
- 2. The State Hermitage**
- 3. The Ice Studio Art Center**

13. ORGANIZING TEAM ADDRESS: Russia 195043, St.Petersburg

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APPENDIX No.1

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APPLICATION FOR COMPETITION

Country _____

Surname, given names _____

Gender _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

**This application form should be presented to the organization team not later than
01.11.2008.**

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