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IFCM Online Café: Plan a Choral Year with IFCM

Moderated by Pelin Küçükerdoğan, Member of IFCM YOUNG from Türkiye, this session welcomed ten association members of IFCM to present choral activities in their region. The

participants had the opportunity to learn about exciting choral events happening in 2024 and beyond, not only in Africa, Latin America, and Europe but also in Canada, Japan, Ireland, Italy, Israel, and in French-speaking countries. You were not able to attend the Online Café? No problem! A video recording is available for all members [here](#).



Join the International Study Tour to the Lithuanian Song Celebration, 2-7 July 2024

The [Lithuanian Song and Dance Celebration](#) is a national tradition of Lithuanian folk and amateur art. Once every few years, this cultural phenomenon culminates in a grand, national, week-long Song Celebration which gathers tens of thousands of singers, dancers, visual artists, and spectators from all parts of Lithuania and the rest of the world. The final concert is called Song Day and features a choir of 12,000 voices. The tradition of the Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations is inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This Study Tour is organized by Lithuanian National Culture Centre under the label of European Choral Association (ECA).

[Register](#) before 1 April 2024.

[More information, participation fees, and IFCM members discount!](#)



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Exclusive Opportunity to Discover China and Sing in Beijing

The China International Chorus Festival (CICF) is one of the largest and most prestigious international chorus festival gatherings in China and the Asia-Pacific region. The festival has reached an online audience of over one hundred million viewers and has significantly influenced the development of choral music in China.. The 17th CICF is scheduled to be held in Beijing 15-19 July 2024. [\[more\]](#)



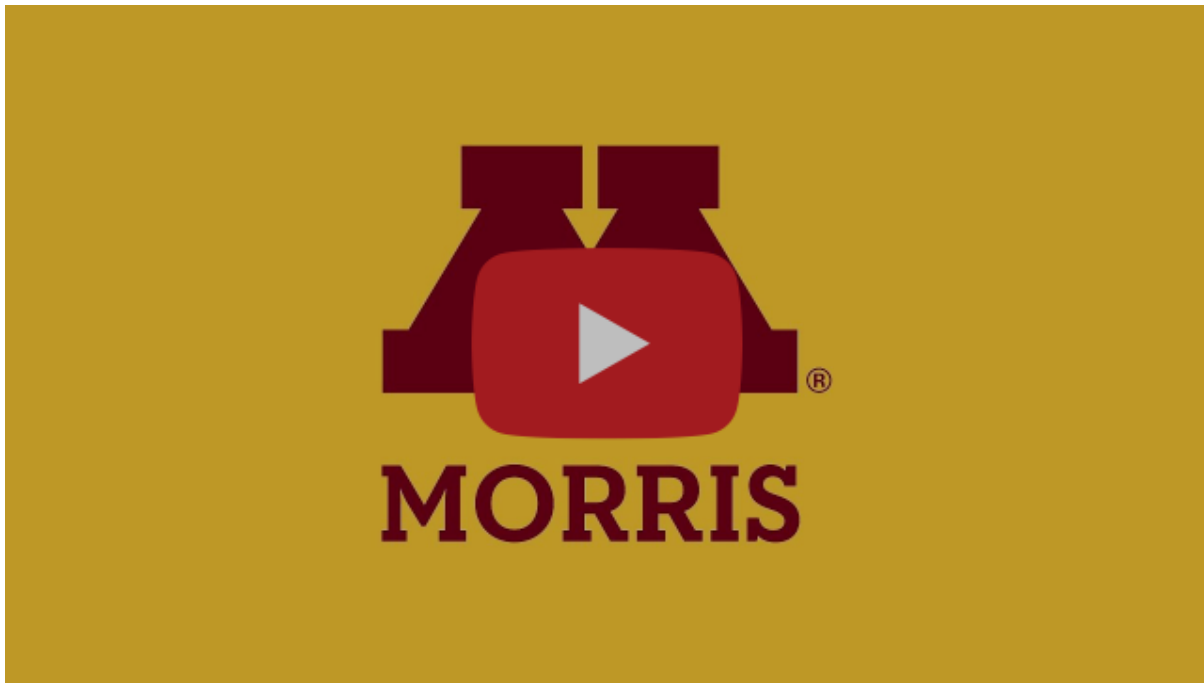
Fifth Conductors Without Borders in Douala, Cameroon

The Federation of Choral Music of Cameroon organized its fifth session of Conductors Without Borders in Douala, 8-14 January 2024. Originally scheduled for August 2023, the session was postponed to allow choir members and conductors to concentrate on the organization of Africa Cantat 2, which took place in Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1-6 August 2023. [\[more\]](#)



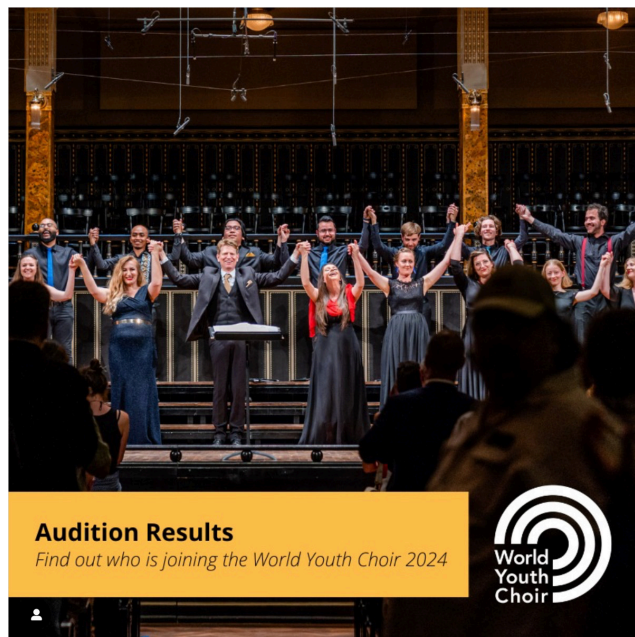
IFCM Welcomes a New Member in the Choir Category: University of Minnesota Morris Choir

The [University of Minnesota Morris Choir](https://mailchi.mp/ifcm.net/february-2024-ifcmnews-12682873?e=3a2ecca45c) (Morris, Minnesota, USA) is a non-auditioned choral ensemble comprised of students from all academic majors as well as University of Minnesota Morris faculty/staff and community members. The choir focuses on outreach through communal singing, wellness activities, and special guest presentations. The director of the choral activities is conductor, composer, and arranger Yulene Velásquez, a native of Venezuela. Yulene, a participant in the very first IFCM Youth Forum in 2008, has been a long-time supporter of IFCM, and now IFCM is delighted to welcome the University of Minnesota Morris Choir as a member of our international family.



2024 World Youth Choir Session, Weikersheim, Germany, 18 August – 8 September 2024

The international jury meeting for the [World Youth Choir](#) session 2024 took place in Berlin, Germany, on 12-15 January 2024. During these three days, the jury selected singers from over 160 candidates. After many hours of listening to the numerous recordings and evaluating the applicants, the jury finally chose 93 singers from 45 countries to be part of the World Youth Choir 2024 session. With the rehearsal session in Weikersheim, Germany, the tour will include concerts in Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and Austria. We are thrilled to announce the results of the selection process and introduce you to the World Youth Choir 2024! Discover the full list of singers [here](#).



Asia Pacific Youth Choir, 14-20 July 2024, Daegu, South Korea

The [Asia Pacific Youth Choir](#) committee received 87 applications for the next APYC session in July 2024. The jury will meet to select the singers and will announce the results in mid-February. Stay tuned.



APYC alumni 2011-2020 with conductor Chi Hoe Mak performing "O Salutaris" by Jacob Narverud for the World Choral Day 2022.

14th European Youth Choir Festival Basel, Switzerland (2025)

Still time to apply for an invitation for your choir until 10 February 2024!

Be one of the 18 choirs which will be selected by the [European Youth Choir Festival Basel](#) to perform and meet in Basel, Switzerland, in 2025 (28 May-1 June). A colorful program with choir music from all styles and ages appeals to an audience of nearly 40,000 spectators. Guest families host all singers. The festival covers all costs of the invited choirs. If you feel that this festival could be a unique chance to show your artistry, [please apply for an invitation](#).

Deadline for applications: 10 February 2024.



News from Voices of Singapore

[Voices of Singapore \(VOS\)](#) is pleased to announce its milestone collaboration with the classical recording label Naxos Records. Under the direction of Founder and Artistic Director Darius Lim, the VOS Choral Society is set to record the first complete album by a Singaporean composer under the Naxos label. The recording is scheduled for 1–3 March 2024, at [Singapore's Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music](#). The album will showcase a broad selection of Darius Lim's most iconic choral works.



The Federació Catalana d'Entitats Corals (FCEC) Announced the Winners of their Composition Competitions.

219 composers of 51 nationalities participated in The [Catalan Orfeó Competition](#), a total of 362 scores received. The [FCEC Awards](#) received 90 works by 49 composers. Winners include Carles Prat Vives and Joaquim Badia Arumí for best a cappella compositions in Catalan, and Andreu Diport Feliu for best a cappella harmonizations of traditional Catalan songs. In the Orfeó Català competition, Jonathan Lane and Gerard López Boada won for best choral compositions. The award-winning pieces will premiere at the "Festa de la Música Coral" on March 3, 2024, at the Palau de la Música Catalana in Barcelona. The event celebrates Catalan choral music and promotes new creations and the preservation of the region's musical heritage. [\[more\]](#)



Festa de la Música Coral 2023 © Eva Guillamet

American Choral Directors Association Announces its 2025 Convention (18-22 March 2025)

Dallas, Texas, will be the host city of the 2025 National Convention of the [American Choral Directors Association](#): *Celebrating the Choral Art: Past-Present-Future* (18-22 March 2025). The calls for interest session submissions and the participation of performing choirs open on 1 February 2024 and will close on 17 April 2024. ACDA welcomes submissions from all around the globe.



Musica Orbis Prague Festival Invites Choirs to Perform in Prague

[Musica Orbis Prague Festival](#), a festival and competition organizer based in Prague, Czechia, invites choirs from around the world to showcase their talents and perform in Prague, one of Europe's most cultural cities. To be part of the Musica Orbis Prague Festival with your choir, please visit the festival's [website](#).



The Brochure of Choral Events of the European Choral Association

The Brochure of Choral Events 2024, published by the European Choral Association, presents a selection of events open to singers, conductors, composers, and all choral lovers around Europe and beyond. All events are non-competitive, international events with an educational aspect. Download the Brochure of Choral Events 2024 [here](#).



Chœur la Grâce, Democratic Republic of Congo, Receives Honour

Founded in 1985 and IFCM member since 2000, [Chœur la Grâce](#) (Ambroise Kua-Nzambi Togo, conductor) has become one of the best-known choirs on the African continent. On 15 December 2023, in recognition of these artistic and cultural achievements, the country's Chancellor of National Orders recognized Chœur la Grâce as an official representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo. [\[more\]](#)



Obituary: Ivan Moody

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Ivan Moody (1964-2024), composer, conductor, and Orthodox priest. Born in the United Kingdom, Ivan settled in Portugal several decades ago and developed an intense career as a composer and musicologist. Read [here](#) the obituary published by the Centre for the Study of the Sociology and Aesthetics of Music (CESEM) of which Ivan was an integrated researcher and Board member.

List of Festivals with application deadlines in February and March 2024

[International Festival of Choral Singing Nancy Voix du Monde](#), Nancy, France, 8-12 May 2024. Apply before February 1, 2024.

[13th World Choir Festival on Musical & Competition](#), Thessaloniki, Greece, 10-12 May 2024. Apply before March 20, 2024.

[Musica Sacra International Festival](#), Marktoberdorf, Germany, 17-21 May 2024. Apply before 28 Feb 2024.

[51st International Choir Festival of Songs Olomouc](#), Czech Republic, 29 May-2 June 2024.

Apply before March 3, 2024.

[12th Kaunas Cantat](#), Kaunas, Lithuania, 7-9 June 2024. Apply before March 1st, 2024.

[3rd Sing Berlin! International Choir Festival & Competition](#), Germany, 7-11 June 2024. Early birds apply before 15 December 2023. Others apply before 15 February 2024.

[Alta Pusteria International Choir Festival](#), Alto Adige-Südtirol, Italy/Austria, 12-16 June 2024. Apply before February 15, 2024.

[International Choral Festival Costa Rica for Peace](#), San Jose, Costa Rica, 19-22 June 2024. Apply before February 28, 2024.

[Corearte Choral Summer Camp](#), Puerto de la Cruz Tenerife, Spain, 25-30 June 2024. Apply before 15 February 2024

[Cracovia Sacra – Sacred Choral Music Festival](#), Poland, 28-30 June 2024. Apply before March 15, 2024.

[International Choral Celebration and Laurea Mundi Budapest](#), Hungary, 30 June-4 July 2022. Apply before February 15, 2024.

[Study Tour to the 100th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Song Celebration](#), Vilnius, Lithuania, 2-7 July 2024. Apply before March 1st, 2024.

[59th Barcelona International Choir Festival, Barcelona](#), Spain, 8-14 July 2024. Choirs apply before November 30, 2023. Individuals apply before March 30, 2024.

[Chanakkale International Choir Festival and Competition](#), Canakkale, Türkiye, 9-14 July 2024. Apply before 17 February 2024

[European Seminar for Young Choral Composers](#), San Vito al Tagliamento (PN), Italy, 14-21 July 2024. Apply before March 30, 2024.

[13th Musica Eterna Roma International Choir Festival and Competition](#), Italy, 17-21 July 2024. Early birds apply before 15 December 2023. Others apply before 15 February 2024

[13th Bali International Choir Festival 2024](#), Bandung, 40253 Jawa Barat, Indonesia, 23-27 July 2024. Last registration closes on 13 March 2024.

[Tokyo International Choir Competition](#), Japan, 26-28 July 2024. Apply before 28 February 2024

[17th International Choir Contest Flanders](#), Genk, Belgium, 4-6 Oct 2024. Apply before March 15, 2024.

[Arctic Boys Choir Festival](#), Bodø, Norway, 7-11 Aug 2024. Apply before February 1, 2024

[5th Beira Interior International Choir Festival and Competition](#), Fundão, Portugal, 2-6 Oct 2024. Early birds apply before 29 February 2024

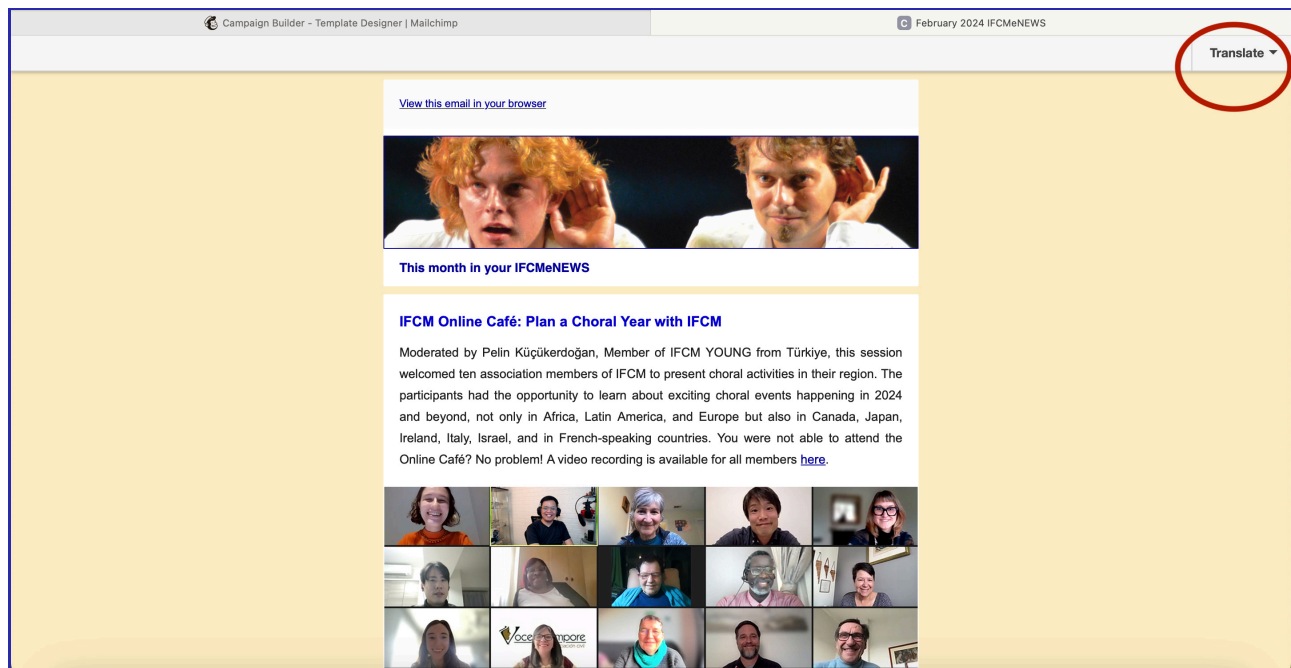
[Eric Ericson Award 2024](#), Stockholm, Sweden, 23-26 Oct 2024. Apply before 1 March 2024.

We invite you to visit the [Calendar of Choral Activities](#) published by the European Choral Association, and the American Choral Director Association ACDA's Network [ChoralNet](#) to check on the choral events planned in the coming years.

You too have a festival to promote? Don't hesitate to [contact the office](#).

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