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## IFCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MACAU (SAR), NOVEMBER 14, 2015:

### LEGAL CHAIR NOTE AND CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT

[IFCM GA Cancellation Note and Announcement by Legal Chair Theodor Lind and President Michael J. Anderson.pdf](#)

## NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

**146 choirs!!** This is the number of choirs that have applied to be selected to participate in the Barcelona IFCM Symposium 2017. Adult, children, youth, women, men, professional, all kind of choirs from 46 different countries around the world - a success that will make the task of selecting the best choirs very difficult for the Artistic Committee of the Symposium!



From 10 to 15 November the Barcelona Symposium was present with its own booth at the World Choral Expo held in Macau promoting the Symposium and the city of Barcelona; this was a new IFCM activity in which 82 choirs from all over the world took part.

Don't forget to visit the 11th WSCM website. It's up and running and waiting for your visit...

<http://www.wscm11.cat/>

## IFCM WORLD CHORAL EXPO

**13 – 15 November, Macau University, Macau**

The **INAUGURAL IFCM WORLD CHORAL EXPO** is over. This was a learning opportunity for so many parties, especially for the 400+ teachers and conductors that attended the numerous master-classes, presentations, lectures and consultancies, or for the 2000+ participants who listened intently to the performances of the 15 invited choirs. Many participants have provided feedback that praised the artistic elements of this event, affirming how it has "changed their mindset and previous notion of choral music, conducting and composing."

This was a truly eye-opening opportunity for so many choral conductors, especially for many of those that are not able to travel to Europe or America for Symposiums, master-classes, or to study. The IFCM World Choral EXPO Team would like to extend its gratitude to all who participated in this event, as a presenter, juror, guest or delegate.



## CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDS SHOW

During the IFCM World Choral Expo's Closing Ceremony, Royce Saltzman (USA), Alberto Grau (Venezuela) and Jutta Tagger (France) were honored with Lifetime Achievement Award.

[www.worldchoralexpo.com](http://www.worldchoralexpo.com) or

[www.facebook.com/worldchoralexpo/](https://www.facebook.com/worldchoralexpo/)

## IFCM AT THE 36TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL IN RABAT, MOROCCO

IFCM was represented at the IMC biennial General Assembly and conference by IFCM Vice President, Philip Brunelle. The focus of the conference was on African and Middle East music in collaboration with "Visa for Music", 11-14 November 2015, under the patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI. A workshop was held where Philip presented a session on the IFCM program, "Conductors Without Borders", and its role in bringing conducting instruction to countries in Central and East Africa as well as Central and South America.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### 12<sup>th</sup> IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC IN 2020

*Where in the world will it be?*

**PROPOSALS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!**

*Where in the world will you be in 2020? Hopefully at the 12<sup>th</sup> IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music.*

*But where will that be? Who knows... could it be in your country or your hometown?*

Timeline:

- December 31, 2015: Closing date for initial Proposal Applications
- March 2016: Short-listed proposals announced
- April 2016: Short-listed Proposal Presentations to the IFCM Board
- May 2016: Announcement of winner of 12<sup>th</sup> IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music 2020

[Download the Organizational Guidelines here](#)

Online applications form available on <http://ifcm.net/get-logo-2/>

## IFCM YOUTH ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Presented by the American Choral Directors Association

August 15 – 31, 2016 Nassau, Bahamas

The world is full of musicians, therefore it is full of music events of many kinds: large, medium, and small scale. These events have many aspects that should be taken into account in order for them to be successful: production, staging, communications, PR, fundraising, finances, outreach, and many others. The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) have thoroughly designed a training program for young managers aged 18 to 30, who are motivated to learn and to develop their skills in international event management so they can return to their home countries with the tools needed to organize choir and music festivals and events. More information and an application form at [America-cantat.org](http://America-cantat.org) or by email to [mcprieto@gmail.com](mailto:mcprieto@gmail.com)

## THE WORLD CHORAL DAY 2015

The date for the celebration of World Choral Day has been set for December 13, 2015. The theme for this year's celebration is "Integration". If you are a singer, a director or a manager and are planning an event for this date or around it, please register it at [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net) or at [www.worldchoralday.org](http://www.worldchoralday.org).

You will take part in a worldwide event and you will feel the sense of community with all the other participants all over the world.

**BE PART OF IT!**

**SHOW THAT YOU BELONG TO THE GREAT CHORAL COMMUNITY OF THE WORLD!**

**REGISTER YOUR EVENT!**





Expo Milano, the Tree of Life

## EXPO Milan 2015 – A GREAT SHOWCASE FOR CHORAL MUSIC

Visit the [Facebook](#) page or [Feeding Souls, Thanking for Food](#)

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

### NORDKLING16 AUGUST 3-7, 2016 IN TURKU, FINLAND

The Nordklang Festival is organized under the umbrella of Nordisk Korforum every three years in one of the Nordic countries. The event brings together singers from all the Nordic countries to sing, learn and network. Nordklang16 will offer a large variety of workshops for singers of all kinds of choirs.

Among others:

#### **Long Live Shakespeare! – Jani Sivén** (for intermediate to difficult level)

Year 2016 marks the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. His plays and poems have inspired composers to create diverse and wonderful choral sounds and vocal characters. Different colours and timbres can be enjoyed in the music of Frank Martin, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, Juhani Komulainen, Nils Lindberg, and many more. Welcome to the Shakespearean feast to sing and interpret these choral treasures under the direction of Jani Sivén, lecturer of choral conducting (Sibelius Academy), conductor and composer.

Read more about **Jani Sivén** [HERE](#)



#### **Early Music Made in Europe – Þorgerður Ingólfssdóttir** (for intermediate to difficult level)

If early music is your stuff, this is the workshop for you. You can experience singing the music of 16th- and 17th-century masters in the Turku Cathedral from the 14th century. The music is from all corners of Renaissance Europe and the repertoire chosen by Icelandic conductor Þorgerður Ingólfssdóttir has a strong jubilant flavour to it.

Read more about **Þorgerður Ingólfssdóttir** [HERE](#)

Registration on <http://www.nordklang.fi>



## THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT ELECTS A NEW BOARD AND PRESIDENT AND LOOKS AHEAD TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CHORAL LIFE IN EUROPE

The European Choral Association-Europa Cantat is happy to announce that Gábor Móczár (Hungary) was re-elected as President of the association on November 14, 2015, in Helsinki, Finland. The General Assembly elected a Board of 13 persons from 12 European countries, which then elected a new Executive Board:

President: Gábor Móczár (Hungary), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Carlo Pavese (Italy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and chair of the Music Commission: Jan Schumacher (Germany), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President: Daphne Wassink (The Netherlands), Treasurer: Koenraad De Meulder (Belgium). Further members of the Board: Burak Onur Erdem (Turkey), Marti Ferrer (Spain), Reijo Kekkonen (Finland), Victoria Liedbergius (Norway), Loti Piris Niño (Belgium), Patrick Secchiari (Switzerland), Kaie Tanner (Estonia), Jean-Claude Wilkens (France).

The General Assembly was preceded by a "Membership Day" at which the members discussed their view and vision of the association and made proposals for the future development, especially in the field of Activities, Fundraising and Communication. Complete Press Release [here](#).

More on [www.eca-ec.org](http://www.eca-ec.org)



## ACDA NATIONAL DIVISIONAL CONFERENCES

The American Choral Directors Association seven divisional conferences will be held throughout February and March of 2016. These events feature hundreds of choral concerts and interest session presentations.

Visit the "[Conferences](#)" page at [www.acda.org](http://www.acda.org) for additional information.

## 2016 ACDA Children's Choir Retreat, Morristown, NJ, USA, January 16-17, 2016

[www.acda.org](http://www.acda.org)

## AMERICA CANTAT 8, August 21-31, 2016, Nassau, Bahamas

\$50 OFF EXPIRING SOON: Early Bird registration expires January 31, so register now to take advantage of the \$180 registration fee! The festival is open to full choirs, small ensembles, and individuals, and will feature workshops and performance opportunities with some of the world's best choral leaders. Flexible travel dates available. More information at [america-cantat.org](http://america-cantat.org)

## IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

### 13<sup>TH</sup> CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL, 26 JULY - 4 AUGUST 2016, BEIJING, CHINA

Founded in 1992, China International Chorus Festival (CICF) is currently the only state-level international chorus festival in China approved by the state council. As the largest-scale and highest-level international chorus festival in China, CICF is a cultural activity held every other year, which brings choirs from the country and abroad together to sing. CICF plays an important role in improving performance level of the participating choruses and promoting cultural exchanges between China and other countries. According to the statistics, in the past 12 festivals, the number of participating choirs has exceeded 1000 and more than 47,000 choir members were involved.

During "Building a harmonious world together for the future---Peace and Friendship", performers from different regions, countries and nationalities will sing for peace and friendship, express their happiness and desire for peace, spread friendship and love throughout the world. CICF combines art competitions with cultural exchange and performance. More info on <http://www.cicfbj.cn/en>

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CHORAL MUSIC monthly electronic newsletter

**LAST CALL: 11TH INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION, MILTENBERG, BAVARIA, GERMANY, 14-18 JULY 2016.**

**Apply before 31 December 2015.**

Email: [kultur@LRA-MIL.de](mailto:kultur@LRA-MIL.de) — Website: <http://www.chorwettbewerb-miltenberg.de>

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Do you want to join with others around the globe in volunteer work for the IFCM? The IFCM is currently compiling a database of people such as you who wish to have their name included for consideration for assistance in various choral projects throughout the world, as they are required. The process is simple. Just send a CV, a photo, and any suggestion of ways you might be able to help us to [leonardifra@yahoo.it](mailto:leonardifra@yahoo.it). Please write "Volunteer's database" in the subject line of your email, and preferably send your material in English.

*Remember the IFCM slogan "Volunteers connecting our choral world" - come and join us in our work!*

## **SHARE YOUR IMPORTANT CHORAL NEWS WITH THE WORLD!**

The IFCMeNEWS wants to hear what's new in your country so that it can be shared with our global community. If you have news or photographs of international interest, please visit the IFCM web site to see the new guidelines for contributions to the IFCMeNEWS. Submissions are free to IFCM members!

## **ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD ON IFCMeNEWS**

The IFCMeNEWS is now distributed to over 100,000 choral leaders around the world. What better way to connect with the international global community than advertising your choral event or product on IFCMeNEWS. Limited advertising spaces are available in the IFCMeNEWS each month at very reasonable rates. Contact the IFCM office for more information.

## **WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN DECEMBER 2015**

1-7 : Gospel in Spain - [www.sechristtravel.com](http://www.sechristtravel.com)

2-4 : 1st Florence Advent Choir Festival, Italy - <http://www.florencechoirfestival.com/Information+FACF>

3-6 : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)

4-6 : 6th Krakow Advent & Christmas Choir Festival, Poland - [www.christmasfestival.pl](http://www.christmasfestival.pl)

11-14 : International Choir Festival of Advent & Christmas Music Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - [www.munduscantat.pl](http://www.munduscantat.pl)

11-14 : 1st International Festival and Competition In Anticipation of Christmas, St. Petersburg, Russia -

[www.interfestplus.ru](http://www.interfestplus.ru)

11-14 : International Festival and Competition for Female Choirs in Anticipation of Christmas, St. Petersburg, Russia -

<http://interfestplus.ru/xmas/english.html>

27 Dec 2015-3 Jan 2016 : Sing in the New Year - Greece Choir Festival with Simon Carrington, Greece -

[www.KIconcerts.com](http://www.KIconcerts.com)

27 Dec-1 Jan 2015 : Ludlow Winter School, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

27 Dec 2015-2 Jan 2016 : 2nd International Christmas Music Festival Cantate Angeli, Vilnius, Lithuania -

[www.gratulationes.lt](http://www.gratulationes.lt)

