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## NEWS FROM IFCM

### DEAR SINGERS, CONDUCTORS, COMPOSERS, CHORAL FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

Today, we are facing one of the biggest pandemics in more than 50 years, and all cultural and social events are being canceled all over the world. IFCM together with the New Zealand Choral Federation made the difficult, but necessary, decision to cancel one of the biggest gatherings for the international choral community, the [World Symposium on Choral Music 2020](#). We are all in this together, and the IFCM family would like to share with you our heartfelt message to ensure you of our support and dedication to you. [This video](#) contains a message of encouragement from each one of our Board and Staff members to help you carry on during these difficult times.

We look forward to the day when all this is behind us. Meanwhile, please let us know how you are doing and share any innovative and creative projects you've realized, or are about to, during this challenging, and inspiring, period. How has COVID-19 had an impact on your musical life? What did you do to overcome the challenges of social distancing in your choral life? We encourage you to share your experiences, ideas, and tips through our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)) as we believe that your experiences and resources will inspire many others around the world. Thank you!



### FOLLOW IFCM ON INSTAGRAM TOO

In recent years, IFCM has begun to put more emphasis on communications through various social media channels. This initiative has resulted in one of the highest numbers of followers on Facebook in the choral field. While IFCM is already present on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#), we are excited to launch our new official [Instagram](#) channel. Here we will share interesting daily choral content about trending news, festivals and event deadlines, amusing photos and videos, and so much more.

Please follow us on [Instagram](#) to make sure you don't miss our important choral news and content.

**IFCM IS LOOKING FOR TRANSLATORS**

The [International Choral Bulletin \(ICB\)](#), the professional, scholarly journal/magazine edited by the [International Federation for Choral Music \(IFCM\)](#) is looking for volunteer translators from English to French, German to French and Spanish to French. This is a good opportunity for young translators to gain experience. Knowledge in choral music field is appreciated, but it is neither necessary nor required. Contact the ICB Editing Manager, [Andrea Angelini](#), or apply [online](#).

**WORLD YOUTH CHOIR VIDEOS**

The [World Youth Choir \(WYC\)](#) has recently updated its [video collection](#) of WYC performances during the past two decades. In addition to this collection of performances on the WYC website, more WYC performances can be accessed on the [WYC YouTube channel](#) and the [WYC Vimeo channel](#). Of particular interest is the recording of the [full concert](#) of the **2019 World Youth Choir** at Teatro Nacional São Carlos in Lisbon on 30 July 2019. Conducted by Maestro Josep Vila i Casañas, this performance marked the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the World Youth Choir program.



The World Youth Choir singers in traditional clothing, showcasing the cultural richness of their 29 different countries of origin in front of the beautiful Abbaye de Sylvanès (Sylvanès, July 28, 2019)

**ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH CHOIR 2020****Call for Singers - APYC 2020 in Kuala Lumpur**

The audition has started for APYC 2020 in Kuala Lumpur. We are looking for the talented young singers aged 18 - 28 years from the Asia Pacific region. For further details, please go to <https://jcanet.or.jp/ap-youth/>. Application deadline: 8 May 2020.

**FIRST AFRICA CANTAT FESTIVAL, NAIROBI, KENYA, 22-29 AUGUST, 2020**

For more information, visit the Africa Cantat [website](#) or contact the festival directly via [email](#). Come to Nairobi and enjoy the rich diversity of choral music from different regions in Africa and other countries worldwide! Jambo Kenya!

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

## EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

**And the next EUROPA CANTAT Junior Festival will take place in...**

**Early July 2023, the streets of Ghent, Belgium will be filled with music and joy. Why, you ask? Because the EUROPA CANTAT Junior Festival 2023 will be in the great hands of [Koor&Stem](#), the choral organisation in Flanders.**

EUROPA CANTAT Junior is a festival for children's and youth choirs with up to 1,000 young participants from all over the world. It takes place in a different European city every three years and is co-organized by European Choral Association – Europa Cantat in collaboration with local organizations. This year the [Europa Cantat Junior Festival 2020](#) takes place in Vilnius, Lithuania, 5-13 August 2020.

The future host, [Koor&Stem](#) is the choral organization in Flanders which supports more than 1,000 choirs, 35,000 singers, and conductors in the Dutch-speaking, northern part of Belgium. Koor&Stem - also the local organizer of the World Choir Games 2021 - is looking forward to the opportunity once more to invite a crowd of young, passionate singers from Europe and all over the world.

The festival will take place in the heart of the city of [Ghent](#). Ateliers, open singing, concert venues, historical sites, and most of the accommodation for the festival are all within walking distance. Ghent offers a buzzing creative scene alongside the beautiful, historical, and car-free city center!





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## ECA-EC SURVEY ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE CHORAL WORLD

This is a challenging time for us all, with the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 having far-reaching and diverse impacts that continue to emerge.

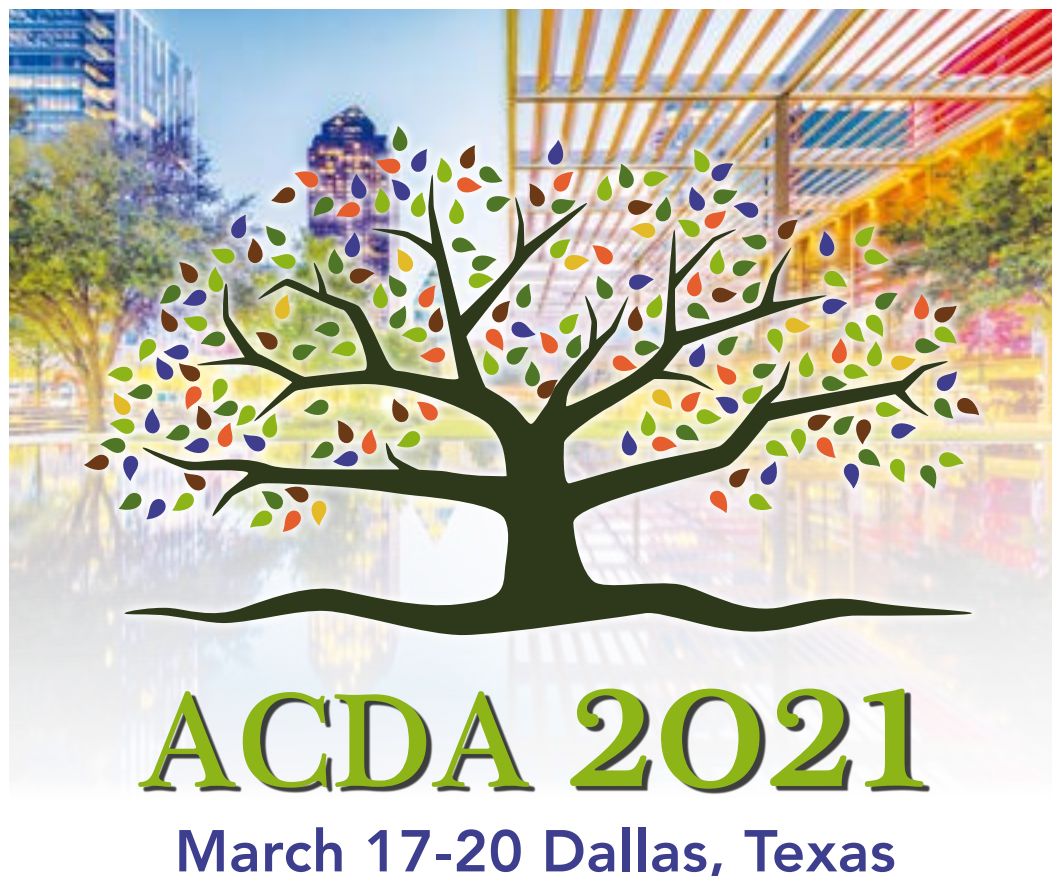
Share your experience with us by completing this [survey](#). Help us understand - from all of you involved in collective singing / choral music - what impact the COVID-19 outbreak is having world-wide.

## AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

**Moving Online:** The 2020 Symposium for Research in Choral Singing is moving online! Details are still be worked out regarding how and when (potentially May). Watch the Symposium for Research in Choral Singing [webpage](#) for more information as it develops!

**Cancelled:** Summer Choral Composers Forum - Jun. 22-29, 2020 (Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania).

**Save the Date:** [ACDA National Conference - "Diversity in Music"](#) - Mar. 17-19, 2021 (Dallas, Texas).



## NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

### TIMEDATE MUSIC - A CONCERT IN 24 HOURS AROUND THE WORLD

TimeDate Music is looking for choirs to perform Karl Jenkins' The Peacemakers on **International Peace Day - Tuesday, 21 September 2021 at 20h00** in your own time zone.



If the composition is performed at the same time in different time zones, the message of The Peacemakers would be expressed throughout a 24-hour period all around the world. In short, this is the idea of TimeDate Music!

We would be delighted for you or your choir to participate in our worldwide project. Please find out more on our [website](#) or [contact](#) us!



### **68TH EUROPEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE POSTPONED**

#### **Neerpelt, Belgium**

For the safety and wellbeing of all participants, visitors, and staff, the [68th European Music Festival for Young People](#), initially planned 30 April-4 May, then postponed to 11-14 September 2020, is now scheduled to occur around 1 May 2021. Practical details on the 2021 Festival will be communicated later.

### **THE 12TH EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS BASEL**

#### **TOTAKE PLACE 12 – 16 MAY 2021**

The board of the association [European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel](#) is pleased to announce that the 12th European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel has been successfully rescheduled to take place 12-16 May 2021, instead of the originally planned 20-24 May 2020. Three major choir and music festivals in Switzerland, nearly 100 cooperation partners of the festival and 40 invited children's and youth choirs have shown their solidarity and have made this decision possible with their flexibility and enthusiasm.

The 13th European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel will take place on 16-21 May 2023. Application deadline: 31 January 2022.

### **WHAT'S ON IN MAY AND JUNE IN THE CHORAL WORLD**

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