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## IFCM ELECTION 2017: PROCEDURE, CANDIDATURES, DATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW HERE

### NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

#### BARCELONA, 22 - 29 JULY 2017

As the Mediterranean summer gets closer, Barcelona is taking care of the last details to welcome the plurality of our choral worldwide community and host the colors of peace. We will enjoy more than 60 concerts, over 70 lectures and presentations, 4 master classes, and a Choral Expo with leading publishers. Participants from more than 40 countries across the world are already registered and you won't want to miss a Symposium that promises to be unforgettable!

Here are four more choirs that will participate at the “Circle Concerts” of the WSCM11:



#### ELLERHEIN GIRLS' CHOIR – Estonia

Since 2012 Ingrid Kõrvits has been the chief conductor. Over the past decade, various choral festivals and competitions have led the choir to 12 different countries around the world and the choir has won numerous awards, including Grand Prix in three of them. In 2004, Ellerhein in collaboration with Paavo Järvi received a Grammy award (for best choral performance), awarded for the disc “Sibelius: cantatas” (Virgin Classics). Last season the choir had many different and exciting projects with repertoire ranging from Estonian choral classics to Mendelssohn's “A Midsummer Night's Dream”.

#### THE RAFFLES SINGERS – Singapore

Conducted by Toh Ban Sheng, The Raffles Singers have clinched top honours in international competitions and festivals in Europe. The choir was awarded a perfect-score Gold Diploma and Category Champion at the 34th International Festival of Songs Olomouc in 2006. The following year, they were awarded a Gold Diploma at the 17th International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music in Prague. Most recently, in 2015, the choir flew Singapore's flag high at the 3rd International Copernicus Choir Festival and Competition in Torun, Poland, emerging as the Grand Prix winner.



#### MIXED CHOIR KULKUSET – Finland

Sekakuoro Kulkuset was founded in the aftermath of Finnish independence in January 1918. It is one of the oldest mixed choirs in Finland performing mainly a cappella with a versatile repertoire. Finnish music has, of course, always been very important for the choir, but their repertoire draws from many different sources and today includes material from early music to contemporary compositions. The choir has also commissioned compositions and arrangements from many contemporary Finnish composers.

## CHROMAS – Turkey

Chromas, which means "colors," is comprised of members hailing from various cities, universities, backgrounds, and walks of life throughout Turkey. Conducted by Başak Doğan, Chromas believes that every performance is unique and special to the moment in which it is given as their experiences have proven time and again. The choir hones its musical skills not only by preparing for and giving performances, but also by improvising and interacting through the course of these performances. In doing so, they involve the audience in a way that allows everyone to be part of the live music-making process!



In the next IFCMeNEWS we will present 4 other choirs of the "Circle Concerts"!

Don't forget this great event: Register now: [www.wscm11.cat](http://www.wscm11.cat)

## 2017 CHINA (QIANDONGNAN) INTERNATIONAL FOLK SONG CHORAL FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD VOICES CONFERENCE

August 8-13, 2017, Kaili City, Guizhou Province, China

On August 8-13 2017 in Kaili, Guizhou Province, China, the folk song heritage will be heard by the world. Since most Dongs prefer their towns or villages to be relatively small, in which usually twenty to thirty households constitute a village, Dong songs vary from village to village. One may discover that popular songs from neighbouring villages can be quite different. Since one cannot easily travel to the Dong villages, this is the perfect opportunity for international folk choral music lovers, and culture explorers to explore this interesting and unique heritage. Not only will you be able to hear the songs of the Dong and Miao people of this region, you will be able to explore some world renowned choirs singing folk songs indigenous to their own countries.

The International Federation for Choral Music is proud to present this year's World Voices Conference to be held in Kaili, Guizhou Province, China in conjunction with the 2017 China (Qiandongnan) International Folk Song Choral Festival. Voices Conference is a unique festival and conference. It is an opportunity for people culturally anxious to discover new worlds and new voices. It is the perfect time to enjoy learning from conductors, musicologists, composers, singers, musicians, students and music and culture lovers.

Download the registration form [here](#)

Stayed tuned on [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net) as more details are provided!



## WORLD YOUTH CHOIR

The singers have been selected for the next session

The international jury meeting for session 2017 took place in Pécs between 16-18 of March where the representatives of the three patron organization ([IFCM](#), [ECA-EC](#) and [JMI](#)) together with the conductors of the session selected the best singers from nearly 200 candidates. The international jury chose 55 singers from 33 countries to be part of the World Youth Choir for the upcoming summer session, located in Pécs with a concert tour in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. Thank you very much to all the recruiters who have been informed about the selection results at the same time as the singers.

By the way - did you recruit singers for the World Youth Choir in your country this year? It's not difficult to do and we will be happy to provide you with further information.

Read more on the [2017 session](#) and stay updated on [www.worldyouthchoir.org](http://www.worldyouthchoir.org).

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

### AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

The American Choral Directors Association is collaborating with the Robert Shaw website to scan the bulk of the 125 scores in ACDA's archives that Robert Shaw used in preparation for rehearsal scores and materials. The scores were donated to ACDA in 2015. According to Tim Share, ACDA executive director, "These treasures have different levels of marking and were used for different purposes to help Mr. Shaw convey to his singers exactly what he wanted them to do with every note. These scores offer significant insight into Robert Shaw's analytical and score-marking process." This collaborative project has produced six additional digitized scores over the past few months, and will continue for some time into the future. IFCM members may view what is currently available, as well as monitor progress, by watching <http://acda.org/page.asp?page=robertshawcollection> on the ACDA website.

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

One million euro over four years for collective singing in Europe

The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat is happy to share the news that its application for Network Funding under the EU Creative Europe programme has been successful!

The project "Upgrade – Connect – Reach out: Raising Awareness for Collective Singing in Europe" will be funded by the EU with up to 250.000 EUR per year over four years (09/2017 to 08/2021).

Developed in tight cooperation with the membership, the project aims at strengthening the network and its members, connect to and cooperate with other players in the field of Collective Singing and beyond, reach out to people who do not sing (yet) and promote the value of European cooperation.

You can subscribe to the newsletter of ECA-EC to learn more about the planned activities in the coming months!

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

### EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) AND THE CATALAN FEDERATION OF CHORAL ASSOCIATIONS (FCEC)



Singing Week in Tarragona

Tarragona, Spain, 14-22 July 2017

Deadline for applications: 31/3/2017

Workshops with Josep Vila Jover (Spain), Michael Gohl (Switzerland), Bernie Sherlock (Ireland) and Brady Allred (USA).

Open singing under the baton of Xavier Puig (Te Deum by Albert Guinovart)

The dates of the Singing Week have been set up to enable the participants to also attend to the World Symposium on Choral Music (Barcelona, from July 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Info at Associacion Cor Ciutat de Tarragona, [info@setmanacantat.org](mailto:info@setmanacantat.org) or on [www.setmanacantat.org](http://www.setmanacantat.org)

### A COEUR JOIE FRANCE AND THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) PRESENT:

8<sup>th</sup> Europa Cantat Junior Festival, Lyon, France – July 13-20, 2017

This famous festival for children and youth choirs will take place in Lyon, France for the first time. Lyon is the town where the French choral federation A Coeur Joie is based. Choral music has a special place in the cultural life of the city, with many children and adult choirs of all kinds. Concerts, ateliers and nice activities are waiting for you!

More information: <http://europacantatjunior.fr/en/>

## DEAR MEMBERS, RENEW YOUR SUPPORT TO IFCM IN 2017



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Advertisement spaces are now available on [www.IFCM.net](http://www.IFCM.net) and [ICB.IFCM.net](http://ICB.IFCM.net) as well as in the monthly IFCMeNEWS and in the quarterly ICB and eICB. Rates and dimensions are on the [Reserve A Space form](#)

Take advantage of the excellent usage statistics of our websites and media to promote your choral events!

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN MAY AND JUNE 2017

4-7 May : Queen of the Adriatic Sea Choral Festival and Competition, Cattolica, Italy - [www.queenchoralfestival.org](http://www.queenchoralfestival.org)

9-11 May : 1st Lorenzo de Medici International Music Festival, Florence, Italy - [www.florencechoral.com](http://www.florencechoral.com)

11-14 May : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Stockholm, Sweden - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

12-14 May : 1st Elegia International Choir Festival, Moudania, Greece - [www.elegia-neapropontida.com/about-us](http://www.elegia-neapropontida.com/about-us)

14-21 May : Voices United Austria 2017 Choir Festival, Vienna & Salzburg, Austria - [www.Klconcerts.com](http://www.Klconcerts.com)

15-21 May : 2nd Lebanese International Choir Festival, Tripoli, Lebanon - [www.licfestival.org/](http://www.licfestival.org/)

16-18 May : "On The Lake" First International Choir Festival, On the shores of the Sea of Galilee in the Holy Land, Israel - [www.holylandchoir.org](http://www.holylandchoir.org)

16-20 May : 13th International Festival of University Choirs UNIVERSITAS CANTAT 2017, Poznań, Poland - <http://cantat.amu.edu.pl/pl/>

18-21 May : 7th Kaunas Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Kaunas, Lithuania - [www.kaunascantat.lt](http://www.kaunascantat.lt)

18-22 May : 13th International Choir Festival Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - [www.munduscantat.pl](http://www.munduscantat.pl)

18-20 May : 2017 Emerald City Choral Festival with Rollo Dilworth, Seattle, USA - [www.sechriststravel.com](http://www.sechriststravel.com)

18-22 May : 14th International Choral Festival London, United Kingdom - [www.maldiviaggi.com](http://www.maldiviaggi.com)

23-25 May : Sing With Us in Salzburg Cathedral, Austria - [www.pp-performing.eu](http://www.pp-performing.eu)

23-28 May : International Choir Festival Corearte Junior 2017, Puerto de la Cruz Tenerife, Spain - [www.corearte.es](http://www.corearte.es)

23-28 May : International Choir Festival Corearte Senior 2017, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain - [www.corearte.es](http://www.corearte.es)

24-28 May : Vaasa International Choir Festival, Finland - [www.vaasachoirfestival.fi/](http://www.vaasachoirfestival.fi/)

24-28 May : Norbusang 2017, Os, Norway - <http://norbusang.org/>

25-28 May : Harmonie Festival 2017, Limburg-Lindenholzhausen, Germany - [www.harmonie-festival.de](http://www.harmonie-festival.de)

25-28 May : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Florence, Italy - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

25-28 May : 7th Šiauliai Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Šiauliai, Lithuania - [www.kaunascantat.lt](http://www.kaunascantat.lt)

26-27 May : 18th Fort Worden Children's Choir Festival, Port Townsend WA, USA - [www.fortwordenfestival.com](http://www.fortwordenfestival.com)

26-28 May : 46th International Competition Florilège Vocal de Tours, France - [www.florilegevocal.com](http://www.florilegevocal.com)

26-29 May : CantaRode International Choral Festival, Kerkrade, The Netherlands - [www.cantarode.nl](http://www.cantarode.nl)

26-28 May : 60th International Festival of Choral Art Jihlava 2017, Czech Republic - [www.nipos-mk.cz](http://www.nipos-mk.cz)

27 May-1 June : Salzburg Summer School, Austria - [www.runbysingers.org](http://www.runbysingers.org)

27 May-4 June : 21th Ankara Choral Festival, Turkey - [www.musicfestinturkey.com](http://www.musicfestinturkey.com)

31 May-4 June : 45th International Choir Festival of Songs Olomouc, Czech Republic - [www.festamusicale.com](http://www.festamusicale.com)

1-4 June : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Barcelona, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

2-7 June : 15th International Chamber Choir Competition, Marktoberdorf, Germany - [www.modfestivals.org](http://www.modfestivals.org)

2-5 June : Aarhus Vocal Festival, Denmark - [www.aavf.dk](http://www.aavf.dk)

3-11 June : Italy 2017 Choir Festival with John Dickson, Rome & Tuscany, Italy - [www.Klconcerts.com](http://www.Klconcerts.com)

3-14 June : 26th International Choral Festival La Fabbrica del Canto, Legnano, Italy - [www.jubilate.it](http://www.jubilate.it)

4-11 June : A Week in Krakow, directed by Patrick Craig, Poland - [www.runbysingers.org](http://www.runbysingers.org)

6-11 June : Tampere Vocal Music Festival, Finland - [www.tamperemusicfestivals.fi/vocal/en](http://www.tamperemusicfestivals.fi/vocal/en)

7-11 June : 5th Vietnam International Choir Festival & Competition, Hôi An, Vietnam - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)

7-11 June : 7th International Choral Festival Chernomorski zvutsi, Balchik, Bulgaria - [www.chernomorskizvutsi.com/](http://www.chernomorskizvutsi.com/)

7-11 June : International Masterclass for Choral Conductors, Marktoberdorf, Germany - [www.modfestivals.org](http://www.modfestivals.org)

8-11 June : 8th International Krakow Choir Festival Cracovia Cantans, Poland - [www.krakowchoirfestival.pl](http://www.krakowchoirfestival.pl)

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- 8-12 June : Krakow International Festival, Poland - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)
- 8-11 June : Czech Choir Festival Sborové slavnosti, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic - [www.sboroveslavnosti.cz](http://www.sboroveslavnosti.cz)
- 8-10 June : 7th European Forum on Music, Paphos, Cyprus - [www.emc-ipc.org/](http://www.emc-ipc.org/)
- 9-11 June : Sing With Us in Salzburg Cathedral, Austria - [www.pp-performing.eu](http://www.pp-performing.eu)
- 10-15 June : Notes of Joy Austria 2017 Choir Festival, Austria - [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)
- 11-12 June : 37th IMC General Assembly, Paphos, Cyprus - [www.unesco.org/imc](http://www.unesco.org/imc)
- 11-17 June : Music at Monteconero, Sirolo Ancône, Italy - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)
- 12-15 June : Sing Mass at St Peter's Basilica with Catherine Sailer, Rome, Italy - [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)
- 13-17 June : 5th Anúna International Choral Summer School, Dublin, Ireland - [www.anuna.ie/](http://www.anuna.ie/)
- 14-18 June : International Anton Bruckner Choir Competition and Festival, Linz, Austria - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)
- 14-19 June : Salzburg International Choral Celebration and Competition, Salzburg, Austria - <http://meeting-music.com/>
- 15-18 June : Bratislava Choir Festival, Slovak Republic - [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)
- 15-17 June : Luther 2017 Choral Festival, Berlin, Germany - <http://luther2017choralfestival.org/>
- 15-20 June : Conducting 21C, Stockholm, Sweden - [www.conducting21c.com/](http://www.conducting21c.com/)
- 15-17 June : SINGMIT! Festival in Vienna, Austria - [www.encoretours.com/go/singmit.cfm](http://www.encoretours.com/go/singmit.cfm)
- 15-19 June : International Choral Festival in Tuscany, Montecatini Terme, Italy - <http://tuscany.music-contact.com/>
- 17-23 June : Eine Feste Burg, a Choral Celebration, Leipzig, Germany - [www.perform-international.com](http://www.perform-international.com)
- 17-25 June : Join Randall Stroope to sing in Barcelona and Madrid, Spain - [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)
- 17-24 June : Early Music in Antwerpen, Belgium - [www.runbysingers.org](http://www.runbysingers.org)
- 18-21 June : International Contest Sun of Italy, Montecatini Terme, Toscana, Italy - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 18-23 June : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 20-27 June : Ireland 2017 Choir Festival, Cork and Dublin, Ireland - [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)
- 20-24 June : Pura Vida Costa Rica! San José, Costa Rica - <http://perform-international.com/festivals/#pura-vida-costa-rica>
- 21-25 June : 20th Alta Pusteria International Choir Festival, Alto Adige-Südtirol, Italy - [www.festivalpusteria.org](http://www.festivalpusteria.org)
- 21-24 June : Chorus America Conference 2017, Los Angeles, California, USA - [www.chorusamerica.org](http://www.chorusamerica.org)
- 22-25 June : International Choral Competition Ave Verum, Baden, Austria - [www.aveverum.at](http://www.aveverum.at)
- 22-25 June : Limerick Sings International Choral Festival and 30th Anniversary Concert by ANÚNA, Limerick, Ireland - [www.limericksings.com](http://www.limericksings.com)
- 22-24 June : 8th Rome International Choral Festival, Italy - [www.romechoralfestival.org](http://www.romechoralfestival.org)
- 22-26 June : International Choral Fest Costa Rica San Jose, Costa Rica - [www.choralfestcostarica.org/](http://www.choralfestcostarica.org/)
- 23-26 June : Festival Coral de Verão, Lisbon, Portugal - <http://pscf.sourcewerkz.com/>
- 24-30 June : Requiem for the Living, Bayeux, Normandy, France - [www.perform-international.com](http://www.perform-international.com)
- 25-28 June : 5th Per Musicam Ad Astra, International Copernicus Choir Festival and Competition, Toru, Poland - [www.meeting-music.com](http://www.meeting-music.com)
- 25 June-1 July : London International A Cappella Choir Competition, St John's Smith Square, London, United Kingdom - [www.liacc.org.uk/](http://www.liacc.org.uk/)
- 25-28 June : International Contest of Classical Music and Singing Música del Mar, Lloret de Mar, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 27 June-4 July : Serenade! Washington, DC Choral Festival, USA - <http://classicalmovements.org/dc.htm>
- 27 June-4 July : Kennedy Center: Celebrate President JFK 100th, Washington DC, USA - <http://classicalmovements.org/>
- 28 June-2 July : Jubilate Mozart! Choral Festival, Salzburg, Austria - <http://mozartchoralfestival.org/>
- 29 June-2 July : Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival and Competition, Venice, Italy - [www.venicechoralcompetition.it](http://www.venicechoralcompetition.it)
- 29 June-16 July : International Festival Verona Garda Estate, Verona, Brescia, Mantua, Vicenza, Italy - [www.festivalveronagardaestate.eu](http://www.festivalveronagardaestate.eu)
- 29 June-2 July : 19th International Cantus MM Choir and Orchestra Festival, Salzburg, Austria - [www.cantusmm.com](http://www.cantusmm.com)
- 30 June-10 July : EuroChoir 2017, Utrecht, Netherlands - [www.feniarco.it](http://www.feniarco.it)
- 30 June-3 July : Choralfest Melbourne 2017, Brisbane Grammar School, Queensland, Australia - <http://choralfest.org.au/>
- 30 June-16 July : Festival of Voices, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - <https://festivalofvoices.com/>
- 30 June : Win A Competition, Tholey, Germany - [www.wac-contest.eu](http://www.wac-contest.eu)

