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**NEWS FROM IFCM****CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD CHORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE****Beijing, China, 19 July to 25 July 2018**

As you read in our last IFCMeNEWS, the four top choirs invited to the China International Chorus Festival in July are now selected. This week, let's discover **Pannon Voices Mixed Choir!**

Founded in 2017, Pannon Voices Mixed Choir is composed of singers that are all music teachers. Their reputation came soon after, as they were awarded first Prize at the Budapest International Choral Festival the same year. Their repertoire includes Hungarian music from the last centuries, preserved manuscripts of Hungarian composers in the Romanticism, contemporary works as well as manuscripts of 19th century female composers. Pannon Voices Mixed Choir mainly performs works of Hungarian composers, such as Ferenc Liszt, Béla Bartók, Zoltán Kodály, and Lajos Bárdos. The repertoire also includes works composed by Hungarian most prominent contemporary composers: Sándor Szokolay, Erzsébet Szőnyi, Miklós Kocsár, Levente Gyöngyösi, Péter Tóth, and Barnabás Horváth.

**And here are the names of the speakers at the IFCM World Choral Education**

**Conference:** Ki Adams (Canada), Andrea Angelini (Italy), Alan Bennett (USA), Carole Blankenship (USA), Sandra Chandler (USA), Cristian Grases (USA/Venezuela), Niels Græsholm (Denmark), Saeko Hasegawa (Japan), Rainer Held (Switzerland), Allen Henderson (USA), Daniel Mestre (Spain), Donka Miteva (Germany), Pawasut Piriyaongrat (Thailand), Fumiyo Tozaki (Japan), Vernon Whaley (USA).

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### IFCM THIRD INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR CHORAL COMPOSITION: AND THE WINNERS ARE

IFCM is very proud and happy to announce the winners of the third International Competition for Choral Composition:

- First place with 916/1000 points goes to **Juan Manuel Conejo Gonzales** from Spain with his piece *NUR*: first Prize of US\$ 5000.00
- Second place with 887,5/1000 points goes to **Jakub Szafrński** from Poland with his piece *Falling Stars*: second Prize of US\$ 2500.00
- Third place with 876/1000 points goes to **Benedikt Brydern** from USA with his piece *Miserere*: third Prize of US\$ 1000.00

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the composers who participated in the IFCM third International Competition for Choral Composition!

### 12<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020): CALL FOR CHOIRS COMING SOON!

The theme of the 12th World Symposium on Choral Music (WSCM2020), to be held in Auckland from 11 to 18 July 2020, was announced a few weeks ago. We believe it is not only evocative of New Zealand but will also resonate with the rest of the world. For those who wish to be considered to perform or give lectures/workshops at WSCM2020, a call for choirs and presenters will soon be sent out through all our media.

The Artistic Committee of WSCM2020 requires all proposals to directly relate to the theme of the Symposium 'People and The Land'.



Delegation from New Zealand performing at the WSCM11 closing concert, 29 July 2017, Barcelona

### INTERNATIONAL CHINA CHORUS FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD CHORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The 14th China International Chorus Festival and IFCM World Choral Education Conference will be held in Beijing from 19 July to 25 July 2018.

More information: <http://en.cicfbj.cn/> English - <http://www.cicfbj.cn/> Chinese

**WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2018 (4-25 JULY), INNER MONGOLIA, CHINA**

The World Youth Choir Foundation held their annual meeting on April 13-15 in Bonn, Germany. Beside working on the details of the next session in Inner Mongolia and China (4-25 July), the Board members planned sessions up until 2020. A very fruitful meeting! Let's meet the Board members of the WYC Foundation:

- Representing Jeunesses Musicales International: Blasko Smilevski (President) and Rob van Waaijen
  - Representing the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat: Victoria Liedbergius (Vice-President) and Sonja Greiner
  - Representing the International Federation for Choral Music: Emily Kuo Vong and Ki Adams
- Thanks to the three WYC Patrons' representatives for their dedication to the WYC!

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org/>



From left to right, Ki Adams, Emily Kuo Vong, Victoria Liedbergius, Rob van Waaijen, Blasko Smilevski and Sonja Greiner

**NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS**
**EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)**  
**HURRY UP and register for the EUROPA CANTAT Festival XX!**

The **Festival** will take place in Tallinn (Estonia) from 27 July to 5 August 2018 and will gather over 3000 participants coming from all over Europe and the world to share their passion for singing and discover one another's cultures by attending ateliers and workshops, perform in final concerts, listen to invited choirs, eat and have fun together.

The **registrations** for packages and the online registration system closes on April 30 but the registration for **one-day-ateliers** will be open on the Website on May 1st 2018.



**AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)****2018 Symposium on Research in Choral Singing****September 14-15, 2018****Evanston, Illinois, USA**

The intent of this event is to advance knowledge and practice with respect to choral singing, choir sound, choral pedagogy, and related areas such as equity and inclusion. The Call for Proposals is currently open. Additional information [HERE](#)

**Relevance: North Dakota State University's Third Choral Symposium,  
co-sponsored by ACDA**
**October 11-13, 2018****Fargo, North Dakota, USA**

Inclusion \* Social Justice \* Transformation \* Diversity \* Inspiration \* Community. Featuring Craig Hella Johnson conducting *Conspirare* in *Considering Matthew Shepard*. Concerts and interest sessions. <https://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/symposia/relevance/>

**ACDA National Conference is February 27 - March 2, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri, USA.**

**NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS****NEWS FROM FORENINGEN NORSKE KORDIRIGENTER – FONOKO****Nordic Choral Directors Conference, 5-7 October 2018, Trondheim, Norway**

Concerts by several famous Norwegian choirs. Seminars, workshops, lectures with Frode Fjellheim (NO): Meet the composer; Anne Karin Sundal-Ask (NO): Norwegian folk music in children's choirs; Gunnar Benediktsson (IS): Choir performance: not just the voice; Sakari

Ylivuori (FI): What can a performer learn by studying the manuscripts; Joakim Olsson Kruse (SE): Singing Boys, the lost tribe of Cultureland; Ole A. Thomassen (NO): Estill voice training introductory course; Jim Daus Hjernøe (DK): The intelligent choir; Frank Havrøy (NO): Composing and arranging choir music; Gro Shetelig (NO): Body work and aural warm-ups in choir rehearsals, why, how; Astrid Vang-Pederse (DK): Concert design; Grete Pedersen (NO) and Yuval Weinberg (IL): Open rehearsal. Sessions with presentations of new Nordic choral repertoire with Hanne Bæverfjord, Sigurd Engesnes, Tove Ramlo-Ystad, Ann-Karin Sundal-Ask, Marius Solevågseide. Contact: [fonoko@fonoko.no](mailto:fonoko@fonoko.no)  
Website: <https://www.fonoko.no/>



### NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA

Join us for Canada's choral conference and festival Podium on the EDGE: Singing from Sea to Sea to Sea, June 29 - July 3, 2018! Brilliant choral concerts by 40 Canadian and international choirs, stimulating presentations by 68 presenters and clinicians, fantastic workshops, inspiring keynote presentations, social networking opportunities, and amazing cultural events in the unique St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador...the oldest city, and the most easterly point in North America! Learn more and register at [www.podiumconference.ca](http://www.podiumconference.ca)



**AMERICA CANTAT 9****Panama, 12-21 April 2019**

A 10 day program with singers, directors and choirs from all over the world for the 1st time on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in the beautiful city of Panama, 2019 Ibero American Cultural Capital of the World in celebration of its 500 year foundation anniversary.

Contact: [info@acpanama19.org](mailto:info@acpanama19.org)

Website: <http://www.acpanama19.org/>

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**WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN MAY AND JUNE 2018**

2-6 May : 14th International Choir Competition & Festival Bad Ischl, Austria -

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

3-6 May : 6th Queen of the Adriatic Sea Choral Festival and Competition, Cattolica, Italy -

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

3-6 May : Sansev Istanbul International Choirs Festival, Istanbul, Turkey -

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

3-6 May : 8th Kaunas Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Kaunas, Lithuania -

<http://www.lituaniacantat.lt/>

6-9 May : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Stockholm, Sweden -

<http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

6-11 May : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

7-14 May : International Choir Festival on the Sea of Galilee, Israel -

[www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)

8-13 May : 11th European Festival of Youth Choirs, Basel, Switzerland - [www.ejcf.ch](http://www.ejcf.ch)

9-13 May : Helsingborg International Choir Competition, Sweden - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)

9-13 May : 19th International Festival of Choral Singing Nancy Voix du Monde, France -

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

9-13 May : Canta en Andalucía, Sevilla, Spain - [www.cantaenandalucia.com/](http://www.cantaenandalucia.com/)

10-14 May : CantaRode International Choral Festival & Competition, Kerkrade, The

Netherlands - [www.cantarode.nl](http://www.cantarode.nl)

10-13 May : 21st Statys Šimkus Choir Competition, Klaipėda, Lithuania -

<https://www.aukuras.org/simkus>

10-13 May : 16th International Student Choirs' Festival Young Voices 2018, Nizhny Novgorod City, Russian Federation - <https://mgolosa.ru/?p=1270&lang=en>



12-14 May : 2nd Lorenzo de Medici International Music Festival, Florence, Italy -

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

14-19 May : Singing in Venice, Italy - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

17-21 May : 15th International Choral Festival London, United Kingdom -

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

17-20 May : 1st Birštonas Cantat International Choir and Orchestra Festival and Competition, Birštonas, Lithuania - <http://www.lituaniacantat.lt/>

18-22 May : 3rd International Choral Celebration and Laurea Mundi, Budapest, Hungary -

[www.meeting-music.com](http://www.meeting-music.com)

18-23 May : Musica Sacra International Festival, Marktoberdorf, Germany -

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

20 May-17 June : 7th Varna International Opera Academy, Bulgaria -

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

22-27 May : International Choir Festival Corearte Senior 2018, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain - [www.corearte.es](http://www.corearte.es)

23-27 May : Istanbul International Chorus Competition and Festival, Istanbul, Turkey -

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

24-27 May : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Florence, Italy - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

24-28 May : Cantate Croatia International Choir Festival, Croatia - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)

25-27 May : 61th International Festival of Choral Art Jihlava 2018, Czech Republic -

[www.nipos-mk.cz](http://www.nipos-mk.cz)

25-27 May : Namur en Choeurs International Choral Festival, Namur, Belgium -

<http://www.namurenchoeurs.be/>

25-26 May : 19th Fort Worden Children's Choir Festival, Port Townsend, USA -

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

27 May : Gotham SINGS! New York City, USA - [www.sechristtravel.com](http://www.sechristtravel.com)

30 May-3 June : Sing'n'Joy Vienna 2018 4th Choir Festival & 31th International Franz Schubert Choir Competition, Austria - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)

17-22 June : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

1-3 June : Sing Along Concert in Paris - World Festival Singers, France -

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

1-3 June : 47th International Competition Florilège Vocal de Tours, France -

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

1-3 June : 7th International Wroclaw Choir Festival Vratislavia Sacra, Poland -

[www.vratislaviasacra.pl](http://www.vratislaviasacra.pl)

4-8 June : The Harold Rosenbaum Choral Conducting Institute Workshop, New York, USA -

<http://www.haroldrosenbaum.com/institute.shtml>

4-18 June : Mostly Modern Festival, Saratoga Springs, NY, USA -

<https://mostlymodernfestival.org/about-institute/>

5-9 June : 6th Anúna International Choral Summer School, Dublin, Ireland - [www.anuna.ie/](http://www.anuna.ie/)

6-10 June : 8th International Choral Festival Chernomorski zvutsi, Balchik, Bulgaria -

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

6 June-28 July : 3-Summer Master of Music in Choral Conducting, Indianola IA, USA -

<http://simpson.edu/mmcc/>

6-10 June : 8th International Robert Schumann Choir Competition, Zwickau, Germany -

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

7-10 June : 9th International Krakow Choir Festival Cracovia Cantans, Poland -

[www.krakowchoirfestival.pl](http://www.krakowchoirfestival.pl)

7-10 June : Grieg International Choir Festival and NINA Solo Competition for Young Singers, Bergen, Norway - [www.griegfestival.no](http://www.griegfestival.no)



- 7-10 June : Czech Choir Festival Sborové slavnosti, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic - [www.sboroveslavnosti.cz](http://www.sboroveslavnosti.cz)
- 7-10 June : Limerick Sings International Choral Festival, Limerick, Ireland - [www.limericksings.com](http://www.limericksings.com)
- 7-10 June : 8th European Forum on Music, Oslo, Norway - [www.emc-imc.org/](http://www.emc-imc.org/)
- 10-16 June : Music at Monteconero, Sirolo Ancône, Italy - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)
- 14-17 June : Bratislava Choir Festival, Slovak Republic - [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)
- 14-18 June : International Choral Festival in Tuscany Montecatini Terme, Italy - <http://tuscany.music-contact.com/>
- 14-17 June : 31st International Choir Festival, Vranov nad Topľou, Slovakia - [www.ozvena.sk](http://www.ozvena.sk)
- 15-22 June : ROMaInCANTO International Choir Festival, Rome, Italy - [www.Klconcerts.com](http://www.Klconcerts.com)
- 17-20 June : International Contest Sun of Italy, Montecatini Terme, Toscana, Italy - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 17-21 June : Roma In Canto International Festival of Sacred Music, Rome, Italy - <http://tuscany.music-contact.com/>
- 21-25 June : 9th Rome International Choral Festival, Italy - [www.romechoralfestival.org](http://www.romechoralfestival.org)
- 21-26 June : 2nd International Choral Fest Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica - [www.choralfestcostarica.org/](http://www.choralfestcostarica.org/)
- 24-27 June : International Contest of Classical Music and Singing Música del Mar, Lloret de Mar, Spain - <https://fiestalonia.net/fest/musica-del-mar/>
- 26 June-2 July : picfest - Youth Choral Festival, Eugene, Oregon, USA - <http://picfest.org/>
- 27 June-8 July : Salzburg Choral Festival Jubilate Mozart!, Austria - <http://mozartchoralfestival.org/>
- 27 June-1 July : Fundy Sound: a Choral Festival by the Sea, Saint John New Brunswick, Canada - <http://fundysound.com>
- 27 June-1 July : 6th Per Musicam Ad Astra, International Copernicus Choir Festival and Competition ; Toruń, Poland - [www.meeting-music.com](http://www.meeting-music.com)
- 28 June-2 July : Serenade! Washington, DC Choral Festival, USA - <http://classicalmovements.org/dc.htm>
- 28 June-1 July : 20th International Cantus MM Choir and Orchestra Festival, Salzburg, Austria - [www.cantusmm.com](http://www.cantusmm.com)
- 29 June-3 July : FICA'18 international choral festival, Aveiro, Portugal - <https://www.voznua.com/en/fica/about/>
- 29 June-15 July : Festival of Voices, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - <https://festivalofvoices.com/>
- 29-30 June : 4rd International Choral Festival of Antonín Dvorak "Dvorak's Choral Summer", Prague, Czech Republic - [www.or-fea.cz](http://www.or-fea.cz)
- 29 June-3 July : 2018 Podium on the Edge, Singing from Sea to Sea to Sea, St. John's Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada - [www.podiumconference.ca](http://www.podiumconference.ca)
- 30 June-9 July : IHLOMBE South African Choral Festival, Cape Town, Pretoria, Johannesburg & Game Park, South Africa - [http://classicalmovements.org/s\\_af.htm](http://classicalmovements.org/s_af.htm)