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NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

WSCM2020 IS CANCELLED

It is with enormous sadness that Symposium 2020 Ltd, in conjunction with the New Zealand Choral Federation and the International Federation for Choral Music, announces that the 12th World Symposium on Choral Music (WSCM2020), due to take place in Auckland, New Zealand from 11 to 18 July, is cancelled.

This decision is a direct result of the global outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19 and has not been made lightly. The pandemic is still growing exponentially throughout much of the world, international flights are already severely affected, and the New Zealand Government has imposed stringent self-isolation rules on all incoming travellers, while also indicating that massed gatherings may soon be restricted. There is no guarantee that the situation will have changed markedly by July.

Concern over the virus has meant that delegates have become reluctant to travel. Choirs and presenters are increasingly asking for assurance, which is of course impossible to give. In the current climate, WSCM2020 is not sustainable. We have no option but to cancel now and provide a sense of certainty for all those affected, despite the huge disappointment that will accompany it.

We were thrilled by the quality of the choirs and presenters we were able to select from a record number of applications, and excited by the programme that had been created around them. It is a devastating blow not to be able to present this now to an eager audience. All we can do is send our deep regrets and sincere thanks to every singer, conductor, partner, funder, administrator, registrant, staff member and volunteer who has supported us on this WSCM2020 journey.

All registration and concert tickets will be refunded, but we do ask for your patience while our team works through this process, as we will be inundated with enquires.

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.



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](#).

IFCM is also looking for volunteer translators from English to Chinese for its monthly IFCMeNEWS. Contact the Office at office@ifcm.net.

FOLLOW IFCM ON INSTAGRAM TOO

In recent years, IFCM began putting more emphasis on social media channels. This initiative resulted in one of the highest numbers of followers on Facebook in the choral field. While, in addition to Facebook, IFCM is already present on 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.



Discover IFCM Pictures like this one of the last virtual Board meeting on March 19, 2020.

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!

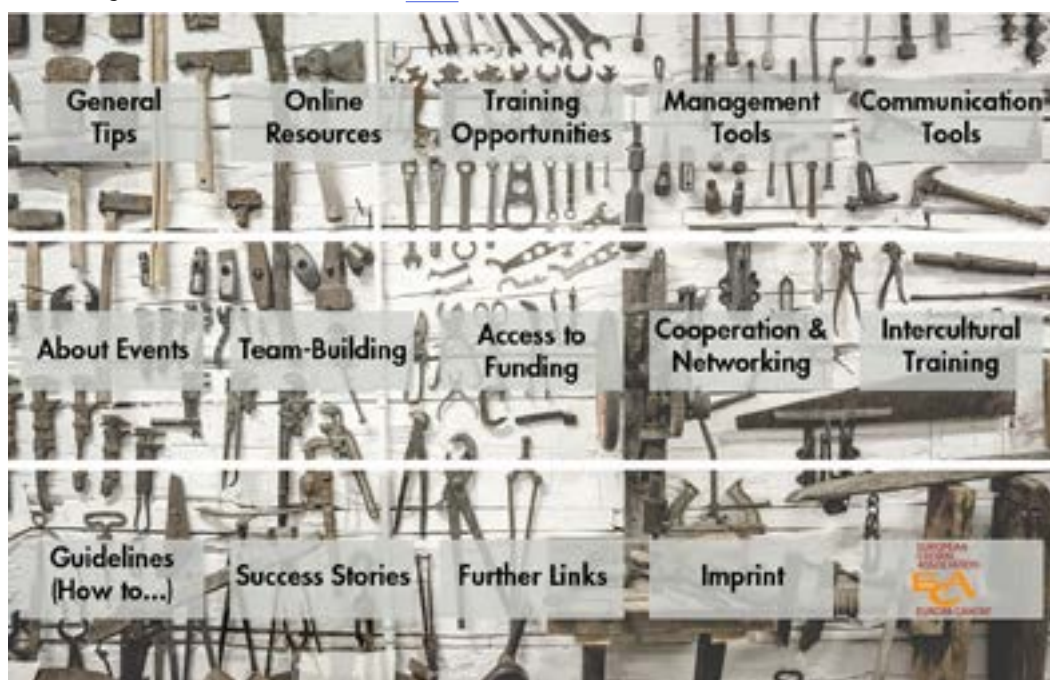
NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS**EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)****Guidelines and handbooks to serve as an inspiration for Choral Organisations' work**

The European Choral Association – Europa Cantat has developed, with the help of numerous partners throughout Europe, a series of guidelines and handbooks in the frame of different EU-funded projects.

The guidelines will be updated regularly and include themes such as:

- How to use collective singing as a tool for integration
- Different training activities for music professionals
- How to organise a low-budget choral festival
- Materials for cultural leaders on how to integrate the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their work
- and much more.

Find the guidelines and handbooks [here](#).

**AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)**

2nd National Symposium on Research in Choral Singing - May 1-2 (Atlanta, Georgia)

Summer Choral Composers Forum - June 22-29, 2020 (Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania). Applications for composer participation are available [HERE](#).

ACDA National Conference - March 17-20, 2021 (Dallas, Texas)

- Auditions for Performing Choirs at the 2021 ACDA National Conference open on February 1, 2020, with a deadline of April 15, 2020. Guidelines are available [HERE](#).

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SURVEY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL (IMC)

The Coronavirus is spreading world-wide and the crisis is severely affecting public, cultural and social life. The music ecosystem has already been hit heavily and will continue to be massively affected by the measures taken to prevent any further spread of the virus.

Our colleagues at the European Music Council have issued a statement with regard to the music sector in Europe. EMC also developed a short survey to get a better picture on how the sector is affected.

IMC collaborates with **EMC** to extend [this survey](#) to the entire world in order to monitor the impact of COVID-19 at global level.

Your participation is very much appreciated and will help IMC in their advocacy work to convey the needs of the music ecosystem to the relevant stakeholders.



THE EUROPEAN FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN MUSIC COUNCIL CANCELLED

It is with deep regret that the **EMC** Board has decided to cancel the European Forum on Music 2020 which was scheduled to take place from 4 - 7 June 2020 in Bonn, Germany. The uncertainty created by the spread of the Coronavirus worldwide and the measures taken to contain it, do not make it possible for the EMC to continue with the event as planned.

This also effects the Annual Meeting scheduled for 7 June 2020 in the framework of the EFM. The Annual Meeting 2020 will be postponed to a later date this year.

PODIUM 2020: SINGING TOWARDS THE FUTURE / CHANTER VERS L'AVENIR

Montreal, Canada

To our choral colleagues around the world, please know that **Choral Canada** stands with you in these unprecedented times. We have all been heartbroken to see our artistic seasons and all the beautiful, community-driven music projects we have been preparing over recent months seemingly vanish, or at least be put on indefinite hold, as the planet deals with the global health crisis at hand. We are devastated for our students and their institutions, seeing educational programs cancelled or moved online, an impractical solution for musicians. We are sorry to see



our industry members have their businesses feel the impact of these troubling economic times. Like us, choral organizations around the globe are cancelling many programs that were created to serve you, our choral community. We long for a time when we will all be able to come together to sing our stories once again. However, that time is not yet here.

Given the circumstances in which we all find ourselves due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we regret to inform you that **PODIUM 2020** and the **National Youth Choir** program will not take place in Montreal, Quebec, 14-17 May 2020, as planned.

THE 66TH CORK INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL IS CANCELLED

It is with considerable regret that the Board of the Cork International Choral Festival (planned on 29 Apr-3 May) announces the cancellation of this year's Festival. The Festival's Board took this difficult decision based on the present situation at national and European level in relation to the Covid-19 virus.

The Board is very conscious that this decision will impact more than 5,000 choir members, who would have been participating in the Festival, 800 of whom were travelling from abroad. The Board wishes to thank all those groups who have financially supported the planning of this year's event and expresses the greatest support to all those impacted by this unprecedented situation in their country.

67th Cork International Choral Festival: 28 Apr-2 May 2021

For any queries you might have please don't hesitate to get in touch at info@corkchoral.ie

68TH EUROPEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IS POSTPONED

Neerpelt, Belgium

Participants in the 68th **European Music Festival for Young People** (previously 30 Apr-4 May 2020) have been preparing for months and are really looking forward to participating at EMJ. To accommodate the current questions and suggestions of the participants, the organization will, for the first time in the 68-year history of the European Music Festival for Young People, postpone its yearly event until the weekend of **11-14 September 2020**.

All registered groups will be able to participate in September without any additional administrative activities or costs. Furthermore, the registration period will reopen for other choirs wishing to participate in the September 2020 edition.

THE 20^{ÈME} INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CHORAL SINGING NANCY VOIX DU MONDE IS POSTPONED

NANCY voix du monde will not take place from May 20 to 24, 2020.

The Board of Directors, on the proposal of the Organizing Committee and in accordance with the guidelines given, has decided to postpone it to 2021.

The **new application deadline is September 30, 2020**. The choirs invited this year will be given priority, should they want to participate in 2021.

THE 12TH EUROPEAN YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL BASEL IS CANCELLED

With great regret, the Board of Directors of the **European Youth Choir Festival Basel** announces that the 12th European Youth Choir Festival Basel from 20-24 May 2020 has been cancelled. It is no longer possible for the festival to take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision was made after careful consideration and consultation with relevant authorities.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to hold the festival at a later date either. The 13th European Youth Choir Festival Basel will therefore take place from **24-29 May 2022**. The **deadline for applications will be 31 January 2021**.

ZIMRIYA 2020 – THE SACRED & PROFANE CHOIR FESTIVAL, ISRAEL, POSTPONED

Knights' Halls of old Acre, Israel (planned 21-24 June 2020)

We regret to inform you that we have to postpone this year's [Zimriya festival](#), under the circumstances. We really hoped we could uphold the festival as planned, but reality is, at the moment, stronger than us. We hope and pray you all keep your good health, and keep your spirit up and be strong during these difficult times. We encourage you to keep on singing! At home, from the balcony, at work - wherever and whenever you can! And if you film it - send it to us so we can enjoy too!

We'll meet again!

WHAT'S ON IN THE CHORAL WORLD IN JUNE 2020**PLEASE CHECK THE STATUS OF THESE FESTIVALS**

2-6 June: 4th International Choral Celebration and Laurea Mundi Budapest, Hungary -

www.meeting-music.com

2-7 June: 48th International Choir Festival of Songs Olomouc, Czech Republic -

<https://festamusicale.com>

3-7 June: 10th International Choral Festival Chernomorski zvutsi, Balchik, Bulgaria -

www.chernomorskizvutsi.com/

4-7 June: 11th International Krakow Choir Festival Cracovia Cantans, Poland -

www.krakowchoirfestival.pl

4-7 June: Limerick Sings International Choral Festival, Limerick, Ireland -

www.limericksings.com

5-14 June: Paris 2020, Music and Cultural Tour to the Great and Historic City of Paris, France -

<http://www.festivaloftheaegean.com/>

6-7 June: Singing Brussels Celebration Week-end, Brussels, Belgium -

<https://www.bozar.be/en>

9 June-12 July: 31st Ravenna Festival, Ravenna, Italy - <http://www.ravennafestival.org/>

9-13 June: Beethoven 250 Choral Festival, Vienna, Austria - <http://beethoven250.org>

10-14 June: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Tirana, Albania - <https://www.interkultur.com/>

10-14 June: 8th Per Musicam Ad Astra International Choir Festival and Competition, Toru,

Poland - www.meeting-music.com

11-14 June: Bratislava Choir Festival, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

11-15 June: International Choral Festival in Tuscany, Montecatini Terme, Italy -

<http://tuscany.music-contact.com/>

12-21 June: MidAm International Warsaw and Krakow 2020, Poland -

<http://www.festivaloftheaegean.com/>

12-15 June: Cantate Barcelona, Spain - www.music-contact.com

12-21 June : Vienna Choral 2020, Vienna & Salzburg, Austria -

<http://www.festivaloftheaegean.com/>

13-18 June: Many Voices, One Song, Dublin, Ireland - www.perform-international.com

14-19 June: London's 2020 Chichester Psalms Choir Festival, United Kingdom -

www.Klconcerts.com

17-21 June: Orthodox Music Master Class 2020 for Composers and Conductors, Chicago, USA

- <https://www.societyromanos.org>

17-22 June: Festival for Women's and Treble Voices, San Sebastian, Spain -

www.perform-international.com

18-22 June: San Juan Canta International Festival, Competition and Grand Prix, Argentina -

<http://sanjuancanta.com.ar>

20-26 June: Monteconero Music Party, Montenegro - www.lacock.org

21-25 June: Rome Choral Festival, Rome, Italy - <http://romechoralfestival.org/>

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17-21 June: Roma In Canto International Festival of Sacred Music, Rome, Italy -

<http://tuscany.music-contact.com/>

23-27 June: International Choral Festival CorHabana, La Havana, Cuba -

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24-28 June: 2nd Sing Berlin! International Choir Festival & Competition, Germany -

www.meeting-music.com

24-28 June: Dublin Choral Festival, Ireland - <http://dublinchoralfestival.org/>

24-28 June: International Choir Festival Alta Pusteria 2020, Bruneck, Puster Balley, Italy -

<https://www.musicultur.com/en/our-choral-trips.html>

24-28 June: Italian Alpine Choral Festival, Dolomites, South Tyrol, Italy -

<https://home.music-contact.com/>

24-30 June: International Choral Festival Costa Rica for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica -

www.choralfestcostarica.org/

25-27 June: Choral Mosaic 2020, Mississauga, Canada - <http://www.choralmosaic.com/>

25-29 June: CANTEMUS International Choir Festival, Novi Sad, Zrenjanin, Vojvodina, Serbia -

<http://www.imcbalkanbridges.com>

26-28 June: Cracovia Sacra – Sacred Choral Music Festival, Krakow, Poland -

www.cracoviasacra.com

26-28 June: Festival Coral de Verão, Lisbon, Portugal - <http://pscf.sourcewerkz.com/>

28 June-3 July: Madrid Choral Festival, Spain - www.perform-international.com

28 June-5 July: 2020 Choral Festival in Ireland with Rollo Dilworth, Belfast and Dublin, Ireland -

www.Klconcerts.com

29 June-5 July: Music at Monteconero, Montenegro - www.lacock.org

30 June-5 July: Summer Camps Corearte, Canary Islands, Spain - www.corearte.es

30 June-4 July: International Choral Kathaumixw, Powell River, Canada -

www.kathaumixw.org

30 June-7 July: Serenade! Choral Festival: Worlds Voices for Women, Washington DC, USA -

<http://classicalmovements.org/dc.htm>

21-27 June: Sing Austria with Elena Sharkova and Henry Leck, Vienna & Salzburg, Austria -

www.Klconcerts.com