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BREAKING NEWS:

THE WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC 2023 GOES TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY

We are happy to announce that the World Symposium on Choral Music (WSCM), one of the biggest events of the International Federation for Choral Music, will be held in Turkey from 25th to 30th of April 2023 with the support of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The event will be organized by the Turkish representative of IFCM, the Choral Culture Association.

The event promotes artistic excellence, cooperation and exchange, by bringing together the finest choirs and choral leaders for performances, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, and choral reading sessions. The theme of 2023, "**Changing Horizons**", aims to introduce as many singing traditions as possible from across the globe. WSCM 2023 invites submissions for presentations that are rooted in the exploration of diverse singing styles and traditions within countries and/or regions, showcasing collective singing practices that represent varied social, ethnic, geographical, and/or cultural backgrounds, encouraging presentation proposals that align with the symposium theme. Moreover, choirs and vocal ensembles are encouraged to bring creative programs grounded in diversity through the inclusion of repertoire and performance practices that showcase different social, ethnic, geographical, and/or cultural backgrounds within each ensemble's region.

**Choirs and Vocal Ensembles: Apply now!**

WSCM 2023 encourages submissions of programs that align with the symposium theme "**Changing Horizons**", a theme that we hope will be interpreted freely and with flair, drawing from a broad range of repertoire and styles.

How to Apply:

All application information and materials will be submitted through email. All documents and data must be sent to secretarygeneral@ifcm.net

[Download the instructions for Choirs and Vocal Ensemble to apply here.](#)

Choral Leaders: Apply now!

WSCM 2023 encourages presentation proposals that align with the symposium theme "**Changing Horizons**", a theme that we hope embraces the richness of as many singing

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traditions as possible from across the globe.

How to Apply:

All application information and materials will be submitted through email. All documents and data must be sent to secretarygeneral@ifcm.net

[Download the instructions for Choral Leaders to apply here.](#)

Application deadline for Choirs, Vocal Ensembles, Choral Leaders: August 15, 2022.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

IFCM General Assembly 2022, September 4, 2022, Lisbon, Portugal

IFCM members have received a cordial invitation to attend the IFCM General Assembly that will be held on 4 September 2022 at IFCM's main office in Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real, Rua Buenos Aires 39, 1200-623 Lisbon, Portugal. We hope to meet many IFCM members again, face to face, and kindly ask them to confirm their presence completing this [online form](#) not later than **15 July 2022**.

Online voting on the change of Bylaws and other important topics:

Members vote will be significant!

Whether attending the General Assembly or not, **IFCM members who wish to vote** on the change of bylaws and other important topics are invited to register for [online voting by completing this form](#) not later than **15 July 2022**. This voting will be done fully online, and the results will be announced during the General Assembly.

IFCM members will need to have their IFCM membership 2022 in good standing before registering.

Not a member yet? [Register here.](#)

Contact: office@ifcm.net



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WORLD CHORAL EXPO 2022

Lisbon, Portugal, 3-7 September 2022

Where in the world can a vocal ensemble or a choir participate in an amazing event such as the World Choral EXPO for such a low price?

- Choirs (15 singers and more): **350 Euros** per choir
- Vocal Ensembles (2 to 15 singers): **250 Euros** per vocal ensemble
- **Free participation for choirs and vocal ensembles from Portugal**

And what do you get for that bargain price?

- Performance(s) in one or two 30-minute concerts organized by the EXPO (free choice of repertoire). Additional concerts in the city/region can be organized by the choir itself.
- Common workshops with other participating/invited choirs and the opportunity to meet, exchange, sing, and perform in some of the most extraordinary local venues.
- Lisbon and surrounding cities are the perfect places for a choir or a vocal ensemble to accommodate its singers at a low price. And there is no need to dig deep in your pockets to eat well in Portugal!

You don't belong to a choir but want to sing along or attend the different workshops and EXchange! presentations? Look at these prices for **individual participants**:

- International individuals: **150 Euros**
- International students: **100 Euros**
- Portuguese individuals: **75 Euros**
- Portuguese students: **50 Euros**

Why wait? [Register now!](#)

Registration deadline: July 20, 2022



WCE — International Masterclass for Choral Conductors and for Choral Singers

Lisbon, 3-7 September 2022

Guest professor: Frieder Bernius, Kammerchor Stuttgart (Germany)

This professional masterclass focusing on musical interpretation is open to observing (passive) participants from all over the world. The masterclass is designed for experienced choral conductors and choral singers.

The deadline to register as an active conducting participant or an active choral singer is over. However, you can still register as a **passive masterclass participant** (100 Euros) until **1 August 2022**.

Masterclass Repertoire

- Josef G. Rheinberger: *Cantus Missae* (Carus)
- Arnold Schoenberg: *Friede auf Erden* (Schott)
- Krzysztof Penderecki: *Agnus Dei* (Schott)

More information [HERE](#).

WCE EXchange!

Check out the full roster of 50+ [presentations](#), including abstracts and presenters' bios, during the EXchange! component of the World Choral EXPO. The [schedule of presentations](#) is now available, so that WCE participants can plan an individualized itinerary of presentations,



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workshops, masterclasses, and concerts. Join us to nourish your heart, your mind, and your soul.

WCE: YOUNG Youth International Cultural Management Program

In the framework of World Choral EXPO 2022, IFCM has created a program for young choral managers. YOUNG Youth International Management Program aims to give ten selected young individuals from all over the world an opportunity to learn and expand their knowledge and skills in the international cultural field by working closely with the WCE organizing team. The ten selected YOUNGs will come to Lisbon and have an opportunity to learn on the spot what is needed to organize an international festival.

Looking forward to seeing these young people in person in September 2022!

On 9 June 2022, the YOUNGs 2022 met online for the first time. These young choral leaders are the selected participants of IFCM's Youth International Cultural Management program. This first meeting was organized to provide the opportunity for the YOUNGs to meet each other and the IFCM staff members. In addition to meeting IFCM's Office Manager, Secretary General, ICM editor, and Communication Manager, they had the opportunity to meet President Emily Kuo Vong who warmly thanked the YOUNGs for their future commitment to the World Choral EXPO. This meeting aimed to inform the YOUNGs about the different projects of IFCM; to present the objectives, missions, and goals of the Federation in general; and to give them more details on their upcoming program.



Don't forget to follow us on [WCE Facebook](#) or on <https://www.worldchoralexpo.org/>

SPECIAL WORLD CHORAL DAY 2022

Sing for Peace, Choirs of the World!

You can now [listen](#) to the recording of the official anthem of the World Choral Day 2022-2023, "On the Road of Life" composed by Chris Artley (New Zealand), the prize-winning piece of the 5th IFCM International Composition Competition. The recording is arranged and performed by Alexander L'Estrange and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange. Choirs wishing to participate in **Sing for Peace, Choirs of the World** can download the score, accompaniment, and rehearsal resources [here](#).



As a reminder, you are invited to [join this special edition of World Choral Day](#) now through **December 2022** to uphold and defend the values of unity, peace, and understanding!

CREATING FUTURES IN CHORAL MUSIC

IFCM Membership Campaign 2022

We are happy to report that our membership campaign **Creating Futures in Choral Music** is increasing steadily. Many new, young members have already received their 2022-2023 IFCM membership cards and will soon be contacted regarding IFCM's online activities.

A big thank you to the initial sponsors who kicked off the campaign. Let's not stop here! You, too, can contribute to the future of choral music by presenting an anniversary gift to celebrate IFCM's 40th Anniversary. Sponsor one or more new, young member(s)! Complete the form [here](#).

Share! Share! Share!

Are you a young conductor, singer, composer, manager, administrator, or choral music enthusiast? Do you want to be a part of a worldwide choral association? IFCM is launching a membership campaign to make this possible for you. If you are a young choral musician (35 and under), you can apply for sponsorship of a two-year IFCM membership. So why wait? Complete this [form](#) and become part of the IFCM professional community joining hundreds other young choral aficionados from all over the world.



NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

THE JAPAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

Japan Choral Association (JCA) is pleased to announce that Saeko Hasegawa, former vice president of JCA and a board member of IFCM, was appointed as new president of JCA and was officially inaugurated at JCA's General Assembly on 22 May 2022, replacing Shinsuke Kishi, who served as JCA president for eight years.

As a proud founding member of IFCM, JCA has always worked closely with IFCM since its foundation in 1982. Taking this opportunity, JCA would like to thank IFCM for its continued



support. JCA will continue to truthfully collaborate with IFCM under the leadership of its new president.

IFCM congratulates Saeko Hasegawa for her new position and wishes her a successful presidency!

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

International Journal for Research in Choral Singing Positions Open

ACDA's choral research journal is soliciting applications and nominations for the editorial board, as well as for associate editor and/or editor. Learn more about the opportunities here: <https://acda.org/about-us/leadership-opportunities> (scroll to bottom of page). The call is international. Deadline: **15 Sept 2022**.

2023 ACDA National Conference - A Place of Belonging

22-25 February 2023, Cincinnati, Ohio

Have you ever attended an ACDA national conference? We would love to hear from you (sflansburg@acda.org)! Tell us why you attended, what you found helpful or relevant, and whether you hope to attend in 2023.

EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

LEADING VOICES (27-31 July 2022)

Last passe-partouts for Leading Voices 2022

Utrecht, the Netherlands, 27-31 July 2022

Leading Voices is approaching! At the end of July, Leading Voices, *European Days for Vocal and Choral Leaders*, is taking over Utrecht! And the good news is that the brand-new choral event still has some passe-partouts available. A passe-partout includes all 100+ sessions, headline concerts as well as the opening and closing shows. So get your ticket [here](#) and join all your European peers in Utrecht this summer.



Photo credit: Gerrit Schreurs

EuroChoir on tour through Switzerland!

7-18 July 2022

The international choir project EuroChoir of the European Choral Association takes place in a different country every year. This summer it is Switzerland's turn to enjoy EuroChoir concerts! After an intensive week of rehearsals in Lenk in the mountains of the canton of Bern, the choir consisting of selected young singers from all over Europe will start its Swiss tour on Friday, 15 July 2022, at Peterskirche in Basel. The EuroChoir will be welcomed by the local women's vocal ensemble Les Voix. On Saturday, 16 July 2022, the EuroChoir will perform its programme as



part of the Flimsfestival at Eventhalle Flims. It will be hosted by the young local choir consonus vokalensemble. The tour will conclude with a concert on Sunday, 17 July 2022, at Klosterkirche Rheinau as part of the Rheinauer Konzerte together with Vokalensemble **Zürich West**. In addition to works by F. Martin, F. Poulenc, and F. Mendelssohn, the concerts will also feature the world premiere of the commissioned composition "How dare you!", named after the famous speech by Greta Thunberg and written by Swiss composer Valentin Villard.

Tickets and information

Follow the journey of the EuroChoir on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!



Photo Credit: Ahti Viluksela, from EuroChoir 2018 session

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FAYHA CHOIR BECOMES THE FIRST NATIONAL CHOIR OF LEBANON

The Ministry of Culture of Lebanon recently named **Fayha Choir** the Lebanese National Choir. The Minister of Culture congratulated Fayha Choir and wrote: "Fayha Choir reflects diversity, rejects fanaticism, and broadcasts the national spirit in a sober and refined way". Congratulations to Fayha Choir and its conductor Barkev Taslakian!

LEBANON CHOIR FOR PEACE

A new project of Fayha Choir, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which is supported by Germany through KFW Development Bank, gathered more than 120 youth from four districts in Lebanon: North, South, Bekaa and Mount Lebanon. This national choir aims to create a common platform for people from different backgrounds, religions, sects, generations, and villages.

Lebanon Choir for Peace is a model for inter- and intra-communal initiatives and reflects a good example of citizenship by giving its members more ability and motivation to play a role in solving local problems as local peace agents. It is a local conflict transformative project and will contribute to developing a better response to local tensions and conflicts, which ultimately



contributes to the promotion of social cohesion in Lebanon.

This initiative also comes within Fayha Choir's plan for promoting collective singing in Lebanon and Arab countries. Enjoy this [video](#) from the first joint rehearsal in which singers met for the first time, conducted by Maestro Barkev Taslakian.



Fayha Choir, Cond. Barkev Taslakian

CHORAL CANADA/CANADA CHORAL

Choral Canada/Canada Choral is pleased to announce the publication of an extensive digital **Recording Archive of the National Youth Choir of Canada** (1986-2022). For those looking to explore the rich heritage of Canadian choral composers, this is extraordinary resource of choral works (including both Canadian and non-Canadian works) sung by Canadian youth is now available to you. We hope you enjoy the superb work of the hundreds of singers and many artistic staff and musicians who came together to perform these pieces across the country. Program at least one Canadian work next season!



MAYA SHAVIT: CONCERT AND MEMORIAL

5 July 2022, will mark one year since Maya Shavit passed away. On 26 June 2022, the Efroni choirs and alumni ensemble performed a concert dedicated to her memory. The concert was broadcasted live through this [Facebook page](#). Maya's daughters, Vered and Inbal, invite everyone to join them at the **Memorial Service** that will be held at the cemetery via Zoom on 8 July 2022. Vered and Inbal are currently working on a website dedicated to their mother and are looking for pictures and/or videos of Maya or texts she wrote or were written about her. If you have these, please send them to the family [here](#) with any relevant details.

IFCM WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER IN THE CHOIR CATEGORY

Coro de Jovenes de Madrid

Composed of more than 70 young people and conducted by Juan Pablo de Juan, **Coro de Jovenes de Madrid** (Youth Choir of Madrid) has gradually achieved great prestige at

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national and international level, winning numerous awards and getting very positive reviews.
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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.