

9th World Symposium in Puerto Madryn, Argentina

3-10 August 2011

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The place is the city of Puerto Madryn, in the heart of Argentinean Patagonia: this is where Welsh settlers first arrived in 1865 to inhabit the region and lend it their strongest cultural identity: choral singing.

It is this same city – Puerto Madryn – which will host the 9th World Symposium on Choral Music from 3-10 August 2011. Puerto Madryn will become once again a place of refuge, one that will not only welcome and receive choral singing from all over the world, but will help spread Latin-American musical activities around the world.

The CIC Foundation has, since 1993, organised the International Choir Contest and signed an agreement with IFCM on 25 June 2008 to organise the Symposium, according to the decisions taken by the Board in the assemblies of Taipei (July 2007) and Namur (March 2008).

We offer a symposium with a difference. It will be held in a small city that has a big heart, a place that provides warmth against the Patagonian winter and which can amply host delegates from all over the world. You will have a chance to meet, on every corner, in every restaurant and bar, and during every concert or conference activity, allowing you to establish direct and open relationships with other participants, and moreover, putting you in direct contact with nature itself.

We intend to provide the participants with an artistic program of the highest quality selected by the Artistic Committee, formed by Theodora Pavlovitch (Bulgaria), Lyn Williams (Australia), Phillip Brunelle (USA), Néstor Andrenacci and Daniel Garavano (Argentina), giving Latin America the opportunity to show itself to the world while receiving the world's choral music.

The CIC Foundation has the strong support of the Association of Choir Conductors of the Republic of Argentina (ADICORA) and of the Argentinian Federation of Choral Activities (OFADAC) whose President Ricardo Denegri is a member of the Executive Committee of the 9th Symposium together with Michael Anderson (USA), Jeroen Schrijner (Netherlands), and Guillermo Paats and Daniel Garavano from Puerto Madryn.

Choirs interested in participating will be able to register from 1 October 2008 on our website www.fundacioncic.ORG/Simposio and, having been selected, will have the possibility of extending their tours by concerts all over Argentina and other Latin- American countries.

The choir singers and individual participants will also be able to enjoy their free time appreciating the beauties of the region, sailing close to the Golfo Nuevo whales, walking side by side with the penguins in their nature reserve, climbing the hills of the Paleontologic Park of Bryn Gwin, enjoying a traditional Welsh tea or learning about native culture in our museums.

Several wonderful Argentinean regions are on the doorstep, so take the chance to admire the Iguazu waterfalls, to ski the Andean mountains, to taste a delicious barbecue, or even dance the tango in Buenos Aires. You could always walk among the vineyards and savour the fine wines of Mendoza, Salta or San Juan, or simply enjoy the unique landscape of the Perito Moreno Glacier or Ushuaia in Southern Patagonia.

The 9th WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC is on the move.

We kindly invite you to join us for a breath-taking week of music and friendship SINGING IN NATURE.