



World Youth Choir Celebrates 20 Years

Building Bridges between Young Singers from Diverse Cultures

For 20 years now the World Youth Choir (WYC) has been the meeting point for young singers from around the world. Many very special individuals have taken part and left an indelible mark on the ensemble, imbuing it with their unique talent, personality, creativity, warmth and humour.

In October 2009 the World Youth Choir – in a spirit of international cooperation – will resonate louder than ever, when over 300 former singers, as well as conductors and organizers throughout the globe reunite in order to celebrate the choir's birthday!

The patron organizations of the WYC are the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI) and Europa Cantat, and these bodies are proud to support the choir once more at grass roots level with a festival week held in Sweden. This was the first host country of the WYC. The present occasion will be the opening of the Swedish International Center for Choral Music in Örebro, where an exciting series of special events for participants and the audience will be presented.

Let the celebrations begin!

When: 21-25 October 2009

Where: Örebro, Sweden

We are looking for the contact details (email) of several former singers of the World Youth Choir whom we would like to inform about this project. A list with all names is provided on www.ifcm.net. If you happen to know the whereabouts of some of them, thank you very much for putting us in contact with them!

The 20th Anniversary World Youth Choir Ensemble will perform an exciting "Best of" programme under the direction of conductors Maria Guinand (Venezuela), Sidumo Jacobs (South Africa), Fred Sjöberg (Sweden), Nobuaki Tanaka (Japan), and Steve Zegree (USA). To close the festival, the ensemble will also feature during the ceremony of the Eric Ericson Award at the Stockholm Radio Hall.

The 20th Anniversary World Chamber Choir will perform with the Swedish Chamber Orchestra under Nikolai Znaider (Denmark).

A special evening programme, *The World Sings for You* will showcase the talents of former WYC singers in a multicultural show featuring outstanding vocal groups, instrumental groups, dance performances and soloists from different countries.

Former WYC members who went on to become conductors renowned in their field will lead conducting courses for children's and youth choirs in the mornings and afternoons.

Participant Registration

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