

THIS MONTH IS IFCM WORLD CHORAL DAY (8 Dec)

Why not use your IFCM World Choir Day concerts in December to raise relief funds supporting aid in the world's most needed areas?

WHAT TO DO:

1. Log onto the World Choral Day website and register your choir and concert details www.worldchoralday.org
2. Decide the world aid charity you wish to donate to and make contact with your local branch
3. Promote your concert as a fundraising concert as part of the "IFCM World Choral Day" in your community
4. Collect donations at the door or donate the proceedings of your concert to your selected charity
5. Pass the donations you have collected to your selected charity as soon as possible
6. Download your images and register your information from the concert www.worldchoralday.org
7. On the website read about all the other great choral events around the world that have donated to the relief effort.

We are particularly thinking of our colleagues in The Philippines right now and hope that as a choral world can assist them in anyway possible. Through a united choral world we can make a difference, so why not get on board and register your support as *"volunteers connecting our world through choral music"*? More information at www.ifcm.net.

Example of choir's taking part in WCD 2013

'The Fundación Schola Cantorum de Venezuela' will celebrate the International Day of Choral Singing with a full week of events, which will be dedicated to help the countrymen in the Philippines.

- ❑ December 7: The Schola Cantorum de Venezuela and the Youth Schola will join forces with the Venezuela Symphony Orchestra in performing the first part of the Christmas Oratorio of J.S. Bach at the Theatre Teresa Carreño, Caracas. A Mass choir of 500 singers (300 children from the program 'Construir Cantando' and 200 singers from other choirs) will join in singing the chorale-melodies from the audience.
- ❑ December 13 & 14: Two major concerts will be part of a Christmas Choral Festival of the FSCV at the Theatre Chacao, Caracas where 350 singers will be participating.
- ❑ Several concerts are organized also in different hospitals, nursery homes, schools, and communities.

All of them will be devoted to the theme of 'peace and solidarity' and be part of the International Day of Choral Singing.

WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC WSCM10 is fast approaching

Time is running out to register for this global event. As with all the previous symposia, some of the world's best choral musicians will join in a showcase of singing, lectures, exhibitions, and social events that promises to be a once in a lifetime experience.

WHERE: Seoul, South Korea

WHEN: 6 - 13 August 2014.

For more information go to www.wscm10.com



A SAMPLE OF PARTICIPATING CHOIRS

Oslo Chamber Choir



The Oslo Chamber Choir was founded in 1984 by Grete Pedersen and since 2005 has been under the direction of Håkon Daniel Nystedt. Parallel to singing classical repertoire, the choir started experimenting with Norwegian folk music, and through intensive work together with the best performers in this tradition, the Oslo Chamber Choir has acquired a unique expression by being the only choir where all the singers are profoundly trained in Norwegian Folk Music singing. Over twenty years the choir has worked closely with composers specialized in Norwegian folk music, developing a new way of using this music in a choral setting. The Oslo Chamber Choir has successfully participated in numerous festivals and given concerts and tours in Europe, Asia and the USA. In 2008, the choir was invited to "La Fabbrica del Canto" in Northern Italy, in 2008, the choir sang in Tokyo, and in 2007 and 2009, the choir undertook a tour to the USA, and included concerts at St. Olaf College, Concordia College which was broadcast on Minnesota public radio and later all over the USA. On assignment from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Oslo Chamber Choir toured in the Palestine and Israel in 2000. The choir has held concerts in Germany, France, in the Baltic, as well as several other countries. Future tours to South Africa and USA, among other places, are now being planned.

The Inner Mongolian Youth Choir---"Choir Base" of Art College of Inner Mongolia University



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The Inner Mongolian Youth Choir, also known as "Choir Base of Art College of Inner Mongolia University, was founded in September 2008. It is the first government sponsored children's choir through the Inner Mongolian history.

Famed conductor Yalungerile is the choir's music director and conductor and well-known Mongolian composer Se. Enkebayaer has composed extensively for the choir. The choir has more than 80 students, aged from 12 to 18, all of whom are either from junior or senior high school. All the singers are from the Inner Mongolia grassland, and all are children of herdsman in Inner Mongolia with natural artistic and academic abilities. Teachers coming from Mongolia, Ukraine and the USA instruct the singers in piano, morinkhuur (horse-head fiddle), violin, flute, trichord and English. After 5 years of training and education, these students' vocal and instrumental performances progress quickly.

They sing foreign and Mongolian folk songs as well as play a variety of instruments, and learn Mongolian dances. They have performed in numerous concerts in important Inner Mongolian cultural events and competitions. In July 2012, the choir performed in the Beijing National Theatre in a concert titled "Grass and Starry Sky", and also received two gold medals at the "11th Chinese International Choral Festival". Conductor Yalungerile was recognized as the best conductor in the competition. In September 2012, representing Inner Mongolia, the choir toured Outer Mongolia where they joined the 3rd Ulaanbaatar-Inner Mongolia Cultural Week", and gave concerts entitled "Talented Children's Voice" in the Ulaanbaatar City Cultural Center.

THE WORLD YOUTH CHOIR

ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT until the auditions 2013/2014 are closed! WORLD YOUTH CHOIR is looking for young, talented singers' age 17 to 26 from around the world! [press release](#).

CALLING NEW RECRUITMENT PARTNERS - Help us find young, talented singers from your country! Your involvement can make a difference! [press release](#).

CALLING FOR SESSION HOSTS FOR THE WORLD YOUTH CHOIR IN 2015 AND BEYOND

Why not host a project for peace, a youth musical showcase of the highest quality. Investing in the WYC as a powerful marketing tool worldwide and interacting with the WYC patron organizations can offer great possibilities and advantages for any host. [press release](#) contact info@worldyouthchoir.org

ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH CHOIR AUDITIONS

is seeking young singers between the ages of 18 and 28 from the Asia Pacific Region

Do you know singers between the ages of 18 and 28 who would revel in the opportunity to sing with other young singers from around the Asia Pacific Region – singers who would love to sing music from around the region and learn more about neighboring cultures through choral music and join a vibrant youth community? And perform in concert at the Opening Ceremony of the World Symposium on Choral Music 10 – the world's most prestigious choral event? Applications close December 20, 2013. Detailed information is available via: <http://www.jcanet.or.jp/ap-youth/>

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS TO MEMBERS

The Bulgarian Classic FM Radio Choir (founded and conducted by Theodora Pavlovich since 2005) has been awarded the "Cristal Lyre" for 2013 - the highest award for music in Bulgaria. Congratulations to IFCM Vice President Pavlovich and her wonderful choir.

IN BRIEF - NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

CALL FOR A CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO THE JAPAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION KODOMO CHORUS FESTIVAL 2014

2 - 3 August 2014, Tokyo Japan

IDOCO HANDS OVER ARCHIVES TO ECA-EC, AGREEMENT SIGNED IN PÉCS

The Internationale des Organisations Culturelles Ouvrières (IDOCO) is a platform of national associations which profess to democratic and social principles. The association is the legal successor of the IDAS ("Internationale der Arbeiter-Sänger") founded in 1926. In 2013 the association has 6 member organisations as well as one associate member. Since 1973 the association has regularly organised choir and music festivals for the members of its member associations. In November 2013, after an extensive cooperation process, the Presidents of IDOCO and the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat (ECA-EC), signed an agreement on the incorporation of the archives and the history of IDOCO into the archives of ECA-EC. The members of IDOCO have decided the dissolution of the association for the end of 2013. Wolfgang Schröfel, President of IDOCO, then agreed with the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat (ECA-EC) that the archives of IDOCO and its history shall be integrated into ECA-EC in order to preserve the memory of the association beyond its dissolution. With the agreement signed the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat engages itself on preserving the history and memory of the international movement of workers' choirs.

TRIBUTE

VALE The great English composer Sir John Tavener has died. After a long illness, one of the most noted choral composers of our time died all too soon on 12 November 2013 at the age of 69. Rest in Peace.

<http://www.theguardian.com/music/2013/nov/12/composer-john-tavener-dies>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-24919332>

FEEDBACK

Remember that the IFCM wants to hear your feedback about our projects and other choral issues. HAVE YOUR SAY is an important feature of the current IFCM website. The IFCM would love to hear from you.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS and CHOIRS

Remember to forward this newsletter to your individual members!

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD

1-8 : 2nd International Festival of Chamber Choirs Tlaxcala Canta, Mexico - www.culturatlaxcala.com.mx

4-8 : 2nd Natale Festa Corale Olomouc International Christmas Choir Festival, Czech Republic -

www.festamusicale.cz

5-8 : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

5-8 : 7th International Choral Sympaatti Festival, Rovaniemi, Finland - www.sulasol.fi

6-8 : 4th Krakow Advent & Christmas Choir Festival, Poland - www.christmasfestival.pl

6-8 : Christmas in Venice Gloria & Carols, Italy - www.vivaldifestival.com/gloria

6-9 : 10th A Voyage of Songs, Bangkok, Thailand - www.vca.com.sg

6-9 : Vermont International Choral Festival, Burlington, USA - www.music-contact.com

8 Dec : World Choral Day 2013, All around the World - www.ifcm.net

9 Dec : Vienna Choir Sing, Austria - <http://a0227.009k.net/index.html>

9-23 : SouthBank Centre Chorus Sing Together, London, United Kingdom – www.southbankcentre.co.uk/chorus

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11-15 : Sing'n'Joy Manilla 2013, Philippines - www.interkultur.com

12-14 : Christmas in Venice Messiah, Italy - www.vivaldifestival.com/gloria

12-15 : Prague Christmas, Prague, Czech Republic - www.praguechristmas.cz

14-18 : 4th International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music The Winter Sonata Prize 2013, Prague, Czech Republic - www.children-festivals.com

or www.advent-in-prague.cz

15 Dec : International a cappella choral composition competition for advanced children's choir, Yerevan, Armenia - alsccc@hotmail.com

19-22 : 21st International Sacred, Advent & Christmas Music Festival and Choir Competition Cantate Domino Kaunas, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

21 : Inin 2013 on the Path of Peoples, Your Voice for One Earth Choir, Global project, Seven Continents - www.inin2012.net