



WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC 11, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 22 - 29 JULY 2017!

After almost 10 years, the IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music will be back in Europe! Calls for performances and lectures will be launched soon. Stay tuned to IFCM if you want to be part of this enriching, exciting and challenging choral experience.



NOW, AUDITION FOR APYC 2015 SESSIONS HAS STARTED!

Deadline for application: 10 January 2015

The Asia Pacific Youth Choir is original in its concept, bringing together talented young singers aged 18 - 28 years from the Asia Pacific region. APYC 2015 sessions will be take place in Milan (EXPO Milano 2015) and in Macau (IFCM Asia Pacific Choral EXPO). For further information, please visit <http://www.jcanet.or.jp/ap-youth/>



ANNOUNCING

IFCM ASIA PACIFIC WORLD CHORAL EXPO 2015 in Macau, 12 - 15 November, 2015

International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), Asia Pacific Choral Council and Macau Choral Art Association are collaborating together to debut the first ever World Choral Expo, in Macau S.A.R from the 12th to 15th of November 2015! World-class conductors, composers and choirs will convene to share their experiences, techniques, and voices to the Asia Pacific Region. This event is co-sponsored by the Chinese

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Culture Association, the China Choral Association, and Canton Province Choral Association.
Stay tuned for more information!

CONDUCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (CWB)

Last November, the third conductors' training session took place in Abidjan (Ivory Coast) with two instructors (Françoise Brunier (France) and Thierry Thiebaut (France), CWB Manager). The session welcomed 18 conductors in the beginners' course and six in the intermediate level. One or two of these conductors will be able to start an instructor's mission in 2016.

During a meeting with the French Cultural Department in Abidjan, the French Foreign Minister offered to support the CWB program and will fund four missions of one week in 2015 (two instructors for two weeks during the year)... The same Ministry had already sponsored the two CWB missions in October 2014.

In 2015, the CWB program will focus on new actions in Ghana and Nigeria in addition to the actual activities in DR Congo, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Morocco and Senegal.

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NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

ECA-EC News

EUROPA CANTAT XIX Pécs 2015 is happy to announce, that the festival has received applications from 33 countries until the first application deadline. The online registration system is still open, you can register to EUROPA CANTAT and take part in one of the 57 ateliers.

<http://registration.ecpecs2015.hu/en> More details were published

about the contents of the special offer for composers and composers.

Check the [List of sessions](#), the description of the [Open Singing](#)

[Masterclass](#) held by Michael Gohl and the [Composers showcase](#) on the

website. Sign up to the newsletter to be up-to-date with the news of the festival. <http://eepurl.com/X4AQH>



ACDA News

Nestled in the shadow of the majestic *Wasatch* and *Oquirrh* mountain ranges, Salt Lake City, Utah will be the site of the **American Choral Directors Association's 2015 National Conference**, February 25-28. This biennial gathering brings together approximately 20,000 choral conductors and singers for three days of sessions, concerts, and special events designed to celebrate and advance the choral art.

Of the several hundred audition applications, 40 choirs were invited to perform. In addition to those from the U.S., the list of prestigious performers includes choirs from Cuba, Estonia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. More information: <http://acda.org/page.asp?page=conferences>

The American Choral Directors Association will host **America Cantat VIII** in the sunny Bahamas, August, 21-31, 2016. Registration will open in January 2015 when full schedule and artistic and concert details will be presented by the artistic committee. ACDA is thrilled to partner with the Bahamas to host a festival unlike any other available throughout the world. All choirs are invited, and all choirs will find a place in this cultural, non-competitive event.

Watch for the opening of the website on January 1, 2015, along with full details and registration material.

Read full article at: <http://choralnet.org/view/451021>

More information at: <http://americacantat.org/AC8/>

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The North Dakota State University Challey School of Music and American Choral Directors Association are currently planning a fall **2015 Choral Music Symposium** that will focus on 21st century American choral composers. The event will be similar in scope to 2013's "Choral Music of the Americas."

John Miller, Director of NDSU's Division of Performing Arts, said that "The CMotA symposium and the partnership with the American Choral Directors Association are only the beginnings of the local, national, and international emphases that NDSU brings to the performing arts."

For additional information visit: www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/news/2013_14/2092.html

NORDISK KORFORUM News

The 16th Nordklang Festival will be organized in Turku, Finland from August 3 to 7, 2016. In order to get up-to-date information about the programme, the participants and how to register, please visit

<http://www.nordklang.fi/> or on [the Facebook page](#)

IN BRIEF - NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

Obituary: Knut Nystedt

Composer Knut Nystedt died on Monday, 8 December, at 99 years old. Nystedt was one of the most important composers in the last 100 years.

Read more: <http://mic.no/mic.nsf/doc/art2002100809284116531471>

VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to join with others around the globe in volunteer work for the IFCM? The IFCM is currently compiling a database of people such as you who wish to have their name included for consideration for assistance in various choral projects throughout the world, as they are required. The process is simple. Just send a CV, a photo, and any suggestion of ways you might be able to help us to leonardifra@yahoo.it. Please write "Volunteer's database" in the subject line of your email, and preferably send your material in English. *Remember the IFCM slogan "Volunteers connecting our choral world" - come and join us in our work!*

MEMBERSHIP 2015 RENEWAL

2014 was an exciting year for IFCM, with the WSCM10 in Seoul, the extension of the CWB program to new countries, the collaboration with the China International Choral Festival, a very successful and attended World Choral Day. This year IFCM will offer even more excitements, build additional and innovative projects and present more opportunity: the IFCM World's Largest Choral Festival during the World Expo 2015 in Milan and the IFCM Asia Pacific World Choral Expo in November in Macau. Renewing your support is deeply appreciated, renewing your membership is easy: <https://www.ifcm.net/renew2015/renew2015.php>

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD

3-10 : Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Australian Summer School: Church Music in Practice, Brisbane, Australia - http://rscmaustralia.org.au/?page_id=143

4-7 : World of Choirs, Italy - www.fiestalonia.com/EN/voices-italia.html

9-11 : 12th International Festival of Sacred Music Silver Bells, Daugavpils, Latvia - www.silverbells.narod.ru

12-19 : The Rhythms of One World 2015 Festival, Ireland - www.faf.org

19-22 : 22nd Choral Conductor Summer School, Melbourne, Australia - www.choralconductors.org.au

30-31 : 2nd International Youth and Children's Choral Festival IUVENTUS IN PRAGA CANTAT, Prague, Czech Republic - www.or-fea.cz

