

“Volunteers Connecting our Choral World”

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

We hope you have locked your dates in for this important international choral event! Barcelona,.....ah Barcelona.... in the height of a Mediterranean Summer – what a perfect setting and time of year to be inspired, moved, challenged by and engaged with some of the finest choral music performances and ideas from around the globe. Lock it in NOW!



ANNOUNCING

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



The IFCM Asia Pacific World Choral EXPO 2015 is a new and innovative event for all ages and skills levels of choristers, conductors and composers in the Asia Pacific region and beyond. This project is a collaboration between the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), the Asia Pacific Choral Council (APCC), Macau Choral Art Association, the China Culture Association, the China Chorus Association (CCA), the Guangdong Choral Association, and administered by the Macau Choral Art Association.

The event will run in four parallel parts: **Masterclass Tracks** – a Symposium style series of Masterclasses, Mentorships, Presentations and Consultancies for conductors, composers and singers, a **Competition** in two sections – Section A with specific repertoire requirements and Section B with free choice repertoire, numerous top level regional and international **Invited Choirs** giving Concerts and Presentations and a comprehensive **Exhibition** of wares from music retailers and publishers, choirs and choral organisations.

If you are living in the Asia Pacific region and involved in choral music in any way, then this is **your** event so you need to get involved. Come and soak up all that is being offered in the beautiful city of Macau - only a short ferry ride from Hong Kong, so accessible to everyone in the region. Application forms and detailed information www.worldchoralexpo.com

IFCM at the ACDA National Convention

Once again the IFCM will be represented at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in Salt Lake City. Please come and say hello to members of the IFCM team in **Booth #2016** and get an update on all the IFCM activities around the world. Looking forward to seeing you there and putting more faces to names of people who are making contributions to our choral world!

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

EUROPA CANTAT XIX Pécs 2015 NEWS

- [Application](#) is still open to EUROPA CANTAT, one of the biggest choir festivals in Europe organized every 3 years. You can still join thousands of singers, conductors, composers and managers to share the passion for choral music.



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- We invite all of you to the concert of the REVOICE! On [1st of February in Brussels](#), which is the alumni choir of the EuroChoir, a project of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat.
- We are excited to receive more and more videos for our new, fun based initiative, [Choir Fun Challenge!](#) Be creative and [make your own version](#) of our festival song too!

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/>

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

NOTICE FROM THE SWINGLE SINGERS

We are profoundly saddened by the news that our founder, friend and mentor Ward Swingle has passed away at the age of 87. Ward was an inspiration to so many in the vocal community and beyond. As an arranger, composer and vocalist he redefined what singers could do, made us hear music in a new way and brought us so much joy. It has always been an immense honour and privilege to perform under his name. Even long after he retired from the group Ward was incredibly supportive of the current Swingles, always

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excited to hear about our latest projects and encouraging us to take risks. His passing is a huge loss and our thoughts are with his family at this very difficult time. Thank you, Ward, for everything you have given us. <http://slippedisc.com/2015/01/the-founding-swingle-singer-has-died/#sthash.U7zdqcbX.dpuf>

REMINDER: WANT TO HELP A STUDENT WITH RESEARCH

You can by taking part in a questionnaire regarding Female Conductors'. The subject areas are: Conducting as performance? Disparity between male/female, choral/orchestral conductors? What role do conductors see themselves as having, e.g. creative leader, supreme commander, facilitator, educator, etc...? How is repertoire chosen? Is conducting on a professional/amateur/voluntary basis? Attitudes to rehearsal etc...? The questionnaire will be anonymous and confidential.

Contact Jean McClintock <http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/1898905/Women-Conductors>

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

Membership renewal invoices are on their way! Renewing your support to IFCM is deeply appreciated, renewing your membership is easy: <https://www.ifcm.net/renew2015/renew2015.php>

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN FEBRUARY

3-7 : Festival Paduan Suara XXIV ITB and 2nd ITB International Choir Competition, Bandung, Indonesia - www.fps-itb.com

13-15 : 4th International Gdansk Choir Festival, Poland - www.gdanskfestival.pl

18-22 : 2nd Children & Youth Choral World Championship, St. Petersburg, Russia - <http://wccc.ru/en/>

25-28 : ACDA National Conference, Salt Lake City, USA - <http://acda.org>

