

“Volunteers Connecting our Choral World”

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

Barcelona is a modern cosmopolitan European city that has every tourist attraction one can imagine. The venues of the symposium activities are now settled: l’Auditori, the Pau Casals Concert Hall, the Palau de la Música and the world famous Sagrada Familia. Master Classes, conferences, lectures, round tables, presentations, study tour, open singing, world exhibition, gala concerts, city concerts, WSCM11 Barcelona will be all that! Stay connected to www.ifcm.net or www.wscm11.cat available soon. Contact: wscm11@fcec.cat



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

CHORAL CONDUCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (CWB) NEWS

Another mission of Choral Conductors Without Borders just ended in Accra (Ghana, 23-25 Feb). This mission’s aim was to build a CWB plan of actions, following the request of Edusei Derkyi, former IFCM Advisor. Two training sessions were organized. The first session at the music department of the Winneba University of Education was remarkably successful, with an audience of 60 students, one third of them being conductors. The second session organized at the University Legon of Accra only had a few participants. The CWB approach in Ghana is different than the one in the French speaking countries of Africa. Its aim is mostly to spread awareness of the



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different choral cultures of the world among the Ghanaian conductors. Three pilot universities were selected. The instructors will be different each year and from different cultures and parts of the world. They will be serving during six days, two days in each university. Karen Cooksey (USA) has been appointed to take over the first mission. Bilateral agreements between the instructors' universities/organizations and the three selected universities will be set up in order to eventually provide a financial contribution to implement the program. The financial resources of the development program will be the responsibility of the local federation while the operating costs will be covered by IFCM. Read the full report on www.ifcm.net

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

EUROPA CANTAT XIX PÉCS 2015 NEWS

Application is still open to some of the long singing ateliers, check the actual [list](#) on our website! Daily participation is also possible through our offer of [Discovery Ateliers](#) and [Conductors' and Composers' Programme](#). We added a new 4 day long workshop for conductors led by Timothy Brown, entitled [Basic Conducting Intensive Course](#). For daily news and fun facts follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!



ACDA News

The American Choral Directors Association will host **America Cantat VIII** in the sunny Bahamas, August 21-31, 2016. Registration will soon open 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 coming opening of the website, along with full details and registration material.

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

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

The American Choral Directors Association will hold **seven divisional conferences** throughout February and March of 2016. These events will feature hundreds of choral concerts and interest session presentations. The specific conferences include Central Division (Chicago, Illinois), February 24-27, Eastern Division (Boston, Massachusetts), February 10-14, North Central Division (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) February 17-20, Northwestern Division (Seattle, Washington), March 2-6, Southern Division (Chattanooga, Tennessee), March 9-12, Southwestern Division (Kansas City, Missouri). March 8-12, Western Division (Pasadena, California), February 23-28. Applications are currently being accepted for performing choirs and interest session clinicians. Visit the "[Conferences](#)" page at acda.org for additional information.

The American Choral Directors Association will host its **second National Symposium on Choral Music**, with this event focusing upon the music of Latin America. Slated for June 12-13, 2015 in Austin, Texas, the Symposium will explore the Latin American both in the Colonial and modern periods. For additional information about registration and housing, visit the "[Conferences](#)" page at acda.org. Early registration ends June 1.

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](#)

JOB OFFERS

THE MÄDCHENCHOR HANNOVER IS SEEKING FOR A MUSICAL DIRECTOR

The Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media (HMTMH) is seeking to fill the post of an Endowed professorship of the Mädchenchor Hannover / Musical director. Please submit applications before April 30, via email in PDF format only to: berufungsverfahren@hmtm-hannover.de.

<http://www.hmtm-hannover.de>

VOCALENSEMBLE RASTATT & LES FAVORITES LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEE

Vocalensemble Rastatt & Les Favorites (artistic director: Prof. Holger Speck) is looking for an employee on a fee basis or part-time for concert booking (international concerts and festivals) / project management / PR. Please send applications to stefan.matthias@vocalensemble-rastatt.com.

<http://www.vocalensemble-rastatt.de>

IN BRIEF - NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

OBITUARY: STEVE ZEGREE

It's with great sadness that we inform you that Steve Zegree has passed away on March 7, victim of a rapidly-spreading cancer. Music has lost one of its most faithful servants and hundreds of students, alumni, members of World Youth Choir and artists mourn his passing. For thirty-four years, Steve was a professor at the Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo where he trained generations of singers and pianists and conducted the vocal group of the school, Gold Company, with which he performed in many ACDA conventions and at the IFCM WSCM. He led three sessions of the World Youth Choir, in 2000-2001 in Belgium and South Africa, in 2008 in Hong Kong and in 2009 in Sweden for the 20th Anniversary of the choir.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2015/03/stephen_zegree_obituary_schola.html



CHOEUR LA GRÂCE (DR CONGO) ON A EUROPEAN TOUR: DATES STILL AVAILABLE

Would you like to welcome the *Choeur la Grâce*, DR Congo, for one or more concert (18-28 May 2015)

The world-renowned Choeur la Grâce from DR Congo, conducted by Ambroise Kua Nzambi Toko, is touring in France, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Slovenia this coming May. They still have some dates available for you from May 19 till May 28, somewhere between Kerkrade (Netherlands) and Tours (France). Their performances are amazing! This could be a great opportunity for a common concert with your choir, a colorful performance during your festival or a unique concert that will delight your audience. If you're interested, please take contact with Ambroise kua-Nzambi Toko at kclgrace@yahoo.fr

A WORLD-CLASS CONCERT HALL IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, USA

This concert hall designed specifically for the presentation of acoustic and electro-acoustic music seating 1100 people with no seat more than 90 feet from the stage opened March 1, 2015. It features three levels of seating, including a special choral loft behind the stage for 117 singers. The sweeping ceiling is made of 14.7 linear miles of mahogany-stained oak dowels providing outstanding acoustics for singers and chamber orchestra. This Concert Hall adjoins the 1900 seat Ordway Music Theater thus offering two outstanding performance venues for the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts.



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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>

APRIL REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR FESTIVALS, MEMBERS OF IFCM

30th April 2015: Registration deadline (for choirs and individual singers/conductors) for the International Choir Festival in Norway, Coralua Trondheim (22 - 28 August 2015) Read more: www.coralua.com. Contact: trondheim@coralua.com

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN APRIL

2-5 : 13th International Choir Festival for Children's and Youth Choirs Dobri Voinikov, Shumen, Bulgaria - <http://internationalchoirfest-shumen.alle.bg>

5-10 : Corsham Voice Workshop, United Kingdom - www.lacock.org/html/corsham_summer_school.html

7-12 : 9th International Choir Festival Malgrat de Mar, Barcelona, Spain - www.euroartproduction.it/festival-cori-spagna.html

8-12 : Festival de Verona 2015, Italy - www.musicultur.com

8-12 : Voci dal Lido International Choir Festival, Jesolo, Italy - www.interkultur.com

8-12 : Days of International Choir Music, Verona, Italy - www.music-contact.com

9-12 : Windy City Choral Festival with Z. Randall Stroope, Chicago, USA - www.musiccelebrations.com/festivals/2015/windycity.html



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- 9-11 & 15-18 : Festival di Primavera Festival di Primavera 2015 spring, ...ing and singing together!
Montecatini Terme, Tuscany, Italy - www.feniarco.it
- 10-12 : 13th International Choral Competition, Maribor, Slovenia - www.jskd.si/maribor
- 10-12 : Choralfest Melbourne 2015, Wesley College, Melbourne, Australia - <http://choralfest.org.au/>
- 11 Apr : New York City Jazz Festival 2015, USA - www.mcp.us
- 14-18 : Chicago SINGS! Chicago, USA - www.sechristtravel.com
- 15-19 : 6th Antalya International Choir Festival, Antalya, Turkey - www.festivalantalya.com
- 15-19 : 31st International Youth Choir Festival, Celje, Slovenia - www.celeia.info/mmpf2013
- 16-20 : Dublin International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.music-contact.com
- 16-18 : International Madetoja Male Voice Choir Competition 2015, Tampere, Finland - <http://smkl.sulasol.fi/madetoja2015/en/rules/>
- 17-20 : Discover Puerto Rico and its Choral Music, Ponce, Puerto Rico - www.music-contact.com
- 18 Apr : Gotham SINGS! New York City, USA - www.sechristtravel.com
- 22-25 : Individual Coaching with Karen Brunnsen, Zürich, Switzerland - www.sing-akademie.ch
- 23-26 : 14th International Choir Festival Tallinn 2015, Estonia - www.kooriyhing.ee
- 23-26 : Slovakia Cantat 2015, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 23-26 : 3rd Veneto Canta International Choral Festival, Venice, Italy - www.asac-cori.it
- 23-26 : 10th International Festival of Students and Academic Choirs VESNUSHKA, Yaroslavl, Russian Federation - <http://vesnushka.yar.ru/en/>
- 24-26 : International Choir Festival for Children & Youth Mundus Cantat, Gdansk, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl
- 24-25 : National A Cappella Convention, Memphis TN, USA - <http://acappellaeducators.com>
- 24-26 : 5th World Choir Festival on Musical, Thessaloniki, Greece - www.xorodiakorais.com
- 25 Apr-2 May : The Voice of Wealth, Lloret de Mar, Spain - <http://monolitfestivals.com/>
- 29 Apr-4 May : Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival, United Kingdom - www.cimvcf.org.uk
- 29 Apr-3 May : 61st Cork International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.corkchoral.ie
- 29 Apr-3 May : Costa Barcelona Music Festival, Spain - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com
- 29 Apr-3 May : 4th Vietnam International Choir Festival & Competition, Hôi An, Vietnam - www.interkultur.com
- 29 Apr-3 May : 13th Venezia in Musica, International Choir Competition and Festival, Venice and Caorle, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 30 Apr-3 May : 5th International Messiah Festival, Salzburg, Austria - <http://messiah-salzburg-festival.blogspot.co.at>

