

IFCM 2026 Elections

Application Form for Elections of the Board



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Please note that according to IFCM Bylaws the attribution to the regions of the world depends only on the country of residence, not on possible nationalities of a candidate.

Region of the world:

- North America
- Latin America and Caribbean
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Middle East and North Africa
- Northern & Western Europe and Israel
- Central-Eastern & South-Eastern Europe
- Asia (Central, East and South)
- Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific)

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Spoken language(s): Estonian, English, Russian

Place of employment: Estonian Choral Association, Children's Music Studio of Estonian Radio

Title at your employment: Secretary General, Conductor of young children's choir, children's choir and girls' choir

For individual members - IFCM membership number:

For candidates nominated by member choirs or member organizations:

My candidacy is supported by / I am nominated as candidate by: Estonian Choral Association, Estonia
(name of member choir or member organisation, country in which the choir/organisation is based)

IFCM membership number of the choir or organisation: 2999

Please outline your experience/involvement in the IFCM to date:

I have worked in the board of IFCM since 2023, contributing also in the Committee of Online and Other Activities, Governance & Inclusion and Diversity Committee and Administrative Committee of WSCM in Macau. Previously I have organized IFCM conference "Voices of Origin" in 2007 in Tallinn, and Estonian conductors' study tours to the World Symposiums of Choral Music in Copenhagen (2008), Barcelona (2017), Istanbul (2023) and will also have a group of 35 conductors in Macau this year.

Please write a short text to present your vision as a Board member (Max 300 words in English):

For me, IFCM is an important international meeting and networking platform for choral conductors,

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festival organisers and choral music lovers. IFCM helps to develop choral music in all diversity, encourages international musical co-operation, contributes to conductors' training and peer-to-peer learning and offers the best performers in its events. IFCM should be the place which brings choral world together and where conductors, organisers and educators can see the new trends of choral world. In the future, IFCM could pay even more attention to the conductors' training, online and physical meeting of choral conductors/vocal leaders and innovative solutions of choral field. I strongly believe in the values and aims of IFCM, therefore I would be happy to contribute to its work as a board member also during next period. Hopefully my experiences in event management and previous work in different national and international choral organisations would be useful for IFCM!



International Federation for Choral Music

Nomination

13.04.2026

Hereby we nominate Kaie Tanner as a candidate for the IFCM Board for the next mandate. We hope her knowledge and experiences will be valuable and helpful for the development of IFCM.

Hirvo Surva

President of Estonian Choral Association

CV Kaie Tanner, Estonia
nominated by the Estonian Choral Association



Kaie Tanner (b 1975) graduated from Estonian Academy of Music in 2000 as a choir conductor (BA) and received her master's degree as a cultural manager in 2023. She is currently holding the position of general secretary in the Estonian Choral Association (since 2000) and conducts preparatory choir, children's choir and girls' choir of Estonian Radio. She is a board member of the Estonian Choral Association and the International Federation for Choral Music, and the president of Choral Festival Network.

Kaie has conducted joint children's choirs in Estonian Song Celebrations in 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 and 2017. She has recorded 4 CDs with Estonian Radio Children's Choirs and received several awards from international competitions (Krakow, Tampere, Cantonigros, Milazzo, Karpenissi etc).

In 2001-2003 she worked as a member in Legislative Commission of Estonian Cultural Ministry, 2000-2015 was Estonian representative in co-ordination group of Nordic-Baltic Choir Festivals.

Kaie Tanner is the organiser of Tallinn International Choir Festivals (since 2001), summer seminars for Estonian choral conductors and other national and international choral events in Estonia. She has also had close cooperation with international organisations, being involved in preparing International Competition for Young Choral Conductors in Tallinn in 2002, EUROPA CANTAT Singing Weeks in Tartu in 2004 and 2007, IFCM conference Voices of Origin in Tallinn in 2007, the festival Europa Cantat *junior* 6 in 2011, the festival EUROPA CANTAT XX in Tallinn in

2018 and LEADING VOICES in Tallinn in 2025.

Kaie has made presentations at numerous Estonian and international conferences, published articles in Estonian and international magazines and newspapers, lead national and international workshops, worked in juries of international choir festivals etc.

Kaie Tanner has been a board member of European Choral Association 2009-2018 and European Music Council 2010-2016. She has also been the member of Artistic Committee or Steering Committee of several EUROPA CANTAT festivals.