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## NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

We are happy to present you four more choirs selected to perform during the 11<sup>th</sup> World Symposium on Choral Music that will be held in Barcelona, on July 22-29, 2017. Stay tuned, as each IFCMeNEWS will reveal more about the artistic program of the WSCM11.

### SONUX ENSEMBLE — Germany

The Sonux Ensemble is a young men's choir from Northern Germany, made up of the tenors and basses of the Chorknaben Uetersen. Their programs feature Renaissance, Baroque, and modern compositions, as well as titles from jazz, pop, and cross over repertoires. The choir specially focuses on the performance of contemporary works from commissioned musicians and the close collaboration with composers plays a vital role. Together with the chamber choir I Vocalisti, which also sings under the direction of Hans-Joachim Lustig, the ensemble gave a greatly acclaimed concert under the direction of the American composer and conductor Eric Whitacre in 2010. Stylistic open-mindedness is particularly important to the young singers and their director.



### SALT LAKE VOCAL ARTISTS — USA



In its short history, the Salt Lake Vocal Artists has already become a well-respected and highly celebrated choral ensemble. They have entertained and fascinated local and international audiences with their versatility, passion, artistry and sound. Organized under the direction of Dr. Brady Allred in 2010, the Salt Lake Vocal Artists are the international ambassadors and touring choir for the Salt Lake Choral Artists organization now supporting seven choirs of singers from ages 8-80. The Salt Lake Vocal Artists are committed to bringing to life new and diverse choral works and have commissioned and premiered new works by celebrated international composers. Known internationally for

"exquisite choral singing," Dr. Allred's ensembles have been invited to participate in major festivals and competitions around the world.

### VOCAL ART ENSEMBLE — Sweden

Vocal Art Ensemble of Sweden has for decades been a powerful voice in the Swedish and international choir community, not least appreciated for its commitment to contemporary music. Through the years Vocal Art Ensemble has been awarded several prizes at international choir competitions. With its many recordings and radio and TV appearances, the ensemble has been lauded both domestically and internationally. The choir has been awarded multiple grants from the Swedish state (Kulturrådet) and uses those grants to commission new choral music. The musical collaboration of Vocal Art Ensemble and the conductor Jan Yngwe is based on the conviction of the power and necessity of music in an increasingly technocratic society, a belief in music as an opportunity and a tool to reach a multidimensional and deeper understanding of our existence and of life.



## ANSAN CITY CHOIR — Republic of Korea



Founded in 1995, Ansan City Choir is a professional group that is frequently called upon to represent the Republic of Korea on the international stage. They are famous for their unique chamber repertoire and various styles ranging from Renaissance, Classical to Contemporary. Under the direction of Dr. Shin-Hwa Park, the choir has maintained its distinct reputation by performing major regular concerts, making numerous local appearances, and participating in the Korea Choral Festival and other

international choral festivals of distinction. The choir has raised fervent interest and always receives a warm reception across the country.

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## WORLD CHORAL DAY: 11 DECEMBER 2016

Choirs from all over the world are joining in the celebration of World Choral Day on or around the 2nd Sunday in December. Thousands of singers across the globe are involved in the World Choral Day concerts, festivals, sing-alongs, choral seminars, Days of Friendship and other events. If you are a singer, a director or a manager and are planning an event for this date or around it, please register it at [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net) or at [www.worldchoralday.org](http://www.worldchoralday.org). You will take part in a worldwide event and you will feel the sense of community with all the other participants all over the world.

**BE PART OF IT!**

**SHOW THAT YOU BELONG TO THE GREAT CHORAL COMMUNITY OF THE WORLD!**

**REGISTER YOUR EVENT!**



**WORLD CHORAL DAY** 11 December 2016

Share your passion with the world!

5 minutes to enter your event  
and be part of World Choral Day 2016  
register on: [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net)

## WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2017!

After a successful session 2016 in Germany, Belgium and Switzerland, the three patrons of the World Youth Choir, the European Choral Association — Europa Cantat (ECA-EC), Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI) and IFCM, are happy to announce that the World Youth Choir Session 2017 will be held in Pécs, Hungary, followed by a concert tour in Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and Hungary.

The session will start on July 5th and end on July 31st. Further info on the singers' recruitment and other practical details to be announced in November 2016... Stay tuned on [www.worldyouthchoir.org](http://www.worldyouthchoir.org) or [www.facebook.com/worldyouthchoir/](https://www.facebook.com/worldyouthchoir/)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 12TH IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

July or August 2020. Exact dates will soon be confirmed.

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS



**A COEUR JOIE FRANCE AND THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) PRESENT:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Europa Cantat Junior Festival, Lyon, France –**

**July 13-20, 2017**

This famous festival for children and youth choirs will take place in Lyon, France for the first time.

Lyon is the town where the French choral federation A Coeur Joie is based. Choral music has a special place in the cultural life of the city, with many children and adult choirs of all kinds. Concerts, ateliers and nice activities are waiting for you!

Registration deadline: January 31st, 2017

More information:

<http://europacantatjunior.fr/en/>



**THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)**

Website: [www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org/sing-me-in](http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org/sing-me-in)

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**AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA**

**ACDA's 2017 National Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA — March 8-11, 2017**

Join us for ACDA's 2017 National Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota March 8-11 and a Welcome to Minneapolis event on Tuesday, March 7th! Registration and Hotel booking begins in October. We hope to see you there!

Info: <http://acda.org/page.asp?page=national>

## A LIFE OF SONG



## IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

### LET'S JOIN OUR VOICES TO BREAK THE SILENCE OF POVERTY



To celebrate the courage and efforts of people living in poverty throughout history, featuring their songs of resistance and hope in shows and concerts.

On October 17, 1987, answering to the call of action of Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD (All together in Dignity) Fourth World, hundreds of choirs and singing groups took part in the day's events as part of a campaign called "100,000 voices for the voice-less". October 17 became the World Day for Overcoming Poverty. 2017 will mark the 30th anniversary of this call to action, the 60th anniversary of the founding of ATD Fourth World, and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Wresinski, a man born himself into extreme poverty.

To commemorate the occasion, ATD Fourth World is inviting any choir or singing group interested in celebrating the dignity of

people living in poverty to organize one or several concerts between February and October 2017

The theme of the World Day for Overcoming Poverty in 2017 is: **"Responding to the Call of October 17 to Eliminate Poverty: a Path to More Peaceful and Inclusive Societies."**

<http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/get-involved/world-day-for-overcoming-poverty/>

To get the song book and organize a concert please write to [mobilization2017@atd-fourthworld.org](mailto:mobilization2017@atd-fourthworld.org)

### ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD on the ICB, the IFCMeNEWS, [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net), <http://icb.ifcm.net/>

Advertisement spaces are now available on [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net) and [ICB.ifcm.net](http://icb.ifcm.net/) as well as in the monthly IFCMeNEWS and in the quarterly ICB and eICB. Rates and dimensions are on the [Reserve A Space form](#)

Take advantage of the excellent usage statistics of our websites and media to promote your choral events!

### 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](mailto: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!*

### WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2016

3-6 Nov : Cantate Dresden, Germany - [www.musicandfriends.net/html/cantate\\_dresden1.html](http://www.musicandfriends.net/html/cantate_dresden1.html)

4-7 Nov : International Budgetary Festival/Competition The Place of Holiday, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

10-13 Nov : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Prague, Czech Republic - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

11-13 Nov : Sligo International Choral Festival, Ireland - [www.sligochoralfest.com/](http://www.sligochoralfest.com/)

13-19 Nov : International Choir Festival Corearte Brazil 2016, Caxias do Sul, Brazil - [www.corearte.es](http://www.corearte.es)

20-24 Nov : The Golden State Choral Trophy 2016, Monterey, California, USA - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)

24-28 Nov, 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 Dec : Vienna Advent Sing, Austria - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)

29 Nov-2 Dec : 7th Winter Choral Festival, Hong Kong China - [www.winterchoralfestival.com](http://www.winterchoralfestival.com)

1-4 Dec : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)

2-4 Dec : 7th Krakow Advent & Christmas Choir Festival, Poland - [www.christmasfestival.pl](http://www.christmasfestival.pl)

4-7 Dec : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

6-9 Dec : International Festival/Competition Talents de Paris, France [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

8-11 Dec : 6th International Festival of choirs and orchestras in Baden, Germany - [www.mrf-musicfestivals.com](http://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com)

8-11 Dec : Gozo (Malta) International Choir Festival, Malta - [www.euroartproduction.it](http://www.euroartproduction.it)

8-11 Dec : Choral Festival Magic Christmas, Barcelona, Spain - [www.choralfestbarcelona.com](http://www.choralfestbarcelona.com)

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9-12 Dec : 2nd International Festival and Competition In Anticipation of Christmas, St. Petersburg, Russia - [www.interfestplus.ru](http://www.interfestplus.ru)

11 Dec : World Choral Day 2016, All around the World - [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net)

15-18 Dec : 24th International Sacred, Advent & Christmas Music Festival and Choir Competition Cantate Domino Kaunas, Kaunas, Lithuania - [www.kaunascantat.lt](http://www.kaunascantat.lt)

15-18 Dec : International Choir Festival of Advent & Christmas Music Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - [www.munduscantat.pl](http://www.munduscantat.pl)

26 Dec 2016-2 Jan 2017 : Sing in the New Year 2016-2017 with Karen Kennedy , Greece - [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)

27-31 Dec : 3rd International Christmas Music Festival Cantate Angeli, Vilnius, Lithuania - [www.gratulationes.lt](http://www.gratulationes.lt)

28 Dec 2016-2 Jan 2017 : Corsham Winter School, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

