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## 2017 CALL FOR IFCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The International Federation for Choral Music calls for candidates to fill positions on the IFCM Board of Directors and at the Presidency for terms beginning in August 2017. All candidate applications must be sent through these links **before April 15, 2017**:

- <http://ifcm.net/home-elections/>
- <http://ifcm.net/run-to-be-part-of-the-new-board/>
- <http://ifcm.net/run-to-be-the-new-president/>

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

BARCELONA, 22 - 29 JULY 2017

**Have you reserved your place to hear some of the world's greatest choirs in one of the world's most beautiful cities?**

### Discover the "Circle Concerts" of the WSCM11!

The Barcelona Symposium has special characteristics making it different from past Symposia. Barcelona, capital of the Mediterranean, open to the sea and with an important historic heritage opens the Symposium to the city and to Catalonia. The choirs selected will perform not only for the symposium participants, but also for the choral music fans, with concerts open to the public in different locations of Barcelona and its surroundings. However, there is more! and that is why the Barcelona Symposium will incorporate a new way for Choirs from all around the world to participate: Choirs which have not been selected or Choirs interested in participating actively in lectures and in performing. These choirs will also join the symposium musical ambiance offering concerts in the special CIRCLE CONCERTS that will be included in the official program of the WSCM11 and the 52nd International Festival of Choral Singing of Barcelona.

### PONOMARYOV VESNA CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Russia



Conducted by Nadezhda Averina, this is the Senior choir of Ponomaryov VESNA Children's Choir School (Moscow, Russia). "Vesna" is a choir distinguished by the originality of its creative approach, a refined taste, impeccable singing technique, inimitable on-stage expression and in-depth interpretation. It is a singing ensemble known for being an artistic benchmark for the modern choir art as performed by children. This is a community that for five decades has been giving its listeners a gift of happiness and joy through its spring-like art.

### I MUVRINI – Corsica

I Muvrini is a French (Corsica) regional vocal group formed in the late 70s around Alain and Jean-François Bernardini. They were one of the most exposed bands of their kind throughout their long career, and worked with many French and foreign artists such as Sting, Luz Casal, Mc Solaar or Véronique Samson (among many others). From 1979 to 2007, the band released around thirty albums, both studio and live ones, their 2007 "I Muvrini et les 500 choristes" being their seventh Gold Record since 1994. Their style evolved from the most traditional forms of Corsica's "polyphonies" to more pop tones, though they never forgot their native language at any time.



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### JYVÄSKYLÄN NAISLAULAJAT - Finland

Jyväskylä Female Choir (JyväskylänNaislaulajat) conducted by Rita Varonen is one of the top female choirs in Finland both in terms of skills and activity. Youthful and energetic, the choir is a musical home for 40 women who share a love for music with a healthy artistic ambition. In the spring of 2015 the choir presented a very interesting program which was presented for the 70th anniversary festival concert of the Finnish Female Choir Association in the Sibelius Hall in Lahti, Finland and the CantaRode Choral Festival and Competition in the Netherlands. They were ranked as the best female choir and voted fourth of all competitors.

### VIVA! YOUTH SINGERS OF TORONTO – Canada

VIVA! Youth Singers of Toronto is a vibrant, innovative choral organization for singers aged four through young adults, whose mandate is to offer the opportunity to achieve artistic excellence in a singer-centred, inclusive community. Founded by Carol Woodward Ratzlaff in 2000, VIVA! is comprised of five choirs who, in addition to performing high-level choral music, engage in various skill-building, music-making and dramatic activities. The choirs present two series of concerts annually in Toronto. Recognized for its Canadian commissions and diverse programming, VIVA! has appeared onstage as guest artists at many major Toronto concert venues with leading performers and ensembles.



Stay tuned as we will present four other choirs of the “Circle Concerts” in the next IFCMeNEWS!

Don't forget this great event: Register now: [www.wscm11.cat](http://www.wscm11.cat)

### DEAR MEMBERS, RENEW YOUR SUPPORT TO IFCM IN 2017



Your membership renewal form has been sent.

Don't miss it and renew easily on: <https://ifcm.net/membership-l-form/>

You can also support IFCM by donating [HERE](#)

**THANK YOU!**

### WORLD YOUTH CHOIR

We are happy to announce that, after the success of the EUROPA CANTAT XIX Festival in 2015, the World Youth Choir session for 2017 (July 4-25) will be held in Pécs, Hungary with a following tour in Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and Hungary. The selected singers for 2017 will have the chance to perform both classical and folk arrangements directed by conductors Zoltan Pad (Hungary) and Ken Wakia (Kenya).

More info on the WYC tour on: [www.worldyouthchoir.org](http://www.worldyouthchoir.org)

### NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

#### EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

**The Voice of Singing Europe heard in Brussels**

**Did you know that there are 37 million people in Europe who practice collective singing?**

On January 23rd 2017 the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat (ECA-EC) and the Representation of the State of Hessen co-organised the event “[The Voice of Singing Europe](#)” in the seat of the Representation in Brussels.

After welcome words by Friedrich von Heusinger (Director of the Representation of the State of Hessen to the European Union) and Gábor Móczár (President of ECA-EC), the youth choir of the Monnaie, [La Choroline](#), conducted by Benoît Giaux demonstrated to the audience how singing together can bring joy to the singers as well as to the listeners.

Sonja Greiner, Secretary General ECA-EC then presented the “Singing Europe study” (<http://www.singingeurope.org/>) which was developed in the frame of the VOICE project (<http://www.thevoiceproject.eu/>), funded by the EU Culture Programme and selected as

“success story” by the European Commission. The audience could directly experience the power of collective singing by learning the canon “Viva la Musica” with Carlo Pavese, Vice-President of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat, before Sonja Greiner invited Barbara Gessler (Head of Unit, Creative Europe Programme – Culture, General Directorate for Education and Culture) on stage to

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discuss the point of view of the European Commission on data collection and research, and the priorities of the Creative Europe Programme. Almost 200 people attended the event live, while another 200 followed it digitally via live streaming which is now [available as video](#). Read more [here](#) — More pictures [here](#)



Youth choir of the Monnaie, La Choralline, conducted by Benoît Giaux

### EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) AND THE CATALAN FEDERATION OF CHORAL ASSOCIATIONS (FCEC)



#### Singing Week in Tarragona

Tarragona, Spain, 14-22 July 2017

Deadline for applications: 31/3/2017

Workshops with Josep Vila Jover (Spain), Michael Gohl (Switzerland), Bernie Sherlock (Ireland) and Brady Allred (USA).

Open singing under the baton of Xavier Puig (Te Deum by Albert Guinovart)

The dates of the Singing Week have been set up to enable the participants to also attend to the World Symposium on Choral Music (Barcelona, from July 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Info at Associacion Cor Ciutat de Tarragona, [info@setmanacantat.org](mailto:info@setmanacantat.org) or on [www.setmanacantat.org](http://www.setmanacantat.org)

### 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!

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

### 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, "A Life of Song." The lineup includes a huge range of concerts and performers, as well as a Gospel Brunch, Jazz Night, Complaine Service, International Choir Concert, Unity Concert, student conducting masterclass & competition, and much, much more. Information and registration: <https://acda.org/conferences.asp>



#### VALE CHRISTIAN LJUNGGREN

It is with great sadness that we inform you that former IFCM Secretary General, Christian Ljunggren passed away on February 4, 2017, just a few days after his 75th birthday. Christian was conductor of the Adolf Fredrik Madrigal Choir for more than 50 years, and the Nicolai Chamber Choir since 1974. He was the first president of the Swedish Choral Directors Association (1986-1998) and president of KÖRSAM (1997-2004). He organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music in Stockholm in 1990, a symposium that many still remember, and was IFCM Secretary General 1997-1999. The choral world lost one of its biggest supporters and most devoted servants. RIP Christian.

*(the April issue of the ICB will include a longer obituary by Interkultur of which Christian was the Honorary President)*

#### CONDUCTING 21C - MUSICAL LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW CENTURY, Stockholm, Sweden, 15-20 June 2017

**New application deadline: March 25**

The C21C aims to provide conductors with professional development by combining artistic excellence and social justice. Emerging and experienced conductors alike will develop powerfully creative, profoundly artistic, and compassionate approaches for musical leadership through master classes and workshops.

Workshop Leaders: André de Quadros, Lone Larsen, Agneta Josephson

Choir in residence: Manado State University Choir, Indonesia

Info: [www.conducting21c.com](http://www.conducting21c.com)

#### FEDERACIO CATALANA D'ENTITATS CORALS, VII AWARDS CATALUNYA CHORAL COMPOSITION

For the second time, this call is carried out together with the Awards of composition called by Orfeo Català, through the Revista Musical Catalana: "II international competition of choral composition - Festival of choral music", and which will culminate with the second edition of the Festival of choral music on February 25th, 2018, in the Palau de la Música Catalana, where the winning works of the two competitions will be presented and performed.

The deadline for submission of works is **March 13th, 2017**. The verdict will be announced within the framework of the 11 World Symposium on Choral Music, which will take place in the city of Barcelona from 22nd to 29th July this year

You can look at the Bases and get the participation forms at:

<http://www.fcec.cat/noticies/PremisCatalunya2016/PremCat.html>

#### SING IN NORWAY NEXT SUMMER! • IV CORALUA TRONDHEIM • INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL (8-14 July 2017)

For children's, female and mixed adult choirs (also individual singers). Workshops with Sanna Valvanne (Finland/USA), Basilio Astúlez (Spain), Bob Chilcott (England) and Bodil Egseth (Norway) and Singing Tour to perform in different venues. **Apply before March 31, 2017**.

Email: [Trondheim@coralua.com](mailto:Trondheim@coralua.com) — Website: [www.coralua.com](http://www.coralua.com)

#### 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!

#### WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN MARCH AND APRIL 2017

2-5 Mar : 23th International Choir Festival of Paris, France - [www.musicandfriends.lu](http://www.musicandfriends.lu)

2-18 Mar : 9th International Meeting of School Choirs, Karditsa, Greece - <http://festivalofkarditsa.blogspot.gr/>

8-12 Mar : Roma Music Festival 2017, Italy - [www.mrf-musicfestivals.com](http://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com)

8-11 Mar : ACDA National Conference 2017, Minneapolis, USA - <http://acda.org>

10-12 Mar : 6th International Gdansk Choir Festival, Poland - [www.gdanskfestival.pl](http://www.gdanskfestival.pl)

13 Mar : Catalunya Prizes for Choral Compositions 2017, Barcelona, Spain -

<http://www.fcec.cat/noticies/PremisCatalunya2016/PremCat.html>

16-18 Mar : Windy City Choral Festival with Z. Randall Stroope, Chicago, USA - [www.windycitychoralfestival.org](http://www.windycitychoralfestival.org)

16-20 Mar : Festival of Peace and Brotherhood, Castelli Romani, Italy - [www.romechoralfestival.org](http://www.romechoralfestival.org)

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- 17-21 Mar : 10th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition, Fukushima, Japan - [www.vocalensemble.jp/en/](http://www.vocalensemble.jp/en/)
- 19-23 Mar : Golden Voices of Montserrat! International Contest, Montserrat Monastery, Catalonia, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 19-24 Mar : Corsham Voice Workshop, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)
- 22-26 Mar : Young Prague Festival, Prague, Czech Republic - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)
- 23-26 Mar : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Nice, France - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 24-27 Mar : Discover Puerto Rico and its Choral Music, Ponce, Puerto Rico - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)
- 30 Mar-2 Apr: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Verona, Italy - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 30 Mar-2 Apr: International Choir Festival for Children & Youth Mundus Cantat, Gdansk, Poland - [www.munduscantat.pl](http://www.munduscantat.pl)
- 6-9 Apr: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Bilbao, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 6-9 Apr: International Choir Festival and Competition of Lithuanian Music Patriarch Juozas Naujalis, Kaunas, Lithuania - [www.kaunascantat.lt](http://www.kaunascantat.lt)
- 6-10 Apr: Dublin International Choral Festival, Ireland - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)
- 6-9, 13-17, 20-23, 27-30 Apr: 3rd Easter Choral Meeting Prague 2017, Czech Republic - [www.or-fea.cz](http://www.or-fea.cz)
- 9-13 Apr: 16th Budapest International Choir Festival & Competition, Hungary - [www.meeting-music.com](http://www.meeting-music.com)
- 18-20 Apr: 1st Michelangelo International Music Festival, Florence, Italy - [www.florencechoral.com](http://www.florencechoral.com)
- 19-23 Apr: Istra Music Festival 2017, Croatia - <https://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com/>
- 19-23 Apr: Verona International Choral Competition, Verona, Italy - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)
- 19-23 Apr: Voices for Peace, Assisi, Italy - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)
- 20-25 Apr: All Nations Are Singing International Choral Festival & competition, Vilnius, Lithuania - [www.gratulations.lt](http://www.gratulations.lt)
- 20-22 & 26-29 Apr: Festival di Primavera Festival di Primavera 2017 spring...ing and singing together! Montecatini Terme, Tuscany, Italy - [www.feniarco.it](http://www.feniarco.it)
- 20-23 Apr: 15th International Choir Festival Tallinn 2017, Estonia - [www.kooriyhing.ee](http://www.kooriyhing.ee)
- 21-23 Apr: 14th International Choral Competition Gallus Maribor 2017, Slovenia - [www.jskd.si/maribor](http://www.jskd.si/maribor)
- 21-23 Apr: 7th World Choir Festival on Musicals, Thessaloniki, Greece - [www.xorodiakorais.com](http://www.xorodiakorais.com)
- 26-30 Apr: 63rd Cork International Choral Festival, Ireland - [www.corkchoral.ie](http://www.corkchoral.ie)
- 26-30 Apr: 3rd International Choral Festival Canta en Primavera, Málaga, Spain - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)
- 28-30 Apr: Modern Japanese Music Interpretation and Performance, Kaunas, Lithuania - [www.acusto.lt/](http://www.acusto.lt/)
- 30 Apr: European Award for Choral Composers 2017-2018, Europe - [www.eca-ec.org](http://www.eca-ec.org) or [www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org)

