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NEWS FROM IFCM

FROM THE IFCM PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,
A warm season's greetings and happy new year!
I wish you all a great year full of happiness, health, and of course, good choral music!
The International Federation for Choral Music has many events, activities, and programs in service of our membership planned for 2018. I encourage you all to join us at these events for many wonderful and exciting opportunities to connect with fellow choral colleagues, engage in cultural and choral exchange, learn new ideas and techniques from established professionals, and listen to music from the world's finest choirs.
In this new year of 2018, let us spread the joy of choral music to even more people across the globe with a message of peace, love, and friendship for all.
Best wishes,
Emily Kuo Vong, President

12th WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

Kia ora koutou

Greetings from Aotearoa New Zealand



2017 WORLD CHORAL DAY, 10 DECEMBER 2017

A big thank you to all the choirs and singers from around the world for their participation in the World Choral Day 2017!

Visit: <http://www.worldchoralday.org/events/>

JANUARY 2018

*Volunteers connecting
our choral world*



IFCMeNEWS



Celebrating the World Choral Day 2017: Coro Juvenil Gubernamental de Itapúa, Dir. Vanessa Utz, Ciudad de Encarnación, Paraguay (10 Dec 2017)

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2018 – INNER MONGOLIA, CHINA

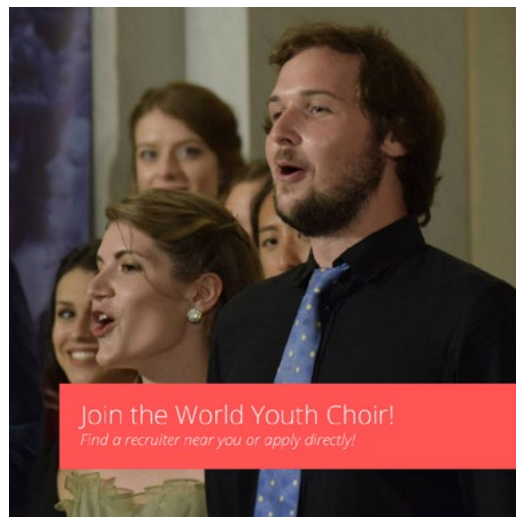
Conductors: Helen Stureborg (Sweden) and Jonathan Velasco (Philippines)

Don't miss the opportunity to audition before February 15, 2018 to be part of it!

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org/summer-session-2018>



The audition season is open!
Join the World Youth Choir 2018



Join the World Youth Choir!
Find a recruiter near you or apply directly!

CONDUCTOR WITHOUT BORDERS (CWB) IN AFRICA IN 2017

Read the report of the last CWB mission 2017 that was organized in Lomé, Togo, from November 27 to December 3, 2017. Our deepest thanks to Sylvain Gameti, President of the Togolese Association of Choral Composers.

Contact: Thierry Thiébaud, Coordinator of CWB projects in Africa

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<http://ifcm.net/cwb-2/>

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INTERNATIONAL CHINA CHORUS FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD CHORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The 14th China International Chorus Festival and IFCM World Choral Education Conference will be held in Beijing from 19 July to 25 July 2018.

More information:

<http://en.cicfbj.cn/> English

<http://www.cicfbj.cn/> Chinese

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

Apply for the Young Event Management Programme at the EC Festival XX

How is it to organise a festival for thousands of singers from all around the world?

YEMP (Young Event Management Programme) is a two-week training course including lectures and training on the job. After a selection process, 25 young people aged 18 to 30 from different countries will be invited to participate in the programme. The young YEMPers, fully included in the organising team, will be testing themselves with roles of responsibility in the various offices of the **EUROPA CANTAT Festival XX**, under the guidance of two coaches, one Estonian, and one international. Further information, programme and application form [>> here](#)

Deadline for applications: 31 January 2018



Workshop on Digital Communication with a focus on Social Media**26 - 27 April 2018 | Bonn, Germany****For managers and staff of organisations**

The Digital Communication Workshop will give you the skills needed to develop, implement, and continuously improve the communication and social media strategy of your organisation. A full package (accommodation, subsistence and workshop) to upgrade your skills and exchange experiences and methods with other networks.

Speakers: Alan Kelly (Board member of the [Association of Irish Choirs](#)) and Stefano Zucchiatti (Communication Manager at [Europe Jazz Network](#))

We'll learn:

- How to structure a communication plan.
- How to communicate before, during and after an event.
- How to maximize Social Media.
- Tools and advices for an efficient internal communication.
- Focus on videos

More info on www.europeanchoralassociation.org — **>> APPLICATION FORM <<**

Contact: communication@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA**Children & Community Youth Choir Conductors' Retreat****January 13-14, 2018****Houston, Texas USA**

This event is tailored for those who conduct children and youth choirs in schools, the community, or places of worship, and will include presentations, reading sessions, and a concert. Registration & additional information:

https://acda.org/ACDA/ACDA/Children_s_Chair_Conductors_Retreat.aspx

American Choral Directors Association is now gearing up for our **2018 regional conferences**, which will take place across the country in February and March of the coming year. Performing choir auditions and interest session applications are active for many of those events now. • Feb. 14-15, 2018 - Central & North Central Region (Chicago, Illinois) • Feb. 21-24, 2018 - Southern Region (Louisville, Kentucky) • Mar. 7-11, 2018 - Eastern Region (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) • Mar. 7-11, 2018 - Southwestern Region (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) • Mar. 7-10, 2018 - Northwestern Region (Portland, Oregon) • Mar. 14-17, 2018 - Western Region (Pasadena, California) More info [HERE](#)

2018 Symposium on Research in Choral Singing**September 14-15, 2018****Evanston, Illinois, USA**

The intent of this event is to advance knowledge and practice with respect to choral singing, choir sound, choral pedagogy, and related areas such as equity and inclusion. The Call for Proposals is currently open. Additional information: https://acda.org/ACDA/Conference/Special_Event/Symposium_on_Research_in_Choral_Singing.aspx

Relevance: North Dakota State University's Third Choral Symposium, co-sponsored by ACDA

October 11-13, 2018**Fargo, North Dakota, USA**

Inclusion * Social Justice * Transformation * Diversity * Inspiration * Community. Featuring





Craig Hella Johnson conducting *Conspirare* in *Considering Matthew Shepard*. Concerts and interest sessions. Deadline for proposals: April 1, 2018 (send to Dr. Jo Ann Miller at jo.miller@ndsu.edu). <http://ndsu.edu/music>

Save the date: **Next ACDA National Conference is February 27 - March 2, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri, USA.**



NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN MUSIC COUNCIL

In the coming months, the European Music Council will be focusing on pushing forward our preparation for the **8th European Forum on Music** in Oslo, Norway from **7 to 10 June 2018** where we hope to welcome you.

In this context, they would like to share their open call for the next generation of fellows, who will be joining them in 2018 at the European Forum on Music and for the next two years. Please note: an EMC membership is not obligatory to become an EMC Fellow.

How to apply:

Please apply to the fellowship programme by sending to auclair@emc-imc.org a motivation letter, a resume and a letter of reference from one of EMC members. Deadline for the application is 15 February 2018. The selection committee, comprised of representatives of the EMC Board and secretariat, will then select up to 7 individuals to become Fellows for the next two years.

Website: www.emc-imc.org

OBITUARY: MAESTRO VIVIAN TABBUSH

It is with great sadness that the Argentinian Association for Choral Music 'AAMCANT' announces the death of Maestro Vivian Tabbush. He was a choir and orchestra director but one of his most important achievements was his work as arranger, orchestrator and composer. He was a very generous person with a total devotion to choral activities. Thanks to his music



and arrangements he contributed to the discovery of Argentine popular music, its rhythms, styles and traditions, outside the country. He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA

You are invited!!! Join us for PODIUM on the EDGE: Singing from Sea to Sea to Sea, Canada's biennial choral conference & festival taking place June 29 - July 3 2018 in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador.

More info on: <http://www.podiumconference.ca>

Contact: podium@choralcanada.org



AMERICA CANTAT 9

Panama, 12-21 April 2019

A 10 day program with singers, directors and choirs from all over the world for the 1st time on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in the beautiful city of Panama, 2019 Ibero American Cultural Capital of the World in celebration of its 500 year foundation anniversary.

More info at info@america-cantat9.org

ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD on the ICB, the IFCMeNEWS and on our websites

Advertisement spaces are now available on <http://ifcm.net/> and <http://icb.ifcm.net> as well as 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 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

7-10 Jan: Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain -

www.fiestalonia.net

8-12 Jan: The Harold Rosenbaum Choral Conducting Institute Workshop, New York, USA -

<http://www.haroldrosenbaum.com/institute.shtml>

12-15 Jan: The Complete Conductor, orchestral conducting for the choral director, New York, USA - www.DCINY.org

15 Jan: The Music of Sir Karl Jenkins: A DCINY Tenth Anniversary Celebration, Carnegie Hall, New York USA - <https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2018/1/15/0700/PM/The-Music-of-Sir-Karl-Jenkins/>

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15 Jan: Women's Voices Chorus Commission Competition, Chapel Hill NC, USA -

<http://womensvoiceschorus.org/2019-commission-competition/>

25-29 Jan: Sing'n'Pray Kobe, Japan - www.interkultur.com

28 Jan-2 Feb: Singing in Castara, Trinidad and Tobago - www.lacock.org

31 Jan-4 Feb: 3rd Misatango Choir Festival Vienna, Austria - www.misatango.com

1-4 Feb : 8th International Sacred Music Festival Kaunas Musica Religiosa, Kaunas, Lithuania - <http://www.lituaniacantat.lt/>

2-4 Feb & 6 Feb : World Youth Arts Festival 2018, Stuttgart, Germany and Wien, Austria - <http://internationaler-volkskulturkreis.com/Events/2018/>

12-17 Feb : 38th Annual National Conductors' Symposium, Vancouver, Canada - www.vancouverchamberchoir.com

21-25 Fe : 5th Children & Youth Choral World Championship, St. Petersburg, Russia - <http://en.wccc.su/>

