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NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

24 amazing international choirs (out of 150 who applied) have been invited to sing in Barcelona at the 11th International World Choral Symposium. Here are 4 of them - with more to be announced in future months:



Ensemble Vine (Japan)

The mixed choir "Ensemble Vine," founded in 2000 by Mr. Keishi Ito, one of the leading choral conductors in Japan, focuses specially on singing Renaissance music, works of modern composers based on religious and folk music from all over the world, and works of young Japanese composers.

New Dublin Voices (Ireland)

International award-winning New Dublin Voices is a leading Irish chamber choir. Founded by conductor Bernie Sherlock in 2005, from the start NDV has presented concert programs that are fresh, innovative, and exciting, ranging widely in style and period from the medieval to the contemporary. The choir takes special pleasure in exploring the music of living composers, leading the way in performing, premiering, commissioning and disseminating Irish choral music and introducing international choral music to Irish audiences, including 31 world premieres by Irish composers.



Toronto Children's Chorus (Canada)

Recognized as one of the world's leading treble choirs, the Toronto Children's Chorus is now celebrating its 38th season and its ninth year under the baton of the renowned conductor Elise Bradley. Over the course of its history, the Chorus has won many competitions, including the International Eisteddfod in Wales and the CBC, Kathaumixw, and Let the Peoples Sing Competitions in Canada. The Toronto Children's Chorus is internationally recognized, not only for the consistently high standard of its performances and recordings, but also for its uniquely challenging and eclectic treble repertoire spanning diverse cultures, languages, traditions and musical genres.

University of Pretoria Camerata (South Africa)

The University of Pretoria Camerata, which celebrated its 47th anniversary in 2015, has received many national and international accolades through the years. The choirs' mission is to contribute towards the cultural development of the student body, to enrich the broader community by means of choral singing, and to act as cultural ambassadors of the University of Pretoria. The Tuks Camerata (as the choir is affectionately known) strives towards achieving the highest artistic standards and offers students from all backgrounds a place where they can express themselves through choral music. This richly diverse South African ensemble specialises in both Western and Traditional African choral repertoire, making it a unique and much needed voice in a modern day South Africa



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and Twitter <https://twitter.com/simposibcn>

IFCM MEETING WITH ALL-RUSSIAN CHORAL SOCIETY

An IFCM's delegation met one of the biggest Russian choral organizations on February 29 in Moscow. During the meeting Mr. Pavel A. Pozhigaylo, Executive Director of All-Russian Choral Society, explained all the wonderful projects that their association is running and the possible development of a partnership between our two organizations. Two main types of collaboration could be based on education and communication. All-Russian Choral Society and IFCM are now planning some proposals on mutual choral projects and both teams will meet again in May.

This is only one of the new IFCM missions in the next months. If you also want to set up a meeting with IFCM, please contact us at office@ifcm.net



From left to right: Anna Kuchina (Interpreter), Håkan Wickström (IFCM Treasurer), Irina Tozyjakova (First Deputy of Executive Director), Pavel A. Pozhigaylo (Executive Director of All-Russian Choral Society), Francesco Leonardi (IFCM Project Manager), Andrea Angelini (IFCM ICB Editor), Svetlana Agafina (Office Manager of All-Russian Choral Society)

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW SERVICES ON THE IFCM WEBSITE?

Among them you will find the Choirs Connection here: <http://ifcm.net/service-2/choir-connection/>
Have a look!



CHOIRS CONNECTION

An IFCM initiative designed to create strong personal connections between choirs around the world, partnering skilled and less skilled groups together with the view to:

- Sharing skills and expertise
- Sharing repertoire
- Fostering exchanges
- Create Touring exchanges and opportunities
- Developing cultural relationships
- Creating and developing true friendships through choral music – real and virtual

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WORLD YOUTH CHOIR 2016 SESSION

The World Youth Choir Foundation (IFCM/ECA-EC/JMI) is happy to announce the 2016 World Youth Choir session!

The session conducted by Filippo Maria Bressan (Italy) is organized by Jeunesses Musicales International with the support of Jeunesses Musicales Germany, and by the World Youth Choir Foundation as well as the three patrons of the choir. The rehearsal camp will take place from July 13 to 24 in Weikersheim, Germany, followed by a concert tour in Germany and Belgium, starting with a concert on July 24 and ending on August 2 (exact concert dates to be confirmed).

<http://www.worldyouthchoir.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/worldyouthchoir>

IFCM YOUTH ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The 2016 IFCM Youth Arts Management Program will take place in Nassau, Bahamas, August 18 – 31, 2016. After reviewing the applications, the organizers were overwhelmingly impressed with the caliber of the submissions and accepted 30 applicants for the program from 16 countries across 4 continents. Participants will take part in online webinars and discussions before attending a two-day intensive on site leading up to the opening ceremonies of the America Cantat 8 festival. They will then serve as the staff for the festival, under the guidance of Festival Director Eden Badgett, the American Choral Directors Association's Executive Director Tim Sharp and Associate Director Craig Gregory, and IFCM board member Philip Brunelle. ACDA and IFCM are thrilled to partner together on this auspicious event that will bring together the next generation of leaders in the global arts community.

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

NORDKLING 16 AUGUST 3-7, 2016 IN TURKU, FINLAND

The Nordklang Festival is organized under the umbrella of Nordisk Korforum every three years in one of the Nordic countries. The event brings together singers from all the Nordic countries to sing, learn and network. Nordklang16 will offer a large variety of workshops for singers of all kinds of choirs.

Among others:

The Music of Jaakko Mäntyjärvi — Dani Juris (advanced level)

Dani Juris is one of the most exciting young Finnish conductors. He'll lead the participants into the world of one of the most popular choral composers in the world. The group will work on a set of Mäntyjärvi's works, including *Vlk a krtek* from 2015 and a work commissioned by the festival. Dani Juris (b. 1984) is an internationally acclaimed choral conductor from Finland. He also works as a pianist and harpist. He conducts the Kaamos Chamber Choir that he also founded, the Helsinki Philharmonic Chorus and Savolaisen Osakunnan Laulajat, the choir at the Savonian student nation in Helsinki. Mr. Juris works regularly with choirs abroad: Slovenia, Italy, Latvia, etc. Mr. Juris graduated from Sibelius Academy with Master of Music degree in 2011. He has also studied choral conducting with Jani Sivén, Johannes Prinz and Matti Hyökki among others. In March 2009, Mr. Juris won the first prize at the 5th International Competition for Young Choral Conductors in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where he was also awarded as the youngest finalist. Later that year, Mr. Juris was granted the conductor's prize at the Tampere Vocal Music Festival chorus review. Register to Nordklang 16 at <http://www.nordklang.fi>



A COEUR JOIE INTERNATIONAL

International Singing week CHORALP in Briançon (French South Alps), 16 – 23 July 2016

Workshop 1: Vesperae Solennes de Dominica (W.A. Mozart) with Caroline Gaulon.

Workshop 2: Fight or Flight with André de Quadros

Register before March 31, 2016 on www.choralp.fr or at choralp@gmail.com

22nd Choralies Festival in Vaison-la-Romaine (Provence, France), 3-11 August 2016

6000 singers will meet in Vaison-la-Romaine and sing from morning till evening.

Find all information, as well as the online registration form on the festival website: <http://www.choralies.fr/>

A brochure in English is available upon request. We are waiting for you!

Contact: inscriptions@choralies.fr — www.facebook.com/choralies.vaisonlaromaine

1st AFRICA CANTAT in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), August 6-12, 2017

Initiated by the African Confederation of Choral Music -ACCM- with the support of the Congolese Federation of Choral Music and the partnership of IFCM, A Coeur Joie International and Europa Cantat, the festival will be an ideal crossroad to discover and exchange the rich authenticity of the African choral heritage.

Africa is eager to welcome in the heart of the continent choirs, choral conductors and lecturers from all around the world to share the warmth of its hospitality and its rhythms and colors. Registration soon available online.



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THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT

EUROCHOIR 2016

29 July - 7 August 2016



The 2016 session will be the fifth EuroChoir organised in Italy and will be hosted in San Vito al Tagliamento (PN). Eurochoir is a unique choral event with the goal to bring young people from all over Europe together. The 2016 edition will have two conductors, one from Italy and one from Finland: **Lorenzo Donati** and **Mikko Sidoroff** and will perform a mixed Italian and International choral repertoire. More info [here](#)

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

AMERICA CANTAT 8

Calling all singers! Registration is open for America Cantat 8, and the American Choral Directors Association invites you to join us August 21 - 31, 2016, in Nassau, Bahamas for 10 days of singing, learning, and celebrating the choral music of the Americas. There is still availability in the festival's workshops and master classes for individual singers, plus performance opportunities for choirs or small groups. Register today to reserve your spot! \$230 for adults | \$50 for children 17 and younger (prices increase May 31). Visit america-cantat.org for more information about our world-class clinicians and guest choirs, or email Festival Director Eden Badgett at badgett@acda.org.

IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

OBITUARY: ESTHER HERLITZ

It is with great sorrow that we received the announcement from the International Harp Contest and the Festival Zimriya that their Honorary President, Ms. ESTHER HERLITZ, passed away.

Esther Herlitz had a public career that spanned over seven decades and served her country Israel in many capacities. Last year in April, Esther was awarded with the Israel Prize for her unique contribution to society and the state of Israel. World-acclaimed humanist, diplomat and politician (she served as a member of the Knesset for the Alignment during many years), Esther devoted a major part of her life and efforts to the promotion of culture, with an emphasis on musical excellence. Esther was so strong in the choral world and instrumental in the early and formative years of IFCM. She served as an IFCM Board Member and Advisor from 1986 to 1999. We will all miss her. May she rest in Peace.



NEWS FROM THE ERIC ERICSON INTERNATIONAL CHORAL CENTRE

CONDUCTING 21C - Musical Leadership for a New Century, Stockholm, Sweden, 19-24 August 2016

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 and Lone Larsen

Choirs in Residence: Manado State University Choir, Indonesia and a Swedish ensemble, yet to be decided.

www.conducting21C.com

NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA



Come experience Canada's majestic beauty and hospitality, as well as meeting new and old choral friends from around the globe, at the **2016 PODIUM choral conference & festival in Edmonton Alberta, May 18 – 22, 2016**. You can SAVE by registering online before April 15, 2016. You will hear over 20 of Canada's finest choirs, from British Columbia to Newfoundland. You will hear our featured southern neighbour guest: Grammy® Award-winning CONSPIRARE Company of Voices. Learn from dozens of our exceptional conference presenters and be inspired by our award winning Keynote speaker Bramwell Tovey. Learn more at www.podiumconference.ca or call us at 1-855-723-6397.

10TH EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS BASEL, SWITZERLAND, 4-8 MAY 2016

The European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel enjoys the worldwide reputation of being the most attractive platform for outstanding youth choirs in Europe. It takes place every other year. With its tenth edition from 4-8 May 2016, this major cultural event celebrates its first big anniversary. This time around 2000 children and young people will come together. In the main programme eighteen selected choirs from Europe (Belgium, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Turkey), from Indonesia

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(guest choir from overseas) as well as from various regions of Switzerland, will put on concerts. In more than 40 events the choirs will present a colourful programme aimed at a broad public of any age. Unforgettable experiences will be provided by classical choir music as well as jazz, pop, rock, gospel and folk song arrangements, sung at the highest standard; costumes and local traditional attire, choreography and youthful ideas will add to the fun. The programme will be complemented by events for joining in (open singing; sing-along of the Mozart Requiem) as well as by training opportunities for specialists (workshops with Harald Jers and Zimfira Poloz, project Start Up for Young Conductors and a festival management masterclass). More info on www.ejcf.ch

The EJCFB is one of the first choral projects that used the online IFCM support request form through the new IFCM website. If you also have a new project in mind or want IFCM's help or support, please use this link and send us your request:

<http://ifcm.net/get-logo-2/>

13TH CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL, 26 JULY - 4 AUGUST 2016, BEIJING, CHINA

Come to Beijing, Listen to the Songs of the World

Opening Ceremony and concert in the Great Hall of the People, IFCM Choral Education Conference, judging panel meeting, 5-day competition in 12 categories, choral exchange program, high level performances, new choral work concert, master classes, workshops, training camp, choral club, choral public and charitable events, concert tours, sightseeing (Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Palace Museum), Square performances, Closing and Award Ceremony.

Contact: cicfbj@163.com - More info [HERE](#)

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

Advertisement spaces are now available on 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. 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!

SHARE YOUR IMPORTANT CHORAL NEWS WITH THE WORLD!

The IFCMeNEWS wants to hear what's new in your country so that it can be shared with our global community. If you have news or photographs of international interest, please visit the IFCM web site to see the new guidelines for contributions to the IFCMeNEWS. Submissions are free to IFCM members!

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN APRIL AND MAY 2016

1-3 Apr : 19th International Festival of Children's and Young Choirs Rainbow, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation - www.petersburgfestival.com

6-10 Apr : 7th Antalya International Choir Festival, Antalya, Turkey - www.festivalantalya.com

7-10 Apr : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Bilbao, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

7-9 Apr : International Choir Festival for Children & Youth Mundus Cantat, Gdansk, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl

7-10 Apr : International Choir Festival and Competition of Lithuanian Music Patriarch Juozas Naujalis, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

7-10 Apr : 14 th International Children's - Youth choral festival Moscow Sounds, Moscow, Russian Federation - <http://choirsofmoscow.ru>

8-10 Apr : Mediterranean Choral Forum Istanbul, Turkey - www.korokulturu.org

14-16 Apr : Windy City Choral Festival with Z. Randall Stroope, Chicago, USA - www.windycitychoralfestival.org

14-16 & 20-23 Apr : Festival di Primavera Festival di Primavera 2016 spring...ing and singing together! Montecatini Terme, Tuscany, Italy - www.feniarco.it

16 Apr : International Choral Festival Berlin 2016, Germany - www.choralfestivalberlin.com

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19-23 Apr : 5th International Choral Competition for Children's Choirs "Il Garda in Coro", Malcesine sul Garda, Verona, Italy - www.ilgardaincoro.it

21-24 Apr : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Antalya, Turkey - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

21-24 Apr : Slovakia Cantat 2016, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

21-23 Apr : Choirs of America 2016 Choral Convergence Festival, New York, USA - www.vocalmusic.org

21-24 Apr : 6th International Messiah Festival, Salzburg, Austria - <http://messiah-salzburg-festival.blogspot.co.at>

27 Apr-1 May : 62nd Cork International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.corkchoral.ie

27 Apr-1 May : 2nd International Choir Festival Guam Pacific, Guam - www.festamusicale.com

28 Apr-1 May : Nashville SINGS! USA - www.sechristtravel.com

29 Apr-2 May : International Spring Festival of Choral Music, Antwerp, Belgium - www.musicultur.com/

29 Apr-4 May : The Voice of Wealth, Lloret de Mar, Spain - <http://monolitifestivals.com/>

29 Apr-2 May : 64th European Music Festival for Young People, Neerpelt, Belgium - www.emj.be

30 Apr-4 May : International Choir Competition & Festival Bad Ischl, Austria - www.interkultur.com

1-4 May : World of Choirs, Italy - www.fiestalonia.net

1-6 May : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

1-5 May : 14th Venezia in Musica, International Choir Competition and Festival, Venice and Caorle, Italy - www.meeting-music.com

4-8 May : Sing'n'Joy Vienna 2016 3rd Choir Festival & 30th International Franz Schubert Choir Competition, Austria - www.interkultur.com

4-8 May : Costa Barcelona Music Festival, Spain - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com

4-8 May : 10th European Festival of Youth Choirs, Basel, Switzerland - www.ejcf.ch

4-8 May : 16th International Julio Villarroel Choir Festival, Margarita Island, Venezuela - luisglines@gmail.com

4-8 May : International Festival of Choral Singing Nancy Voix du Monde, Nancy, France - www.chantchoral.org

5-6 May : Queen of the Adriatic Sea Choral Festival and Competition, Cattolica, Italy - www.queenchoralfestival.org

5-8 May & 9-12 : FAKS Sings 2016 (Amateur Cultural Creation Festival), Rovinj, Croatia - <http://festivalistra.com/en/>

6-8 May : Sing Along Concert in Vienna, Austria - www.interkultur.com

6-8 May : 26th World Choir Festival on Musical, Thessaloniki, Greece - www.xorodikorais.com

12-15 May : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Stockholm, Sweden - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

12-15 May : 6th Kaunas Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

13-18 May : Musica Sacra International Festival, Marktoberdorf, Germany - www.modfestivals.org

14-17 May : Voices for Peace Choir Project at the Festival Musica Sacra International, Marktoberdorf, Germany - www.modfestivals.org/projektchor2016

18-22 May : 12th International Choir Festival Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl

19-22 May : 4th Vándor-Révész Festival and 2nd Choral Competition of Budapest, Hungary - <http://fesztival.vandorkorus.hu/>

19-21 May : Bach Music Festival, Beijing, China - www.volkskultur-de.org

19-22 May : 2016 Podium, Igniting Ideas, Sharing Voices, Edmonton AB, Canada - www.podiumconference.ca

19-23 May : Festival Filadelfia 2016, Filadelfia, Italy - www.associazione-melody.com

19-22 May : 6th Šiauliai Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Šiauliai, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

19-22 May : International Choir Competition Zadar Croatia, Zadar, Croatia - www.zadarchoirs.com/en/

21 May : Cŵr World Choir, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom - www.corworldchoir.com

23-28 May : Budapest/Vienna Choir Festival, Hungary/Austria - www.Klconcerts.com

25-29 May : Mayo International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.mayochoral.com

25-29 May : Venezia Music Festival 2016, Italy - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com

25-29 May : 11th Festa Choralis Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.festamusicale.com/eng/festa-choralis-bratislava-2016

25-29 May : 4th International Children Choir Festival, Cozumel, Mexico - www.cozumelparks.com

25-29 May : International Choir Festival Corearte Senior 2016, Island of Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain - www.corearte.es

26-29 : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Florence, Italy - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

26-29 May : Deutsches Chorfest, Stuttgart, Germany - <https://www.chorfest.de/english/>

27-29 May : 45th International Competition Florilège Vocal de Tours, France - www.florilegevocal.com

27-28 May : 17th Fort Worden Children's Choir Festival, Port Townsend WA, USA - www.fortwordenfestival.com

