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NEWS FROM IFCM

NEW HOME FOR IFCM OFFICE



Exciting news! In early 2019, IFCM will have a new home in Lisbon, Portugal. The main office of IFCM will be located in the *Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real*, a palace built in the early 20th century in the Lapa district. Located at Rua de Buenos Aires 39, in an area known for its palaces and embassies, this special facility is being renovated by Emily Kuo Vong, IFCM President, to become a cultural centre for music and the arts... especially choral music. The palace is described as a “romantic building conjugating both the neo-baroque and the neo-rocó” With floors of Brazilian wood and ceilings decorated with boiseries and trompe l’oeil technique, the walls are covered with beautiful blue and white ceramic tiles (azulejos) from the Monastery of Rato which was destroyed after the earthquake in 1755. Complete with a chapel, a large terrace and courtyard, and two professional kitchens (Portuguese and Chinese), the facility holds extraordinary potential for IFCM!

The opening of the palace is scheduled for mid-February when the IFCM Board of Directors will have its first meeting in our new home. In the summer of 2019, an IFCM World Choral Expo will be held in Lisbon (July 27-31, 2019). Some of the events will be held in the palace, including a performance by the World Youth Choir and a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the World Youth Choir. Congratulations to Emily Kuo Vong for her brilliant vision and concept design. (Photos: Ki Adam)



WORLD CHORAL DAY | JOIN WITH YOUR EVENT

Would you like to join a global choral event with your choir? And share your love for choral singing with thousands of other choirs from all around the globe? Be part of the World Choral Day celebration and register your choral event today!

Since 1990 thousands of choirs have been joining in the celebration of World Choral Day on or around the 2nd Sunday of December. During these years millions of singers across the globe have been involved in World Choral Day concerts, festivals, sing-alongs, choral seminars, days of friendship and other events. In 2018 a special anniversary makes the World Choral Day even more important:

November 11th in 1918 marked the official end of World War I, the “Big War” that by its massive demolition and destruction created an irreversible negative impact on mankind’s mind in terms of hope and trust in humanity. As this particular date stands very close to World Choral Day on the 2nd Sunday of December in 2018 we began to celebrate peace by holding choral concerts from the emblematic day of **November 11th** and will continue to do so until **December 16th**. If you’re planning to organize a concert in that space of time, let the whole world know about it! Any choir and any choral event can become part of the global chain; all you have to do is to register your event at

<http://worldchoralday.org/subscription/> any time between **now** and **December 16th**

Thanks to this year’s special occasion and to an intense communication we are thrilled to announce that choral events from more than 50 countries have already been registered including numerous countries (e.g. **Algeria, Bolivia, Ghana, Kenya, Macedonia, Wallis and Futuna, Zambia**) where there has never been a World Choral Day event before. Click here to see all World Choral Day events: <http://worldchoralday.org/allevnts/> and click here to see who is singing today: <http://worldchoralday.org/calendar-view-2/>

Would you like to know how it works? Watch this short vide here: [VIDEO HERE](#)

Don’t miss this extraordinary opportunity join with your event today!

For more information please visit: www.worldchoralday.org



Choral Days A Coeur Joie Gabon: Grand Choeur A Coeur Joie Gabon, Groupe Vocal Le Chant sur la Lowé, La Voix des Jeunes and Dominique Savio (Closing concert of A Coeur Joie choral week and training session in Libreville and Port-Gentil, Gabon)

12TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

Applications closed at the end of October for choirs and presenters to be part of official programme of WSCM2020, and the organising team is thrilled to report that by closing date we had received submissions from **177 choirs and 181 presenters** – more than for any past Symposium! Our international panel is currently reducing this list down to around 24 and 40, respectively – an exceedingly difficult task, but one that should produce a very strong line-up for Auckland in 2020.

Selected participants will be advised in December, and the programme officially launched at the end of February when registrations open. Preregister now at

<https://www.wscm2020.com/> or follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/wscm2020>.

We look forward to welcoming you in Auckland, New Zealand!



Hongi Rotorua © Adam Bryce

CALL TO ORGANISE AND HOST THE 13TH IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC IN 2023

BIDS ARE REQUESTED NOW!

Where in the world will the 13th IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music take us? Could it be to your country or your hometown?

Timeline:

- **January 31, 2019:** Closing date for initial Proposal Applications
- **February 28, 2019:** Short-listed proposals announced
- **March 2019:** Short-listed Proposal Presentations to the IFCM Board
- **April-May, 2019:** Announcement of winner of 13th IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music 2023

For more detailed information on requirements and application procedures:

<https://www.ifcm.net/how-to/host-a-wscm>

ASIA PACIFIC CHORAL SUMMIT IN HONG KONG, 21 - 25 JULY 2019

Celebrating its Golden Jubilee, The Hong Kong Children's Choir (HKCC) gathers choral elites from the Asia Pacific in Hong Kong, Asia's world city. By providing an international platform for participants, HKCC aims to promote cultural exchange and artistic excellence. A series of concerts, workshops, open rehearsals, music Expo as well as the final of the Hong Kong Choral Conducting Competition will be held during the summit. For more details, please visit <http://www.choralsummit2019.hk/>

[Registration form](#)



Hong Kong Children's Choir, cond. Kathy Fok © Adam Bryce

AUDITION FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH CHOIR 2019 IN HONG KONG

The Asia Pacific Youth Choir is one of the most remarkable musical and intercultural experiences offered to young choral musicians in the Asia Pacific region. The next session of the Asia Pacific Youth Choir will take place in Hong Kong on from 20 to 25 July, 2019. It is our pleasure to invite all young choral singers (between 18 to 28 years old) of the Asia Pacific region to apply. For details, please visit <http://www.jcanet.or.jp/ap-youth/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DR. ROYCE SALTZMAN WHO JUST TURNED 90 ON NOVEMBER 18

The leadership and membership of IFCM joined in wishing Dr. Royce Saltzman the happiest of birthdays on the occasion of his 90th on November 18. Royce has been an international leader in choral music throughout the life of IFCM and was a pioneer in shaping our Federation. We are forever indebted to Royce and wish him the very best for many other years of an amazing and successful life. Thank you Royce, and Happy Birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR ROYCE!



**EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS BASEL
BASEL SWITZERLAND
19—24 05 2020**

APPLY FOR AN INVITATION!

THE 15TH CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL

23-29 July 2020, Beijing

Competition, concerts, cultural exchange programs and high-quality tourist programs.

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

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC): PRESS RELEASE

We are happy to announce that the new Board of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat was elected on November 17th 2018, in Uçhisar, Turkey and that **Carlo Pavese** from Italy is the President of the association.

The General Assembly elected a Board of 11 persons from 11 European countries which then elected a new Executive Board:

- President: Carlo Pavese (Italy)
- 1st Vice-President: Mihela Jagodic (Slovenia)
- 2nd Artistic Vice-President: Jean-Claude Wilkens (France)
- 3rd Vice-President: Dermot O'Callaghan (Ireland)
- Treasurer: Martine Spanjers (The Netherlands)

Further members of the Board: Burak Onur Erdem (Turkey), Marti Ferrer (Spain), Loti Piris Niño (Belgium), Flannery Ryan (Germany), Raul Talmar (Estonia), Martin Wildhaber (Switzerland).

During its first meeting, the Board decided to appoint **Burak Onur Erdem** from Turkey the official representative of ECA-EC as Founding Member on the IFCM Board. Welcome Burak!

<https://europeanchoralassociation.org>



AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

ACDA Summer Workshop and Festival Listing

The deadline is Jan. 15 to submit events (including international) for inclusion in ACDA's April issue of Choral Journal. [Instructions on submission](#).



ACDA's National Conference is February 27 - March 2, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. This "jubilee" conference will celebrate ACDA's 60th anniversary. Performing choirs [HERE](#).

Registration is open! (Early Registration Deadline and deadline for selecting reading packets: Jan. 23, 2019)

Doreen Rao Named Robert Shaw Award Recipient

Doreen Rao has been named 2019 recipient of ACDA's prestigious Robert Shaw Award. She will be given the award at the Robert Shaw Reception at the ACDA National Conference. Tickets available for purchase at the time of conference registration. More [HERE](#).

International Conductors Exchange Program Fellows Announced

Conducting Fellows for 2019 International Conducting Exchange Program between the U.S. and South Africa have been [announced](#).

NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

VOCAL ESSENCE CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The well-known Minneapolis based vocal ensemble, VocalEssence, together with Artistic Directors Philip Brunelle and G. Philip Shoultz, III, are delighted to announce their 50th Anniversary Season, where they will honour the past, celebrate the present, and look toward the future, a season that will embody their value of creating access and nurturing new voices in the choral community.

More info on VocalEssence's 50 Anniversary Season on <https://www.vocalescence.org/>



Photo © Mike Wurm

12TH EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS BASEL, SWITZERLAND, 19-24 MAY 2020

Application deadline January 31st, 2019

The EFYC ranges among the most important meetings for highly qualified children's and youth choirs in the world. Every two years in May (Ascension) ten outstanding choirs from European countries, one guest choir from a non-European country and seven selected choirs from Switzerland thrill an audience of over 30,000 concert-goers in more than 40 events such as themed concerts, lunch concerts, open singing sessions for the general public, open-air events, church services and country portraits. The performances presenting classical choir music, jazz, pop and rock arrangements, gospels and spirituals, folk songs and traditional costumes as well as the creative use of sounds and movements ensure unforgettable experiences for everyone. Apart from the high-quality music, the festival focuses on the



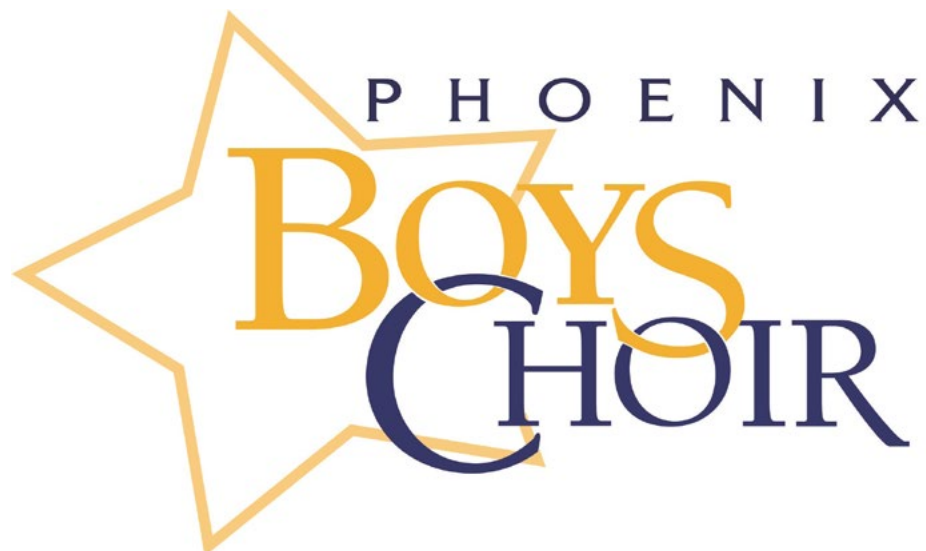
youngsters' interaction among themselves as well as with the locals. All singers are hosted in guest families in the region of Basel. Meeting opportunities for choral professionals and students, education projects in choral conducting, special projects to develop new choral music and animation projects for amateur singers complement the official festival program. The festival covers all costs of the invited choirs. Apply now for an invitation!

Website: <https://www.ejcf.ch/>

Email: info@ejcf.ch

THE PHOENIX BOYS CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR AN ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The Grammy Award-winning Phoenix Boys Choir seeks new Artistic Director to begin summer 2019. This will be only the third Artistic Director of this prestigious institution in 60 years. Candidates with a rising or established national and international reputation leading boy choirs are highly encouraged to apply. The Artistic Director will direct the two top choirs, oversee all artistic staff and programs, and foster dynamic relationships with the community and PBC constituents. Complete information about the PBC, the position, and how to apply are available at <https://www.boyschoir.org/artisticdirectorsearch>



NEWS FROM AMERICA CANTAT 9

Panama, 6-13 April 2019

A 10-day program with singers, directors, and choirs from all over the world for the first 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.

Contact: info@acpanama19.org

Website: <http://www.acpanama19.org/>

NEWS FROM THE FEDERACIO CATALANA D'ENTITATS CORALS

III Awards Catalunya Choral Composition

31 January 2019

Rules and registration forms on:

<http://www.fcec.cat/noticies/PremisCatalunya2018/PremCat.html>



ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD in the ICB 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 GOING ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019

1-4 Dec : 4th Asia Cantate International Choral Competition, Hong Kong China -

www.konzertchoral.com/

1 Dec : International Composition Competition for Female Composers, Uppsala, Sweden -

<https://www.allmannasangen.se/asawca-eng>

2-5 Dec : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

2-5 Dec : Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain -

www.fiestalonia.net

4-9 Dec : Misatango Festival La Habana, Cuba - www.misatango.com/

6-9 Dec : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic -

www.choral-music.sk

7-9 Dec : 9th Krakow Advent and Christmas Choir Festival , Poland -

<http://krakow.christmasfestival.pl/>

11-14 Dec : International Festival/Competition Talents de Paris, France - www.fiestalonia.net

26 Dec 2018-1 Jan 2019 : London Choir Festival 2019 with Simon Carrington, United Kingdom

- www.klconcerts.com

28 Dec 2018-2 Jan 2019 : Corsham Winter School, United Kingdom - www.lacock.org

28 Dec : Choral Music Composition Competition, Sant Yago de Valencia, Spain -

<http://www.corosantyago.org/>

6-9 Jan 2019 : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

6-9 Jan 2019 : Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain -

www.fiestalonia.net

7-11 Jan 2019 : The Harold Rosenbaum Choral Conducting Institute Workshop, New York, USA

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

10-13 Jan 2019 : 13th International Festival of Sacred Music Silver Bells, Daugavpils, Latvia -

www.silverbells.narod.ru

18-21 Jan 2019 : DCINY Mentoring Program with Doreen Rao, New York, USA -

<http://www.dciny.org/mentoring-program/>

18-19 Jan 2019 : 6th International Youth and Children's Choral Festival Juventus in Praga

Cantat, Prague, Czech Republic - www.or-fea.cz

31 Jan 2019 : Catalunya Prizes for Choral Compositions 2019, Barcelona, Spain -

<http://www.fcec.cat/noticies/PremisCatalunya2018/PremCat.html>