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NEWS FROM IFCM



IFCM OPENS NEW MAIN OFFICE IN LISBON, PORTUGAL

February 14 was more than Valentine’s Day this year. It was the day of the official opening of Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real with a ceremony dedicated to the theme “Love and Harmony”. Constructed in the Lapa district of Lisbon between 1916 and 1918 as the residence of the Counts of Monte Real, the extraordinary palace is now the new headquarters of the International Federation for Choral Music. As the International Cultural Center, the facility will feature a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by leaders in the Lisbon arts community, Government officials, foreign diplomats from numerous embassies, business entrepreneurs, IFCM ExCom and Board members.





Purchased and renovated by IFCM President, Emily Kuo, the restoration of the palace maintained the building’s characteristic elements: interior woodcarvings of Leandro Braga, Brazilian wood floors, and a remarkable collection of tiles, many salvaged from buildings demolished during the 1755 earthquake. Complete with a private chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Conception, the palace is a concert venue, a dining facility, an exhibition space, and a work space with multiple rooms for offices and board meetings. The IFCM ExCom and board members were thrilled to attend their first meetings in this extraordinary space. The inaugural choral event at Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real will be the World Choral EXPO, July 27-August 1, 2019.

Special thanks to President Emily for her vision, her perseverance, and her welcoming IFCM “to live and work” in this exceptional building. When in Lisbon, IFCM members are encouraged to visit the Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real which has been lovingly restored for the “preservation and dissemination of the arts, culture and music”.

WSCM2020 EARLYBIRD REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

We’re thrilled to announce that Earlybird registrations for the 12th World Symposium on Choral Music are now live! Head to <https://www.wscm2020.com/> for details of the stunning line-up of choirs and presenters coming to Auckland in July 2020. Register before July 2019 and you’ll save a minimum of 10% on fees with our super Earlybird registration offer. Save even more with our group discounts, and talk to us at info@wscm2020.com if you are thinking of putting together a group of 20 or more. We’ll also be drawing the winning prizes from those who preregistered for WSCM2020 – check out next month’s eNews to see who are the lucky winners of three fabulous New Zealand tourist experiences.

Meanwhile if you’re at the ACDA National Convention in Kansas City today or tomorrow, pop by and see us at our Expo booth. We’re taking registrations on the spot and there’s a special offer for those who sign-up while visiting our booth – a free pass to Hobbiton, the permanent **Lord of the Rings set** in New Zealand’s North Island.

The official WSCM2020 Travel partner, Tour Time, will also be on site and able to help with travel planning to New Zealand in July 2020. Remember our booth number 245 – with IFCM and Tour Time right next door!

Nau mai haere mai ki Aotearoa! We welcome you to Aotearoa New Zealand!



Special Earlybird rates available!

REGISTER NOW

[WSCM2020.com](https://www.wscm2020.com)

Chamber Choir and Choral Conducting Workshop

led by Simon Carrington | August 11- 18, 2019 | Application Deadline: March 21

NORFOLK NORFOLK CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL
YALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Singers receive tuition, housing & meals
Conductors receive housing & meals
Concert & sessions video & audio recorded





WORLD CHORAL EXPO, LISBON, PORTUGAL, 27 JULY - 1 AUGUST 2019

“Voices Meeting for a Better World”

The IFCM World Choral EXPO aims to provide an opportunity for choral singers, choral professionals, conductors, composers and music educators to interact with and learn from world-renowned choirs and their conductors. The 2019 theme – *Voices Meeting for a Better World* – encourages global friendship, cultural understanding, and world peace. With a common love for choral music, performers, participants, exhibitors and sponsors will gather to make lifelong friendships and to inspire musicians, regardless of technical level. The EXPO will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, July 27-August 1, 2019. The EXPO will feature numerous concerts throughout Lisbon and its surrounding cities, presented by participant choirs and leading choral ensembles of the highest quality from different continents. One of the gala concerts, the *Colorful Voices Program*, will be dedicated to the music of children and youth choirs with an extraordinary variety of artistic proposals, presenting young artists performing at the highest level. Participating choirs and individuals may choose to work with and/or observe international choral experts. Unique touring opportunities will be available. Come and be a part of this superb choral event. Experience choral arts at its finest and make new singing friends in spectacular Lisbon.

See [World Choral EXPO 2019](#) for more information with participating conditions and registration details. Follow the [World Choral EXPO Facebook page](#) for up-to-date details. World Choral EXPO 2015 | Highlights from the closing ceremony [video](#)



Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Choir, South Africa at WCE 2015, Macau

IFCM 4TH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR CHORAL COMPOSITION

The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) announces the **Fourth International Competition for Choral Composition**, the chief aim of which is to promote the creation and wide distribution of new and innovative choral repertoire. Participation is open to composers of any nationality or age. The Competition is dedicated to choral compositions a cappella (SATB or divided into as many as eight parts, SSAATTBB) with a maximum duration of 5 minutes, specifically for medium to advanced choirs. The text of the composition, sacred or secular, in any language, written for the occasion or pre-existing should be in the public domain. If not, permission in writing must be obtained from the author or copyright holder of the text and must be enclosed with the entry form.

The entry fee is only US\$25.00! **Apply between 1 April to 30 September 2019!**

Download the Rules: <https://goo.gl/QPWfdP> (Please note that point 9 of the rules has changed)

Application form: <https://goo.gl/TyzSUg>





SURVEY ON WORLD CHORAL DAY

Since 1990 World Choral Day has always been one of the key projects of International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), an international choral event to extol the values of solidarity, peace and understanding on a global level. In 2018 the project was raised to another level in terms of communication and design which resulted in a record number of events registered and most countries represented ever. We kindly ask you to help us with your personal thoughts and feelings to make World Choral Day even better in the future by filling this [short survey](#)! **Please fill the form the latest until 15 of March!** Thank you very much for your contribution!

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR UPDATES

The choir will be heading to France for the 30th anniversary of the project.

The [World Youth Choir summer session 2019](#) (14 July-4 August, 2019) will be held in France, in the southern region of Occitanie, from mid-July to early August, hosted by Plate-forme interrégionale. The rehearsal session in Millau/Saint-Affrique will be followed by a concert tour in France and Portugal (Lisbon), and will end with a concert at the [Choralies festival](#) in Vaison-la-Romaine. The choir will be under the artistic direction of conductor [Josep Vila i Casañas](#). Contact Inês Moreira: manager@worldyouthchoir.org

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](#)

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)

ECA-EC new Music Commission and Youth Committee

The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat appointed the new Music Commission and Youth Committee.

The **Music Commission** is responsible for the artistic contents of the [EUROPA CANTAT Festival](#) and other activities and the members 2019 - 2021 are:

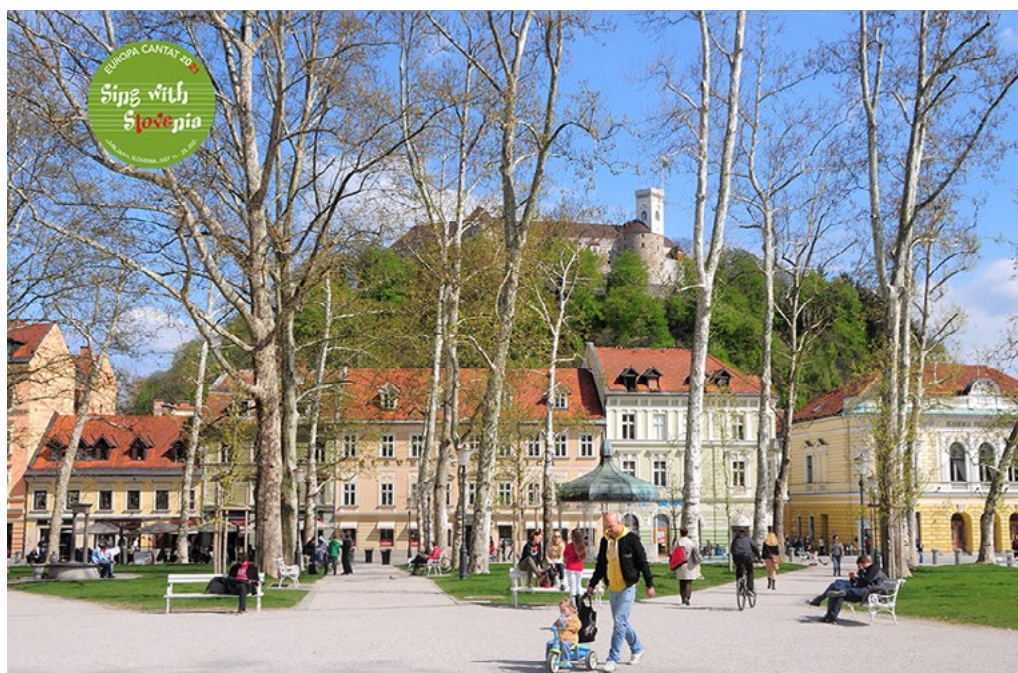
- Jean-Claude Wilkens (France) - Artistic Vice-President
- Jeroen Beckers (Belgium)
- Julia Blank (Germany)
- Burak Onur Erdem (Turkey)
- Dóra Halas (Hungary)
- Katharina Henrysson (Sweden)
- Damijan Močnik (Slovenia)

- Simona Rožman Strnad (Slovenia)
- Raul Talmar (Estonia)
- Josep Vila i Casañas (Spain)

The **Youth Committee** consists of 6 members throughout Europe plus one young representative of the next EUROPA CANTAT festival and supports the Board, giving the organisation a youth perspective whilst also providing a platform to learn. The Youth Committee 2019 - 2012 members are:

- Silvija Prockyte (Lithuania)
- Maša Medved (Slovenia)
- Alberto Palacin Fernandez (Spain)
- Anna Bobrikova (Russia/Germany)
- Mathilde Sanchez (France)
- Ruben Timmer (The Netherlands)
- Zeynep Eren Kovankaya (Turkey)

<https://europeanchoralassociation.org/>



AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

International Journal of Research in Choral Singing – Vol. 6

https://acda.org/ACDA/Publications-Root/IJRCS/Volume_6.aspx

Upcoming events:

A program for high school students grades 10-12 and college students who show promising leadership, this initiative is aimed at helping promising young students understand that choral music can be a profession. <https://acda.org/ACDA/NextDirection.aspx>

NextDirection — *Inspiring Choral Leadership*

July 14-20, 2019

University of Wisconsin – Parkside

NextDirection Virginia

July 23-26, 2019

Virginia Wesleyan University - Virginia Beach



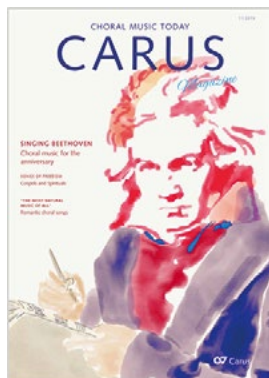
Save the Date (details to come):

- **ACDA Boychoir Symposium**, Fort Worth, Texas, USA, November 1-2, 2019
- **ACDA Central and North Central Region Conference**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, March 4-7, 2020
- **ACDA Eastern Region Conference**, Rochester, New York, USA, March 4-7, 2020
- **ACDA Southwestern Region Conference**, Little Rock, Arizona, USA, March 4-7, 2020
- **ACDA Western Region Conference**, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, March 4-7, 2020
- **ACDA Northwestern Region Conference**, Spokane, Washington, USA, March 10-14, 2020
- **ACDA Southern Region Conference**, Mobile, Alabama, USA, March 10-14, 2020

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NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA

Join us in the dynamic city of Montreal, Quebec, for Canada’s choral conference and festival **PODIUM 2020: Singing Towards the Future, May 14-17, 2020!** To mark the occasion of our 20th edition of PODIUM, we are creating a fresh and unforgettable experience of diverse concerts featuring top choirs from Canada and beyond, intriguing workshops and lectures, valuable networking opportunities, and exciting celebrations of the choral art. Are you interested in presenting your knowledge and ideas with the Canadian choral community and beyond? Mark your calendar for the **May 15, 2019 application deadline to be a session presenter** at Canada’s top gathering of choral conductors, composers, academics, managers, singers, and more. For more information and access to the online application, visit www.podium2020.ca



NEWS FROM CARUS-VERLAG
New CARUS magazine 1/2019

Twice a year the CARUS Magazine keeps you informed with interesting topics around choral music today. Hot off the press is the new CARUS Magazine 1/2019 with lots of articles about choral music. You’re in for a surprise! [>>> Read online](#)

SAN JUAN CANTA, INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, COMPETITION AND GRAND PRIX
San Juan, Argentina, 18 - 22 June 2020

One of the most important choral Festivals in South-America will welcome mixed, male, female and chamber choirs in June 2020. The festival offers to compete in two categories: universal choral repertoire, and popular, folk and/or traditional choral music. Choirs from

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all around the world will enjoy choral fraternity concerts, gala concerts, workshops and exchange program in wonderful venues. The festival will also offer valuable contacts for an unforgettable concert tour in South America (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Brazil).

Email: sanjuancanta@gmail.com

Website: www.sanjuancanta.com.ar



NEWS FROM THE ESTONIAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

Tallinn International Choral Festival, Estonia, 11-14 April 2019

Tallinn International Choral Festival, Estonia, 15-18 April 2021

The festival includes choir competition for all categories and concerts.

Email: kooriyhing@kooriyhing.ee — Website: www.kooriyhing.ee



GONDWANA VOICES CELEBRATING GONDWANA CHOIRS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A EUROPEAN TOUR

London, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, 15-27 May 2019

In May 2019, Gondwana Voices will embark on its eleventh international tour travelling to London and Germany. The tour is centred on an invitation to perform Brett Dean's Vexations and Devotions with the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir, conducted by Vladimir Jurowski. The Choir will also give performances in Raderberg, Meissen, and Leipzig, as well as London, where they will be joined by alumni choristers from all over the world in a special birthday concert celebrating 30 years of Gondwana Choirs.

<https://www.gondwana.org.au>

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!

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN MARCH AND APRIL 2019

7-11 Mar : Paris International Choir Festival , France - www.musiccontact.com

8-10 Mar: 8th International Gdansk Choir Festival, Poland - www.gdanskfestival.pl

15-18 Mar: Discover Puerto Rico and its Choral Music, Ponce, Puerto Rico -

www.music-contact.com

20-26 Mar: Dublin International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.music-contact.com

21-24 Mar, 28-31 Mar, 4-7 Apr & 11-14 Apr: Cherry Blossom Washington D.C. International Choral Festival, USA - www.music-contact.com

21-24 Mar: Young Prague Festival, Prague, Czech Republic -

www.youngprague.music-contact.com

21-25 Mar: Festival of Peace and Brotherhood, Rome, Italy - www.music-contact.com

24-29 Mar: Lewes Lamentations, Lewes, United Kingdom - www.lacock.org

24-28 Mar: Golden Voices of Montserrat! International Contest, Montserrat Monastery, Catalonia, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

27-31 Mar: Verona International Choral Competition, Verona, Italy -

<http://www.music-contact.com/index.php/verona-international-choral-competition>

28-31 Mar: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Verona, Italy - <https://www.interkultur.com/>

29-31 Mar: 22nd Rainbow International Festival of Children's and Young Choirs, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation - www.petersburgfestival.com

21-24 Mar, 28-31 Mar, 4-7 Apr & 11-14 Apr : Cherry Blossom Washington D.C. International Choral Festival, USA - <http://www.music-contact.com>

2-7 Apr : International Choir Festival Corearte, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain -

<https://www.corearte.es>

4-6 & 10-13 Apr : 17th Festival di Primavera (Spring Festival), Montecatini Terme, Tuscany, Italy -

<http://www.feniarco.it>

6-13 Apr : America Cantat 9, Panama City, Panama - <http://www.americacantat9.org>

11-14 Apr: 16th Tallinn International Choral Festival 2019, Estonia - <http://www.kooriyhing.ee>

12-14 Apr: 3rd Michelangelo International Music Festival, Florence, Italy -

<http://www.florencechoral.com>

14-18 Apr: 17th Budapest International Choir Festival & Competition, Hungary -

<http://www.meeting-music.com>

15-18 Apr: Barcelona Workshop "Easter Week and Religious Choral Music," Spain -

<https://www.corearte.es>

19-21 Apr: International Choral Festival Wales, Gwyl Gorawl Ryngwladol Cymru, Venue Cymru, Llandudno, North Wales, United Kingdom - <http://www.internationalchoralfestival.wales/>

22-27 Apr: Music at Gargonza, Tuscany, Italy - <http://www.lacock.org>

25-28 Apr: 9th International Messiah Choir Festival, Salzburg, Austria -

<https://messiah-chorfestival-salzburg.jimdo.com/>

25 Apr-7 May: 3rd International Choir Festival and Competition All Nations Are Singing, Vilnius and Trakai, Lithuania - <https://www.choralfestivals.org/>

25-28 Apr: 5th International Children's & Youth Chorus Festival 'StimmenKlangRaum', Weimar, Germany - <https://schola-cantorum-weimar.de>

28 Apr-1 May: World of Choirs, Montecatini Terme, Toscana, Italy - <http://www.fiestalonia.net>