

*"Volunteers Connecting our Choral World"*

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**INVITATION TO THE NEXT IFCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MACAU (SAR), NOVEMBER 14, 2015, AND AGENDA ON**

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**THE WEBSITE OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC IS NOW OPEN!**

<http://www.wscm11.cat/>

[Watch the video on Youtube](#)



Sagrada Família, Barcelona

**CALL FOR CHOIRS**

**WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC XI, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 22 – 29 JULY 2017**

The next IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC will be in the magnificent city of Barcelona. Under the theme **"The Colors of Peace"**, the IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music is now accepting applications to perform in the Symposium concerts. Venues will include the famous Sagrada Família, the Auditori, the Palau de la Música Catalana, the City Hall of Barcelona, to name but a few. Apply now!

**Closing date for Choirs – November 1, 2015**

[Download the Application for Performance here](#)

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**CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

**WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC XI, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 22 – 29 JULY 2017**

**Closing date for Presenters/Lecturers – December 1, 2015**

Share your choral knowledge and professional expertise with a large and global WSCM audience. Apply now!

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[Download the Application for Lectures/Workshops here](#)

For more info on the WSCM11: [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net)

### IFCM WORLD CHORAL EXPO 2015 in Macau, 12 - 15 November, 2015

**THE IFCM WORLD CHORAL EXPO** is an event for all ages and skills levels of choristers, conductors and composers. A collaborative project between the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), the Asia Pacific Choral Council (APCC), Macau Choral Art Association, the China Culture Association, the China Chorus Association (CCA), the Guangdong Choral Association, and administered by the Macau Choral Art Association, the IFCM World Choral EXPO will be a choral event not to miss.

#### The event runs in four parallel parts:

1. Masterclass Tracks and Presentations – a Symposium style series of Masterclasses, Presentations, Lectures and Consultancies
2. Competition in two sections – Section A with specific repertoire requirements and Section B with free choice repertoire
3. Invited Choirs Concerts and Presentations
4. Exhibition for music retailers and publishers, choirs and choral organisations

More information: [www.worldchoralexpo.com](http://www.worldchoralexpo.com)

### IFCM MEETINGS AND AWARD PARTY FOR NOËL MINET IN PÉCS, HUNGARY

Thanks to the generosity of the European Choral Association — Europa Cantat, the International Federation for Choral Music held its Executive Committee and Board meetings in Pécs, Hungary. It was also an excellent opportunity to celebrate a long time IFCM friend and supporter, Mr. Noël Minet, ex Board member and actual legal representative of IFCM in Belgium. In his speech, IFCM President Michael J. Anderson remembered the significant role of Noël Minet while ICCM Namur was struggling with the last phase of its existence and how valuable Noël's assistance has been to IFCM since then. As a token of recognition, Noël received an engraved crystal award and gave a very touching speech. He also expressed his appreciation to the organizational staff of the next Symposium in Barcelona reminding the guests how successfully they managed the Europa Cantat Barcelona in 2003 and how efficaciously they will manage the next WSCM11.



### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

#### 12<sup>th</sup> IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC IN 2020

*Where in the world will it be?*

**PROPOSALS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!**

*Where in the world will you be in 2020? Hopefully at the 12<sup>th</sup> IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music. But where will that be? Who knows... Could it be in your country or your hometown?*

Timeline:

- December 31, 2015: Closing date for initial Proposal Applications
- March 2016: Short-listed proposals announced



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- April 2016: Short-listed Proposal Presentations to the IFCM Board
- May 2016: Announcement of winner of 12<sup>th</sup> IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music 2020

[Download the Organizational Guidelines here](#) — Online applications form available on <http://ifcm.net/get-logo-2/>

### NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

#### AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

**CONTEMPORARY COMPOSITION IN AMERICA NDSU CHORAL SYMPOSIUM, Fargo, USA, 22-24 Oct 2015.** A three day symposium with composer, conductor and lecturer Eric Whitacre, presenting sessions on his music and working with NDSU choral ensembles. Topics will include commissions, publishing, second-performances, composition competitions and programming. Guest presenters will include nationally and internationally known composers. Contact: Division of Performing Arts, North Dakota State University. More info on

[www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/choralsymposium/Contemporary\\_Composition/index.html](http://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/choralsymposium/Contemporary_Composition/index.html)

#### **2016 ACDA Children's Choir Retreat, Morristown, NJ, USA, January 16-17, 2016**

[www.acda.org](http://www.acda.org)

#### ACDA NATIONAL DIVISIONAL CONFERENCES

The American Choral Directors Association seven divisional conferences will be held throughout February and March of 2016. These events feature hundreds of choral concerts and interest session presentations. The specific conferences include:

- Central Division (Chicago, Illinois), February 24-27
- Eastern Division (Boston, Massachusetts), February 10-14
- North Central Division (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) February 17-20
- Northwestern Division (Seattle, Washington), March 2-6
- Southern Division (Chattanooga, Tennessee), March 9-12
- Southwestern Division (Kansas City, Missouri). March 7-10
- Western Division (Pasadena, California), February 24-27

Visit the "Conferences" page at [www.acda.org](http://www.acda.org) for additional information.

#### AMERICA CANTAT 8

Immerse yourself in the music of the Americas! Join us for the non-competitive international choir festival celebrating the music of North, Central, and South America, August 21 - 31, 2016 at Atlantis Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas. Be one of the first 500 people to register and pay in full for America Cantat 8 to receive \$50 off the registration fee, plus other exclusive offers. Visit <http://america-cantat-8.org/registration/> for more information.



**America Cantat 8**  
**August 21-31, 2016**  
**Nassau, Bahamas**  
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[america-cantat.org](http://america-cantat.org)

#### NORDISK KORFORUM News

The **16TH NORDKLING FESTIVAL** will be organized in Turku, Finland from August 3 to 7, 2016. In order to get up-to-date information about the program, the participants and how to register, please visit <http://www.nordklang.fi/> or on the Facebook page.

#### IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

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### RIP TIAN YU BIN

Tian Yu Bin, President of China Choral Association, passed away late July at the age of 71. Yu Bin was an extremely influential choral leader, and renowned Baritone in China. We express our admiration for his lifetime dedication to choral music and thank him for playing such a vital role in helping IFCM establish a presence in China. RIP Tian Yu Bin.  
<http://www.cca135.com/>

### RIP KENNETH JENNINGS 1925 - 2015

"The world of choral music lost a great giant today with the passing of Kenneth Jennings at the age of 90 years old. During his 37-year tenure at St. Olaf College — the last 22 of which were as conductor of the St. Olaf Choir — Kenneth Jennings established himself as a consummate artist. We will remember him with great love and great admiration, and most of all, with great appreciation for the beauty he brought to the world of choral music." *Anton Armstrong*

### NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

The World Youth and Children Choral Artists' Association was recently founded by Leon Shiu-wai TONG as a registered organization in Hong Kong and is now in the registration process as a non-profit organization. The objectives and appointments were discussed and approved in the first board meeting held recently in Hong Kong. For more info, contact [info.wyccaa@gmail.com](mailto:info.wyccaa@gmail.com) (website under construction).

### 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](mailto: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!*

### WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN SEPTEMBER 2015

- 3-5 : International Choral Festival La Nuit des Chœurs, Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo - [axiologique.communication@gmail.com](mailto:axiologique.communication@gmail.com)  
6-11 : Trogir Music Week, Croatia - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)  
9-13 : International festival of choirs and orchestras in Vienna, Austria - [www.mrf-musicfestivals.com/international-festival-of-choirs-and-orchestras-in-vienna-austria.phtml?wmf](http://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com/international-festival-of-choirs-and-orchestras-in-vienna-austria.phtml?wmf)  
9-13 : 17th EUROTREFF 2015, Wolfenbüttel, Germany - [www.amj-musik.de/eurotreff2015](http://www.amj-musik.de/eurotreff2015)  
10 Sep : Catalunya Prizes for Choral Compositions 2015, Barcelona, Spain - <http://www.fcec.cat/noticies/PremisCatalunya2015/VIPremisCompFCECEng.pdf>  
10-13, 17-20, 24-27 : International Festival Concordia Vocis, Cagliari, Italy - [www.concordiavocis.it](http://www.concordiavocis.it)  
15-20 : 5th International Choir Competition and Festival Canco Mediterrania, Barcelona & Lloret de Mar, Spain - [www.serrabrava.eu](http://www.serrabrava.eu)  
15-20 : 11th Trelew International Choral Competition - 20th Anniversary, Trelew, Chubut, Patagonia, Argentina - [www.fundacioncnc.org](http://www.fundacioncnc.org)  
19-26 : The Voice of Wealth, Lloret de Mar, Spain - <http://monolitfestivals.com/>  
21 Sep-2 Oct : 4th Choral Festival for Peace, Abuja, Nigeria - [afncnigeria@gmail.com](mailto:afncnigeria@gmail.com)  
21-26 : 4th International Choir Festival Music and Sea, Paralía, Greece - [www.magculture.mk](http://www.magculture.mk)  
22-25 : The Inaugural London International A Cappella Choir Competition, St John's Smith Square, London, United Kingdom - [www.sjss.org.uk](http://www.sjss.org.uk)  
24-27 : Rimini International Choral Competition, Rimini, Italy - [www.riminichoral.it](http://www.riminichoral.it)  
30 Sep : International Video Competition for Treble and Women's Choirs, Germany - [www.wac-contest.eu](http://www.wac-contest.eu)  
30 Sep-4 Oct : Cracovia Music Festival 2015, Cracow, Poland - <http://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com/international-festival-of-choirs-and-orchestras-in-cracow-poland.phtml>  
30 Sep-4 Oct : 1st International Choir Festival Puccini 2015, Torre del Lago, Italy - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)