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## **2017 CHINA (QIANDONGNAN) INTERNATIONAL FOLK SONG CHORAL FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD VOICES CONFERENCE**

**KAILI CITY, 8-12 August 2017**

Read the report on this fantastic festival, the IFCM World Voices Conference in Kaili City and much more on IFCM In Inner Mongolia [HERE](#)



## **THIRD IFCM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR CHORAL COMPOSITION**

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 youth choirs.

Entries must arrive by the entry form no later than 1st December 2017.

Download the application form on <https://goo.gl/fyfHpe>

Contact: Andrea Angelini, [aangelini@ifcm.net](mailto:aangelini@ifcm.net)



## WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SUMMER SESSION 2017

The WYC summer session is now over. To discover the best moments of the rehearsals, concerts and more, please visit the [Facebook Page](#)

## INTERNATIONAL 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



### AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA Boychoir Biennial Symposium

November 17-18, 2017

Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio USA

This is a two-day retreat & symposium for those who teach boys to sing. The event will feature masterclasses and sessions on topics ranging from the male changing voice to best administrative practices. Registration fee will be \$50.

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 at: <https://acda.org/page.asp?page=divisions>

### EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

The EUROPA CANTAT Festival XX 2018 programme booklet is out!

Check out the 44 amazing ateliers, read about Tallinn and some special events and of course about the practical information.

You can [read it online here!](#)

For more information: [www.ecTallinn2018.ee](http://www.ecTallinn2018.ee) — [info@ectallinn2018.ee](mailto:info@ectallinn2018.ee)

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## NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

### RON JEFFERS: OBITUARY

We received the sad news that Ron Jeffers passed away on August 23 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Thanks to his leadership, earthsongs that he founded in 1988 will continue to support multicultural choral music through its worldwide publication.

Professor Emeritus Ron Jeffers served as associate professor and director of choral activities at Oregon State from 1974-1982, and as associate professor of theory & composition from 1982-1998. Choral director, composer and enthusiastic musician and publisher, he made a huge difference in choral music by bringing music from all over the world, making it available to all. Rest in Peace!

### 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. Set to take place June 29 - July 3 2018 in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, the conference and festival provides unique opportunities for exploring and celebrating the choral art through performances, national-international keynote presentations, interest sessions, lecture-recitals, conducting masterclasses, workshops and reading sessions for conductors, choral ensembles, administrators, students and choral enthusiasts.

Podium 2018 presents an exciting and diverse program of choral performances. Seven Spotlight concerts feature an exceptional roster of choral ensembles from across Canada and five Highlight concerts feature an Opening Gala with Newfoundland and Labrador choirs; featured a cappella ensemble *Solala* (from Sweden) and a performance of Ēriks Ešēvalds' *Nordic Light* with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra; Equals on the Edge with Canada's premier equal voice choirs, and a Canada Day performance of the National Youth Choir. Cap off your night with a visit to the "Podium Patch", complete with live music and dancing.

We can't wait to welcome you to PODIUM on the EDGE 2018! Please visit

<http://www.podiumconference.ca> for more information or to register (registration opens in September). Contact us by email at [podium@choralcanada.org](mailto:podium@choralcanada.org) or calling 1-647-606-2467.

Follow us on social media:

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

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<https://twitter.com/choralcanada?lang=en>



## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SINGING AND SONG II

**June 27-29, 2018**

**St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada**

### ***Call for Paper and Presentations***

The second International Symposium on Singing and Song (June 27-29, 2018) will bring together scholars, performers and pedagogues, representing diverse disciplines, to share international perspectives, research and practices associated with singing and song.

Proposal submissions are invited that address multi-faceted contexts of singing and song such as artistic, physiological, cultural, sociological, historical, pedagogical, compositional, psychological, medical...and beyond! Symposium programming will include keynote and delegate presentations, performances, social gatherings, and opportunities for stimulating dialogue and networking.

The International Symposium on Singing and Song II, presented by The Singing Network, welcomes both traditional and imaginative presentation formats. Individual and collaborative submissions are welcome. Accepted submissions will be grouped thematically by the program committee. Selected papers and presentations will be published in the International Symposium on Singing and Song II e-proceedings. Please submit proposals using the online Proposal Form.

Paper/Presentation Proposals are due October 15, 2017.

For additional information: <http://bit.ly/2wbVeHy>



## INTERNATIONAL CHORAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION ALBERTO GRAU

**25 September 2017**

The International Choral Composition Competition Alberto Grau is a tribute to the trajectory of this famous Venezuelan composer, arranger and conductor who will turn 80 in November 2017. The main objective of this competition is to promote the creation of choral music, to encourage the growth, renewal and diffusion of repertoire written in Spanish for mixed and equal voices in the 21st century. The International jury is composed by Robert Sund (Sweden), Javier Busto (Spain), Zimfira Poloz (Kazakhstan-Canada), César Alejandro Carrillo (Venezuela), Ana María Raga (Venezuela). The competition is endorsed by the European Choral Association — Europa Cantat, in strategic partnership with the Europa Cantat XX Festival to be held in Tallinn, Estonia (25 July- 5 August 2018).

More info at [info@ciccag.org](mailto:info@ciccag.org) or on [www.ciccag.org/en/](http://www.ciccag.org/en/)





## AMERICA CANTAT 9

**Panama, 12-21 April 2019**

A 10 day program with singers, directors and choirs from all over the world for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 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!

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017

1-3 Sep: Norwich Cathedral Weekend, United Kingdom - [www.runbysingers.org](http://www.runbysingers.org)

3-10 Sep: 9th European Academy for Choral Conductors, Fano, Italy - [www.feniarco.it](http://www.feniarco.it)

5-10 Sep: International Choir Festival Corearte Argentina 2017, Córdoba, Argentina -

[www.corearte.es](http://www.corearte.es)

6-10 Sep: 18th EUROTREFF 2017, Wolfenbüttel, Germany - [www.amj-musik.de/eurotreff2017](http://www.amj-musik.de/eurotreff2017)

7-10 Sep: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Brussels, Belgium - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

7-17 Sep: 3rd International Festival of Sacred Music Francesco Bruni, Italy - [www.festivalfrancescobruni.com](http://www.festivalfrancescobruni.com)

9 Sep-8 Oct: IstraMusica, Pore, Croatia -

<http://www.interkultur.com/events/2017/porec/>

11-16 Sep: International Choir Academy, Saarbrücken, Germany - <http://chorwerksaar.de>

14-17 Sep: chor.com Convention for Choral Music, Dortmund, Germany - <https://www.chor.com/english/>

14-17 Sep: Barcelona International Chamber Music Festival, Barcelona, Spain - [www.fimcb.org](http://www.fimcb.org)

17-22 Sep: Jimena de la Frontera Music Week, Spain - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

17-22 Sep: Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

21-24 Sep: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Paris, France - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

21-24 Sep: Rimini International Choral Competition, Rimini, Italy - [www.riminichoral.it](http://www.riminichoral.it)

22-27 Sep: The Voice of Wealth, Lloret de Mar, Spain - <http://monolitfestivals.com/>

22-24 Sep: Sing With Us in Salzburg Cathedral, Austria - [www.pp-performing.eu](http://www.pp-performing.eu)

26-29 Sep: 1st Andrea del Verrocchio International Music Festival, Florence, Italy - [www.florencechoral.com](http://www.florencechoral.com)

5-8 Oct: Bratislava Cantat II, Slovak Republic - [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)



6-8 Oct: 14th International Choir Contest of Flanders-Maasmechelen, Belgium -  
[www.ikv-maasmechelen.be](http://www.ikv-maasmechelen.be)

6-9 Oct: 9th Choral Singing Contest of South American Folk and Popular Music, La Plata, Argentina - [www.aamcant.org.ar](http://www.aamcant.org.ar)

11-15 Oct: International Choir Competition and Festival Kalamata 2017, Greece -  
[www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)

11-15 Oct: Canta en Andalucía, Sevilla, Spain - [www.cantaenandalucia.com/](http://www.cantaenandalucia.com/)

12-15 Oct: 12th International Choral Festival, Nice, France - [www.destinations-choeurs.fr](http://www.destinations-choeurs.fr)

14-15 Oct: Let the Peoples Sing Competition, Helsinki, Finland - [www.ebu.ch/let-the-peoples-sing](http://www.ebu.ch/let-the-peoples-sing)

14-18 Oct: 12th In Canto sul Garda International Choir Competition, Riva del Garda, Italy -  
[www.meeting-music.com](http://www.meeting-music.com)

16-22 Oct: International Choir Festival Corearte Barcelona 2017, Spain -  
[www.corearte.es](http://www.corearte.es)

18-22 Oct: 1st Mouv'ton Choeur International Choral Festival, Aix-les-Bains, Chambéry, France - [www.destinations-choeurs.fr](http://www.destinations-choeurs.fr)

19-22 Oct: 4th International Choral Festival Assisi Pax Mundi, Italy -  
[www.festivalinternazionale.com](http://www.festivalinternazionale.com)

20-24 Oct: Cantate Barcelona, Spain - [www.music-contact.com](http://www.music-contact.com)

20-22 Oct: 13th International Warsaw Choir Festival Varsovia Cantat, Poland -  
[www.varsoviacantat.pl](http://www.varsoviacantat.pl)

25-29 Oct: City of Derry International Choral Festival, Ireland -  
<http://derrychoirfest.com/>

25-29 Oct: The Glory of Venice, Italy - [www.runbysingers.org](http://www.runbysingers.org)

25-29 Oct: Canta al mar 2017 International Choral Festival, Calella, Barcelona, Spain -  
[www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)

25-30 Oct: Fiestalonia International Choral Competition, Tbilisi, Georgia -  
[www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)