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NEWS FROM IFCM

A VERY SPECIAL WORLD CHORAL DAY 2018

World Choral Day 2018 – commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI

Join choral ensembles around the globe in celebrating **World Choral Day** to show that “our choral family contributes through music to break down the artificial barriers of politics, ideologies, religions, and racial hatred that separate human beings” (Alberto Grau at the launch of IFCM’s World Choral Day, 1990). All choral ensembles are invited to **register** concerts/events that happen between November 11 and December 16 (Remembrance, Advent, Christmas, etc.). Choirs are encouraged to include the World Choral Day **proclamation** in concerts, use the **logo** in programs and advertising, and publicize their participation in World Choral Day through **social media**. Let’s have a massive worldwide presence on the World Choral Day website to demonstrate the choral belief that “choral singing, an integral part of our cultural experience, has the power to build communities and transform lives.”



SING IN THE VOXPOPULI VIRTUAL CHOIR

To commemorate the end of the Great War, the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) is partnering with *Fundación Aequalis* (Venezuela) to perform *Nada Te Turbe* by Carlos Alberto Cordero, the winning composition of the 2018 International Choral Composition Competition “Alberto Grau”. As a statement of global peace and unity, Sections I and III will be performed by individual singers from around the world. Section II will be performed by choral ensembles from countries directly impacted by the war. The virtual performance will be released on December 7, 2018, in connection with the celebration of World Choral Day. Singers interested in participating in this global event must submit individual recordings by **October 7, 2018**. For more information, **visit VoxPopuli Virtual Choir**.



12TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

The 12th World Symposium on Choral Music (WSCM) will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, July 11-18, 2020. The flagship global choral event of the **International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)**, this festival/congress is an extraordinary venue for showcasing the most extraordinary choirs of the world. The WSCM2020 theme, *People and the Land – the connection and tensions between people and land, between urban life and the nature world*, provides a perfect framework for choirs from all over the world to share their stories, identities, beliefs, and traditions. Take your choir to learn with and from tangata whenua (literally “people of the land”). The deadline for **applications** (choirs and presenters) is **October 31, 2018**.

**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:

- **November 30, 2018:** Pre-Registration of Applicants ([fill the form here](#))
- **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>



AFRICA CANTAT FESTIVAL 2020 • NAIROBI, KENYA

One of the primary goals of the newly-formed African Confederation for Choral Music (ACCM) is to present a Cantat festival on the continent of Africa. After considering various countries and cities, Nairobi, Kenya, has been selected as the host city for the first-ever, inaugural Africa Cantat festival. Kenya is a popular tourist destination for both Africans and non-Africans and is considered a safe country for visitors. Most importantly, Kenya has a rich choral life, and the Kenyan choral community has recently established the Kenyan Choral Directors' Trust.

On August 17-18, 2018, a small steering committee met in Nairobi to begin designing and developing the event. Committee members included Kennedy Okeyo Wakia (Kenya, Vice-President of the African Confederation for Choral Music - ACCM), Lucien Mendy (Senegal, ACCM Secretary), Sonja Greiner (ECA-EC Secretary General), and Thierry Thiébaud (A Coeur Joie International President and IFCM Vice-President). This gathering of international choral leaders was a promising, important step forward in the planning and organisation of Africa Cantat 2020. The two days were filled with 15 meetings and visits to multiple venues for concerts, workshops, accommodations, and other Africa Cantat events. The committee was delighted to meet Emily Akuno (President of the International Music Council) during these two fruitful days of dreaming and scheming. The Africa Cantat steering committee is excited to share a **description** of the project with the international choral community.

(picture below, from left to right: Ken Wakia, Sonja Greiner, Emily Akuno and Thierry Thiébaud)

**WORLD YOUTH CHOIR 2019 SESSION: THE WYC GOES TO FRANCE!**

On the occasion of its 30th anniversary, the World Youth Choir will have its 2019 summer session in southern France, in the historical region of Occitania, also called the Oc Country. The various organisers and partners of this exciting session are using their skills and resources to provide the best conditions for an unforgettable event. It will be a unique experience for the singers as well as for the audiences.

The Occitania region has a vast musical tradition which includes many prestigious festivals. It offers a rich culture of gastronomy, diversified natural landscape, and centuries of history. The ten-day rehearsal session (July 15-26, 2019) will be held in Millau, a city with a vibrant cultural life and an architectural heritage in permanent evolution. The concert tour (July 27 - August 3) will take the choir to the **International Festival 'Sacred Music, Musics of the World' at Sylvanès Abbey in Millau**, followed by performances in Toulouse, in Vaison-la-Romaine (**Choralies** festival), and in other surrounding cities. Creating a truly international tour, the choir will perform in Catalonia and Switzerland (venues TBA).

The organisers and partners of the 2019 World Youth Choir Session are **Centre culturel de Rencontre de l'Abbaye de Sylvanès, Plate-forme interrégionale, Atelier Régional des Pratiques Amateurs, JM France**, DRAC Occitanie, the departmental council of Aveyron, the region of Occitanie, and the City of Millau.

Recruitment for singers (ages 17-26) will begin in October 2018! Talented singers from all over the world, don't miss the application deadline. Stay tuned on the [World Youth Choir website](#).



IFCM HAS A NEW BUSINESS ADDRESS

International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)
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Oklahoma City OK 73102-2207, USA

The administrative office address stays the same (PO Box 42318, Austin TX 78704 USA)

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

Upcoming ACDA Events

**Relevance: North Dakota State University's Third Choral Symposium, co-sponsored by ACDA
October 11-13, 2018**

OCTOBER 2018

Volunteers connecting
our choral world



IFCMeNEWS

Fargo, North Dakota, USA

Inclusion * Social Justice * Transformation * Diversity * Inspiration * Community. Featuring Craig Hella Johnson conducting Conspirare in *Considering Matthew Shepard*. Concerts and interest sessions. <https://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/symposia/relevance/>

ACDA National Conference

February 27 - March 2, 2019

Kansas City, Missouri, USA

Exhibit and advertising registration is open through Nov. 27. Composer Fair Registration is open through Dec. 1. General registration opens Oct. 1.

This "jubilee" conference will celebrate ACDA's 60th anniversary.

More info [HERE](#)



EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

Choral activities in Europe 2019

for choral singers, choirs, conductors and composers

- [17th Festival di Primavera](#) | Festival for youth and children's choirs
- [Mediterranean Choral Forum](#)
- [International Singing Week Flanders](#)
- [Course of Young Choral Conductors](#)
- [Choralies](#)
- [EuroChoir 2019](#)
- [10th European Academy for Young Conductors](#)
- [9th International Competition for young conductors](#)

and more on the [programme of choral activities 2019](#)

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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.

Workshop leaders 2019: [Electra Isabel Castillo](#) (Panama), [Nuria Fernández Herranz](#) (Spain), [María Guinand](#) (Venezuela), [Jorge Ledezma Bradley](#) (Panama), [Paulo Malaguti Pauleira](#) (Panama), [Gerardo Rábago](#) (Mexico), [Jan Schumacher](#) (Germany), [Virginia Bono](#) (Argentina), [Patricia Vlieg](#) (Panama), [Camilo Esteban Matta](#) (Argentina), [Erick Parris](#) (USA), [Freddy Lafont Mena](#) (Colombia), [Carlos Alberto Figueiredo](#) (Brazil), [Alina Orraca](#) (Cuba).

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Contact: info@acpanama19.org

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

NEWS FROM THE FEDERACIO CATALANA D'ENTITATS CORALS

III Awards Catalunya Choral Composition

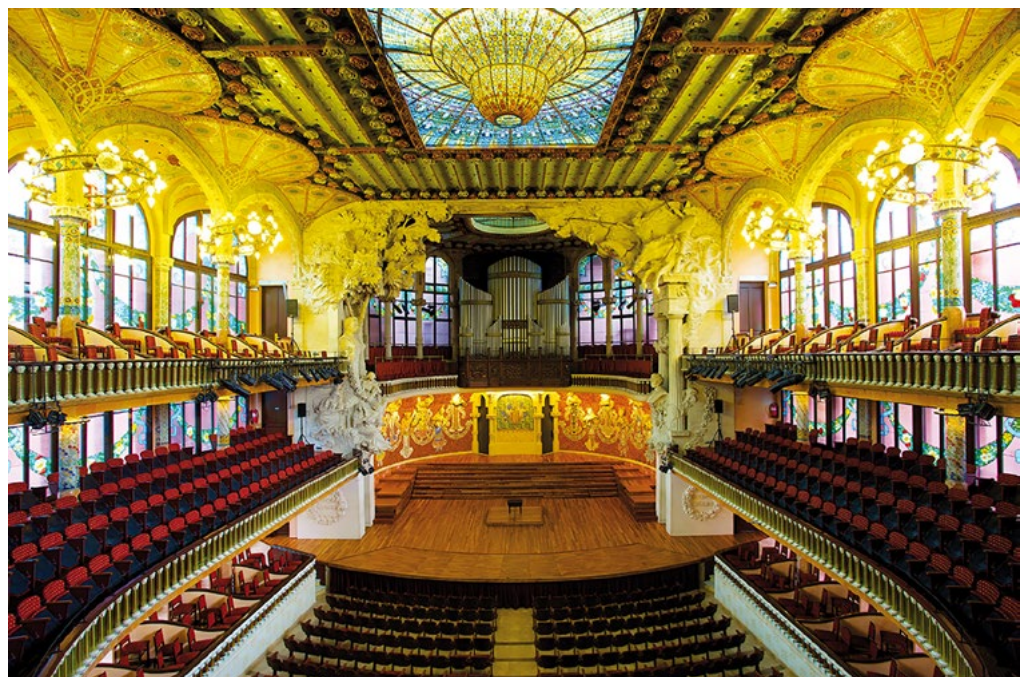
31 January 2019

For the third time, this call is carried out together with the Awards of composition called by Orfeó Català, through the Revista Musical Catalana: "III international competition of choral composition - Festival of choral music" that will culminate with the third edition of the Festival of choral music on February 23rd, 2020, in the Palau de la Música Catalana, where the winning works of the two competitions will be presented and performed.

The deadline for submission of works is **January 31st, 2019**. The result will be announced in summer 2019.

Rules and registration forms on:

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





12TH FUKUSHIMA VOCAL ENSEMBLE COMPETITION 2019 IN JAPAN

Japan, 21-25 March 2019

Fukushima City Music Hall

This competition is the biggest choral competition for small vocal ensemble groups (2-16 singers) in Japan. Every year, we invite more than 120 top level choirs which is known as the "Kingdom of Choirs" in Japan. Now the competition is open internationally and let your singing voices ring out together!

Deadline of Preliminary Screening: **October 31, 2018**

Learn more and register at

<https://www.pref.fukushima.lg.jp/sec/11055a/12vocalensemble.html>

NEWS FROM DISTINGUISHED CONCERTS INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK (DCINY)

**Symphony of Carols: The Music of Randol Bass and Pepper Choplin, a DCINY Concert
New York, USA, 18 Nov 2018**

This program features holiday music from composer Randol Bass conducted by DCINY Artistic Director and Co-Founder Maestro Jonathan Griffith. The evening will also include the World Premiere of Christmas Presence conducted by the composer, Pepper Choplin. This concert features the Distinguished Concerts Singers and Orchestra. Contact: Distinguished Concerts International, New York (DCINY), Email: Concerts@DCINY.org - Website:

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



DCINY MENTORING PROGRAM WITH DOREEN RAO

New York, USA, 18-21 Jan 2019

Workshop for conductors wishing to gain a supervised, interactive experience with orchestral musicians. Focusing on Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, the workshop is comprised of two (2) 8-person cohorts working at intermediate and advanced levels. Apply before Oct 15. Contact: Distinguished Concerts International, New York (DCINY), Email: Concerts@DCINY.org

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

GONDWANA WORLD CHORAL FESTIVAL – AUSTRALIA

The most accomplished ensembles for young people gather for Australia's first World Choral Festival for children in Sydney from 15-21 July 2019. Hosted at the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Conservatorium of Music, the event is presented by Gondwana Choirs, the country's leading national choral organisation.

Artistic Director, Lyn Williams has already confirmed the Boston Children's Chorus, La Cigale de Lyon, Estonian TV Girls' Choir, Riga Cathedral Girls' Choir, Toronto Children's Chorus and Young Voices of Adelaide for the festival.

More information: <https://gondwana-wcf.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!

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018

3-7 Oct : 3rd Beira Interior International Choir Festival and Competition, Fundão, Portugal -

www.meeting-music.com

4-7 Oct : Bratislava Cantat II, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

4-7 Oct : 8th Šiauliai Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Šiauliai, Lithuania -

<https://lchs.lt/>

5-7 Oct : Nordic Choral Directors Conference, Trondheim, Norway - www.fonoko.no

8 Oct: The Music of Dinos Constantinides, a DCINY concert, New York, USA -

<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Events>

9-13 Oct : Cantapueblo International Choral Festival, La Fiesta Coral de América, Panama City, Panama - <http://cantapueblo.com/panama/>

11-13 Oct : Relevance: North Dakota State University's Third Choral Symposium, co-sponsored by ACDA, Fargo, North Dakota, USA - <http://ndsu.edu/music>

12-14 Oct : Cracovia Sacra, Krakow Choir Festival of Sacred Music, Poland -

www.cracoviasacra.com

13-16 Oct : Botticelli International Choral Festival, Florence, Italy -

<http://www.florencechoral.com/>

14-19 Oct : Singing in Seville, Spain - www.lacock.org

15-21 Oct : International Choir Festival Corearte Barcelona 2018, Spain - www.corearte.es

18-21 Oct : International Choral Festival of Assisi, Italy - www.maldiviaggi.com

18-21 Oct : Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival and Competition, Venice, Italy -

www.venicechoralcompetition.it

19-23 Oct : Cantate Barcelona, Spain - www.music-contact.com

20-21 Oct : London International choral Conducting Competition, London, United Kingdom -

<http://www.liccc.co.uk/>

24-28 Oct : City of Derry International Choral Festival, Ireland - <http://derrychoirfest.com/>

24-28 Oct : Canta al mar 2018 International Choral Festival, Calella, Barcelona, Spain -

www.interkultur.com

25-28 Oct : 17th Venezia in Musica, International Choir Competition and Festival, Venice and Caorle, Italy - www.meeting-music.com

31 Oct-4 Nov : International Choir Competition of Tolosa, Spain - www.cittolosa.com

2-5 Nov : International Budgetary Festival/Competition The Place of Holiday, Spain -

<http://www.fiestalonia.net/>

7-10 Nov : Cantapueblo International Choral Festival, La Fiesta Coral de América, Mendoza, Argentina - <http://cantapueblo.com/>

7-11 Nov : Nafplio-Artiva 5th International Choral Festival, Nafplio, Greece -

<http://www.nafplio.gr/en/>

8-11 Nov : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Prague, Czech Republic -

<https://www.interkultur.com/>

11 Nov : The Great War: Commemorating 100 Years, a DCINY Concert, New York, USA -

<https://www.dciny.org/>

13-16 or 19-22 Nov : 6th Jeju International Senior Choral Festival, Jeju Island, Korea (Rep. of) -

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- 16-18 Nov : Sligo International Choral Festival, Ireland - <http://www.sligochoralfest.com/>
16-18 Nov : 14th International Warsaw Choir Festival Varsovia Cantat, Poland - <http://www.varsoviacantat.pl/>
18 Nov : Symphony of Carols: The Music of Randol Bass and Pepper Choplin, a DCINY Concert, New York, USA - <http://www.dciny.org/>
20-25 Nov : International Choir Festival Corearte Medellin 2018, Colombia - <http://www.corearte.es/>
22-25 Nov : 26th International Sacred, Advent & Christmas Music Festival and Choir Competition Cantate Domino Kaunas, Lithuania - <https://lchs.lt/>
23-29 Nov : Tlaxcala Canta 7th International Choral Festival, Tlaxcala, Mexico - <http://tlaxcalacanta.org/>
28 Nov-1 Dec : 9th Winter Choral Festival, Hong Kong China - <https://www.winterchoralfestival.com/>
28 Nov-2 Dec : Canta en Andalucía, Sevilla, Spain - <http://www.cantaenandalucia.com/>
29-30 Nov, 1-2 Dec, 6-10 Dec, 13-17 Dec : Vienna Advent Sing, Austria - <https://home.music-contact.com/>
30 Nov-1 Dec : 28th Prague Advent and Christmas Choral Festival with Petr Eben's Prize 2018, Prague, Czech Republic - <http://www.or-fea.cz/>
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