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IFCM WORKING COMMITTEES

IFCM Board restructures its committees in order to better serve the choral community.

During their third meeting on 25 May 2023, newly-elected Board members worked positively and actively to confirm the new structure of the working committees responsible for managing the various matters of IFCM.

Here is an overview of the overall organizational categories with sub-committees and/or a summary of tasks:

The Big SIX

- 1. Programs:** World Symposium on Choral Music 2026, World Choral EXPO, World Choral Day, Composition Competition, and the festivals in China.
- 2. Governance:** The tasks of this committee are to monitor Bylaws and internal policy documents as needed, develop a Code of Ethics, and oversee the election process. The committee will also ensure that IFCM commits to and prioritizes inclusion and diversity.
- 3. Education and Outreach:** Conductors Without Borders, YOUNG program, YOUNG IFCM, Central Asia Youth Choir, online activities.
- 4. Membership:** Communication with members and Creating Futures in Choral Music program.
- 5. Fundraising and Marketing.**
- 6. Communication:** Oversight includes website, social media, *International Choral Magazine*, and IFCMeNEWS.

Partnerships continue also between IFCM and the International Music Council, the European Music Council, Musica International, Africa Cantat, America Cantat, the World Youth Choir Foundation, and the Asia Pacific Choral Council for the Asia Pacific Youth Choir.

Each Board member committed to several working groups according to their skills and expertise. Everyone is excited to settle down to work. Stay tuned through this [monthly rendezvous](#), on the IFCM website, and on our social media channels.



THE IFCM BOARD ELECTED A NEW EDITORIAL BOARD FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL MAGAZINE (IMC)

The call for the 2023-2026 Editorial Board of the [International Choral Magazine](#) was launched





in early April 2023. IFCM received 24 applications from 19 countries around the world. The IFCM Board selected eight applicants according to the specifications in the call and the regions they represent. Congratulations and welcome to the new Editorial Board.

- Debra Ann Shearer-Dirié (Brisbane, Australia)
- Godfred Edusei Derkyi (Tema, Ghana)
- Brett Scott (Cincinnati, Ohio, USA)
- Sinem Taşseven Erentürk (London, UK / Bodrum, Türkiye)
- Tomoko Yokoyama (Tateshina, Japan)
- Ana María Raga (Caracas, Venezuela)
- Arjay Viray (Cavite, Philippines)
- Aksel Dalmo Tollåli (Oslo, Norway)

Together with ICM Managing Editor, Isabelle Métrope, IFCM Board members Ana Patricia Carbajal and Yveline Damas, and Honorary Member and Editor Emerita Jutta Tagger, the Editorial Board will work on ICM's content for the next three years.

IFCM CHORAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION 2023/2024

IFCM has organized five international choral composition competitions since this project was created in 2010. The aim of these competitions is to promote the creation and distribution of new and accessible choral repertoire.

IFCM announces its **6th International Competition for Choral Composition** to promote new works in choral music and to encourage innovation in choral writing which fits the needs of a 21st-century choir. We are looking for compositions that combine originality, imagination, and creativity within the context of contemporary global themes.

Rules and Regulations

Deadline: 30 September 2023. Submissions to be sent to secretarygeneral@ifcm.net.

Applications fees are US\$12.00 ([HDI3](#)) / 18.00 ([HDI2](#)) / 25.00 ([HDI1](#)). Fees vary according to the country of nationality of the composer.

6th INTERNATIONAL CHORAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION 2023/2024

categories
Mixed Voices | World Choral Day Song

Submit until **30 September 2023**
For more information: www.ifcm.net

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WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2023

3-12 June 2023 - Croatia, Slovenia, and Hungary

The 2023 World Youth Choir Alumni Session has just come to an end, and we cannot begin to express how inspiring it was to witness 43 talented singers from 26 nationalities join their voices to make music together.

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After a long wait of four years, the reunion of this global musical family was nothing short of magical. From the moment the singers met in Grožnjan, Croatia, it was evident that something extraordinary was about to unfold. The energy and passion of each singer were infectious, filling every corner with pure joy and harmony. And it wasn't just about the music. The bonds formed during this journey will last a lifetime, even though paths may diverge geographically. In this session, WYC singers discovered once again the beauty of diversity and the strength of unity.

Thank you for reminding the world that music knows no boundaries. Thank you to IFCM for supporting the World Youth Choir as a patron, along with the [European Choral Association](#) (ECA) and [Jeunesses Musicales International](#) (JMI). Until we meet again!

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org>



ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH CHOIR (APYC)

The [Asia Pacific Youth Choir](#) 2023 will be hosted in one of the most historical islands, Penang, Malaysia, 17-22 July, 2023. The 2023 choir is composed of 31 young singers selected for the 2020 session which was postponed. They represent the following countries: China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand. APYC will perform in the frame of the [George Town Festival](#) this year. For more information on the singers, see <https://jcanet.or.jp/ap-youth/>.

MUSICA INTERNATIONAL

Anticipate great composers' anniversaries with the help of Musica International

Musica International (www.musicanet.org), a multimedia collaborative database of the world's choral repertoire, publishes a comprehensive list of all composers cited in Musica having a jubilee (100, 150, 200, 250 years, etc.) anniversary during the current year and the following three years. This represents hundreds of composers for each of these years.

You can find the complete list of the composers' major anniversaries here:

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/anniversaries-of-composers/>

Thus, for 2023, there are 427 major birthday anniversaries and 253 major death anniversaries, available to all users of the Musica database. The information on the composers'



jubilees for 2024-2026 is accessible if you benefit from a privileged access to Musica. This is the case globally for all the members of IFCM, as well as for those of multiple national choral federations, through the members section of their websites (for instance <https://ifcm.net/service/access-to-musica-international-database> for IFCM members).

Here are some well-known composers having a jubilee in 2024:

Birthday anniversaries

Anton Bruckner, 200th birthday (born on September 4, 1824)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/1963-bruckner-anton>

Gustav Holst, 150th birthday (born on September 21, 1874)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/6165-holst--gustav>

Charles Ives, 150th birthday (born on October 20, 1874)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/6473-ives--charles-edward>

Arnold Schönberg, 150th birthday (born on September 13, 1874)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/12921-schonberg--arnold>

Death anniversaries

Guillaume Dufay, 500th death anniversary (died on November 27, 1474)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/3437-dufay--guillaume>

Gabriel Fauré, 100th death anniversary (died on November 4, 1924)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/3912-faure--gabriel>

Giacomo Puccini, 100th death anniversary (died on November 29, 1924)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/11278-puccini--giacomo>

Darius Milhaud, 50th death anniversary (died on June 22, 1974)

<https://www.musicanet.org/bdd/en/composer/9322-milhaud--darius>

THE EUROPEAN MUSIC COUNCIL ELECTED A NEW BOARD

IFCM IS WELL REPRESENTED

Within the frame of their annual meeting on 10 June 2023, the members of the European Music Council elected a new board for the next two years.

The EMC Board is comprised of seven representatives of EMC members to decide on content and the strategic outline.

- Audrey Guerre, President ([Live DMA - European Network for Live Music Associations](#))
- Michalis Karakatsanis, Vice-President ([International Association of Music Information Centres](#) (IAMIC))
- Niels Græsholm, Treasurer ([International Federation for Choral Music](#))
- Angharad Cooper ([Center for Music Ecosystems](#))
- Mila Georgieva ([Bulgarian Music Association](#))
- Joanna Grotkowska ([Polish Music Council](#))
- David Zsoldos ([Jeunesses Musicales International](#))

www.emc-imc.org



NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

A CŒUR JOIE INTERNATIONAL

A Coeur Joie International (ACJI) is organizing its first composition competition for mixed voices based on French texts – **Chanter en français**. Open to composers from all over the world without any restrictions, the competition offers 3,000 euros in prizes.

The objective of the competition is to promote the creation of new works with French texts

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that are accessible to amateur choirs throughout the international network of ACJI. As well, this initiative demonstrates the strong commitment of ACJI to safeguarding and enriching the cultural heritage that includes choral repertoire in all its French-speaking and international diversity.

The winning works will have the possibility of being published by Editions A Cœur Joie France as well as being performed at concerts organized through initiatives of the federation's members. Deadline to submit: 31 December 2023.

More info: <https://www.acoeurjoieinternational.org/concours>



EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION (ECA)

The European Choral Association welcomes to two new members from Bulgaria and Spain

The European Choral Association is delighted to welcome **two new members**: the **Bulgarian Choral Union** from Bulgaria and the **Federació de Coros de la Comunitat Valenciana** (FECOCOVA) from Spain.

The Bulgarian Choral Union have been developing and popularizing Bulgarian choral art since 1926. Its mission is to preserve choral traditions in Bulgaria as well as raising the Bulgarian choral qualifications through workshops and courses. We are happy to welcome Bulgarian Choral Union as our first member in Bulgaria.

The Federació de Coros de la Comunitat Valenciana (FECOCOVA) was created in 1998 and currently brings together 215 choirs throughout the territory of the Spanish autonomous region Comunidad Valenciana. They are associated 200 mixed choirs, the rest being children's choirs, youth or equal voices.

Check out the list of members [here](#) and discover how to join the European Choral Association [here](#)!

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60th anniversary celebration at the opening concert of the Bonner Schumannfest

On June 1st, the European Choral Association celebrated its 60th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the [European Music Council](#) at the opening concert of [Bonner Schumannfest](#) in the Kreuzberg Church, Bonn.

The concert featured the [Nederlands Studenten Kamerkoor](#) under the direction of Béni Csillag and the Venezuelan singer Yma América accompanied by Julio Almeida with the guitar.



Europa Cantat Junior 2023 will kick off on July 5 in Ghent, Belgium Cooperation event of the European Choral Association

From 5 to 13 July 2023, hundreds of young singers from all over the continent will gather in Ghent, Belgium. They come here to sing together and to enjoy fine ateliers, beautiful concerts and special moments of friendship in a great international atmosphere.



GOOD TO KNOW

- **The festival is fully booked:** more than 1200 singers from 55 choirs and 15 countries have registered!

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- **Two extra ateliers added!** Great news! Thanks to your great enthusiasm and the registrations of 55 choirs, we added two top atelier leaders to the program. Welcome [Ken Wakia](#) and [Jan Schumacher](#)!
- **Within walking distance:** all activities take place in Ghent's historic city centre. So you can discover everything on foot. [Ghent](#) is a city where people enjoy life and music!

MEET THE CHOIRS

Get to know the participating choirs from Spain, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Portugal, Poland, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Estonia, Israel, Canada ... see all choirs [here](#)

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

The American Choral Directors Association is happy to announce its [Regional Conferences 2024](#):

- [Northwestern Region](#) (Spokane, Washington), 24-27 January 2024
- [Midwestern Region](#) (Omaha, Nebraska), 7-10 February 2024
- [Southern Region](#) (Louisville, Kentucky), 21-24 February 2024
- [Eastern Region](#) (Providence, Rhode Island), 28 February- 2 March 2024
- [Southwestern Region](#) (Denver, Colorado), 28 February- 3 March 2024
- [Western Region](#) (Pasadena, California), 6-9 March 2024

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CHORAL CONNECT AND SING AOTEAROA IN NEW ZEALAND (27 September – 1 October 2023)

Join your choral colleagues in New Zealand for five days of conducting training, singing, and workshops! [Choral Connect](#) is the New Zealand Choral Federation's biennial conference for leaders of all types of group singing. Artistic Director for Choral Connect is [Dr Karen Grylls](#), who will be joined by renowned American conductor and composer [Dr Rollo Dilworth](#). Following immediately after is [Sing Aotearoa](#), a weekend of singing, practical workshops, and performances, directed by some of New Zealand's most prominent choral artists, including [Dr Igelese Ete](#) and former King's Singer [Tim Wayne-Wright](#). Click [HERE](#) for 10 good reasons to go to Choral Connect and Sing Aotearoa.

Aotearoa New Zealand's Conference for Choral Directors

Artistic Director
Dr Karen Grylls
Keynote Presenter
Dr Rollo Dilworth



27-29 September 2023
Auckland, New Zealand

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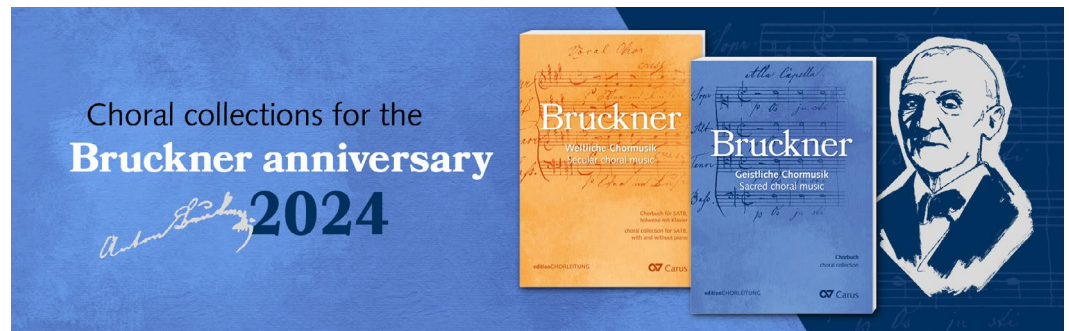
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NEWS FROM CARUS VERLAG

Anton Bruckner – 200th anniversary 2024

Bruckner's 200th anniversary in 2024 presents a wonderful opportunity to focus on the choral works of a composer highly revered for his Masses, symphonies, and his *Te Deum*. Discover the brand-new Bruckner choral collection with secular choral music. It is full of exciting discoveries and new arrangements at various levels of difficulty. The editors are none other than Simon Halsey and Jan Schumacher.

[More information](#)



NEWS FROM A COEUR JOIE FRANCE

2nd European Festival JVM (Jeunes Voix Mêlées), Thuir, France, 8-12 May 2024.

Ateliers will be led by amazing conductors: Tom Johnson (Belgium), Basilio Astulez (Spain), Panda van Proosdij (Netherlands), Mathieu Lenestour (France).

Contact: A Cœur Joie France, alix.bourrat@orange.fr

More information [here](#).



2nd FICFE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FEMALE CHOIRS IN LATIN AMERICA

19-24 November 2023, Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mexico

FICFE's [International Festival of Female Choirs in Latin America](#) (festival Internacional de Coros Femeninos en Latinoamérica) evolves from the interest in music originally composed for female voices and the need to make their presence visible in the artistic and Latin American cultural field.

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An independent cultural project, the festival's objective is to generate and consolidate a space for meeting and exchange between choral groups formed by women from Latin America and the world, sharing different repertoires, projects, and cultural experiences throughout concerts, conferences, and workshops presented by renowned figures from the international choral field. FICFE is held every two years in different Latin American countries. Its first edition was in 2019 in Puerto Madryn, Chubut province, Argentina. The second edition will take place in San Pedro Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mexico, 19-24 November 2023. The interpretation workshops will be held by Marjukka Riihimäki (Finland), Patricia Morales and Gabriela Franco (Mexico). FICFE also has a Composition Contest which alternates with the festival project.

JUNGES VOKALENSEMBLE HANNOVER GERMANY ON NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA TOUR THIS JULY AND AUGUST

During its tour in New Zealand and Australia, the mixed choir Junges Vokalensemble Hannover (JVH) will perform compositions by German composers e.g. Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Rheinberger, and by the contemporary Australian composer Luke Byrne. In Germany Byrne has worked two times with JVH, furthermore, in 2023, he has written the commissioned work RAINFOREST for the choir.

Originally invited, in 2020, to the World Symposium on Choral Music in Auckland, JVH had additionally planned visiting partner choirs in five cities in New Zealand and Australia. Now that the Covid-19 pandemic is over, the choir is very happy to realize this tour in 2023.

JVH regularly goes on guest performance tours and international choral competitions all over the world. JVH is deeply grateful to all partner choirs for their warm and persistent welcome and cooperation in joint concerts and to all sponsors for their generous funding. This tour will take the choir to the last continent not yet visited.

Junges Vokalensemble Hannover Germany Klaus-Jürgen Etzold Conductor

Joint Concerts

Thursday 20 July 7:00 pm
Rotorua St Luke's Anglican Church
The Rotorua District Choir
Elizabeth Pilaar Conductor

Saturday 22 July 7:30 pm
Auckland St Matthew-in-the-City
Auckland Youth Choir
David Squire Conductor

Tuesday 25 July 7:00 pm
Adelaide Elder Hall
at the University of Adelaide
Adelaide Chamber Singers and
Aurora Vocal Ensemble
Christie Anderson Conductor
Elder Conservatorium Chorale
Carl Crossin Conductor

Saturday 29 July 7:30 pm
Sydney Christ Church St Laurence
The Choir of Christ Church St Laurence
Sam Allchurch Conductor

Tuesday 1 August 7:00 pm
Cairns St Monica's Cathedral
Cairns State High Chorale
Lauren Hannay Conductor



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We invite you to visit the [Calendar of Choral Activities](#) published by the European Choral Association — Europa Cantat and the American Choral Director Association ACDA's Network [ChoralNet](#) to check on the choral events planned in the coming months.

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