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INVITATION TO THE NEXT IFCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MACAU (SAR), NOVEMBER 14, 2015, AND AGENDA ON
http://ifcm.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/IFCM-WCE_20151112-Announcement-GeneralAssembly.pdf

THE WEBSITE OF THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC IS NOW OPEN!

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

[Watch the video on Youtube](#)

CALL FOR CHOIRS

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

Choirs from all over the world, you have **one more month** to apply for the selection to perform in the Symposium concerts. Prepare your material now!

Closing date for Choirs – November 1, 2015

[Download the Application for Performance here](#)

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.

IN BRIEF

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



Hong Kong Children's Choir, conducted by Kathy Fok

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!

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

For more info on the WSCM11: www.ifcm.net

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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

[Download the Organizational Guidelines here](#)

Online applications form available on <http://ifcm.net/get-logo-2/>

IFCM YOUTH ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Presented by the American Choral Directors Association

August 15 – 31, 2016

Nassau, Bahamas

The world is full of musicians, therefore it is full of music events of many kinds: large, medium, and small scale. These events have many aspects that should be taken into account in order for them to be successful: production, staging, communications, PR, fundraising, finances, outreach, and many others. The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) have thoroughly designed a training program for young managers aged 18 to 30, who are motivated to learn and to develop their skills in international event management so they can go back to their home countries with the tools needed to organize choir and music festivals and events. More info and application form on America-cantat.org or by email to mcprieto@gmail.com

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

NORDKLING16 AUGUST 3-7, 2016 IN TURKU, FINLAND

The Nordklang Festival is organized under the umbrella of Nordisk Korforum every three years in one of the Nordic countries. The event brings together singers from all Nordic countries to sing, learn and network.

Nordklang16 will offer a large variety of workshops for singers of all kinds of choirs. Workshops are ranked by color codes according to the degree of preparation to which the singers have to commit:

- Black: the music is technically, vocally and/or stylistically quite demanding and will require the singers to be well prepared.
- Red: the music includes some technical demands and the singers will need to do some preparation before the festival.



Karl Turunen, artistic director of Nordklang16



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- Blue: the music is not very demanding and a little preparation will be enough.

Workshops for mixed choir singers:

Classic Sounds:

- European early music with Þorgerður Ingólfssdóttir (Iceland)
- Romantic music with Carsten Seyer-Hansen (Denmark)
- Opera! with Elin Persson (Norway)
- Long live Shakespeare (music for Shakespeare's text) with Jani Sivén (Finland)
- Folk music with Ilona Korhonen (Finland)

Rhythmic Sounds:

- Jazz with Jesper Holm (Denmark)
- Pop with Line Groth (Denmark)
- New Sounds:
 - Contemporary music by & with Pärt Uusberg (Estonia) and with Vaclovas Augustinas (Lithuania)
 - Contemporary music by Eriks Ešenvalds (Latvia) with Romans Vanags (Latvia)
 - Contemporary music by Jaakko Mäntyjärvi (Finland) with Dani Juris (Finland)

Workshops for youth choir singers:

Madrigals and pop arrangements (youth SATB):

- Madrigals by Monteverdi, original version and pop arrangements with Timo Lehtovaara (Finland)

Music without boundaries (youth SSAA):

- Folk music from the world and improvisation, movement, yoik and music from ancient time to now with Susanna Lindmark (Sweden)

Workshop for female choir

- Ethnic jazz (Finnish rhythmic music) with Kaija Viitasalo (Finland)

Workshop for male choir

- To be announced.

Workshop for conductors led by Kari Turunen, artistic director of Nordklang16 (Finland) and Thomas Caplin (Norway)

For more details on each workshop and register: www.nordklang.fi

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION — EUROPA CANTAT

MEMORIES OF EUROPA CANTAT PÉCS

Five thousand choir singers and many thousands of Pécs city residents sang together at the closing ceremony of the EUROPA CANTAT choir festival, on 1st August. 6000 guests came from more than 50 countries and turned Pécs into the capital of the choral world for a week, enjoying more than 130 concerts, discovering the secrets of the human voice in numerous music ateliers, and singing together with other visitors and inhabitants of Pécs at the Open Singings on Cathedral Square as well as in small common singing sessions in many concerts. Read more about the festival [EUROPA CANTAT XIX in Pécs in the official Press Release](#)

After the summer holidays, our communication team has produced a colourful video clip with impressions from the many rehearsals, concerts and fringe events of the Festival. Recall the greatest moments you experienced or discover the festival if you did not attend it yourself, [by watching the video clip](#)

CONFERENCE ON "SHARING THE BENEFITS OF SINGING" IN HELSINKI, NOVEMBER 12TH TO 15TH 2015

This year's annual conference of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (ECA-EC), connected to their General Assembly, will take place in Helsinki, Finland, November 12th to 15th 2015. It will be dedicated to "Sharing the Benefits of Singing" and hosted by the Finnish association Sulasol.

The conference will be opened on Friday, November 13th in the late afternoon and will continue on Saturday afternoon. It is open to anybody interested and shall focus on health aspects, social aspects and singing with people with dementia

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as well as inclusion aspects (how to make choral events more inclusive). There will be project and poster presentations (starting Friday early afternoon), plenary sessions, parallel workshops and open discussion groups.

Members of ECA-EC and those interested in joining the association are invited to come a day earlier and join the new "Membership Involvement Day" on Friday, November 13th in the morning and early afternoon, as well as the General Assembly with elections on Saturday, November 14th in the morning.

The official deadline for applications was September 30th 2015, but you can check with ECA-EC if there are still free places available!

For more information see:

[Official Invitation - English](#)

[Invitation Officielle - Version française](#)

[Offizielle Einladung - Deutsche Version](#)

[Online Registration](#)

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.

Visit the "Conferences" page at www.acda.org for additional information.



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

www.acda.org

AMERICA CANTAT 8, August 21-31, 2016, Nassau, Bahamas

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. Contact: ac8@acda.org. More info on america-cantat.org

IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS



13TH CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL, 26 JULY-4 AUGUST 2016, BEIJING, CHINA

Founded in 1992, China International Chorus Festival (CICF) is currently the only state-level international chorus festival in China approved by the state council. As the largest-scale and highest-level international chorus festival in China, CICF is a cultural activity held every other year, which brings choirs from the country and abroad together to sing. CICF plays an important role in improving performance level of the participating choruses and promoting

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cultural exchanges between China and other countries. According to the statistics, in the past 12 festivals, the number of participating choirs has exceeded 1000 and more than 47,000 choir members were involved.

While "Building a harmonious world together for the future---Peace and Friendship", performers from different regions, countries and nationalities will sing for peace and friendship, express their happiness and desire for peace, spread friendship and love throughout the world. CFC combines art competitions with cultural exchange and performance.

For more detailed information, please contact: Ms. Gertrude Yuan at cicbjf@163.com



NEWS FROM THE AFRICAN YOUTH CHOIR

The African Youth Choir had its second season's annual rehearsal camp in the frame of the festival 'Les Chœurs à l'Unisson' organized by the Pan African Movement Afrikiyo and A Coeur Joie Gabon in Libreville, Gabon, from August 14 to 23, 2015.

NEWS FROM INTERKULTUR

New non-competitive event series ON STAGE will start in 2016 in 12 European destinations. Program will include performances and pedagogical elements. Details on <http://onstage.interkultur.com>

VALE SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS

Sir David Valentine Willcocks, organist, choirmaster and composer, has died at age 95.

Sir David was an Englishman of unbounded energy and passion for all aspects of choral singing that touched and energized the international community; most significantly through his work with the Choir of King's College Cambridge. His connection with King's College, Cambridge, began as an Organ Scholar in 1939; he was elected to a Fellowship in 1947 and subsequently held the post of Director of Music from 1957 to 1974.

After leaving Cambridge, he was appointed music director emeritus, and became director of the Royal College of Music, a post he held until 1984. A friend, mentor, colleague and inspiration to many in the international choral community - Rest in Peace Sir David.



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. 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!

SHARE YOUR IMPORTANT CHORAL NEWS WITH THE WORLD!

The IFCMeNEWS wants to hear what's new in your country so that it can be shared with our global community. If you have news or photographs of international interest, please visit the IFCM web site to see the new guidelines for contributions to the IFCMeNEWS. Submissions are free to IFCM members!

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ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD ON IFCMeNEWS

The IFCMeNEWS is now distributed to over 100,000 choral leaders around the world. What better way to connect with the international global community than advertising your choral event or product on IFCMeNEWS. Limited advertising spaces are available in the IFCMeNEWS each month at very reasonable rates. Contact the IFCM office for more

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information.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN OCTOBER 2015

- 1-4 : chor.com Convention for Choral Music, Dortmund, Germany - www.chor.com/intensivkurse/
- 1-4 : Bratislava Cantat II, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 1-4 : Festival Magic Mozart Moments, Salzburg, Austria -
www.cultours.at/en/choir_and_orchestra_festivals/magic_mozart_moments
- 1-4 : Symposium on Singing and Song, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada - www.singingnetwork.ca
- 2-5 : 13th International Choir Contest of Flanders-Maasmechelen, Belgium - www.ikv-maasmechelen.be
- 6-10 : International Choral Festival Singing Together Iso-Polyphony in Albania, Durres, Shkodra and Apolonia, Albania -
www.choral-isopolyphony.com
- 8-11 : John Paul II International Choir Festival of Sacred Music Mundus Cantat, Gdansk, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl
- 10-14 : 12th In Canto sul Garda International Choir Competition, Riva del Garda, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 13-18 : International Oratorio Choir Workshop, Italy - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com
- 14-18 : International Choir Competition and Festival Kalamata 2015, Greece - www.interkultur.com
- 14-18 : Lago di Garda Music Festival, Italy - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com
- 14-17 : 11th Busan Choral Festival & competition, South Korea - www.busanchoral.com
- 15-18 : 8th Thracian Choir Festival, Yambol, Bulgaria - choirschool@gmail.com
- 16-20 : Cantate Barcelona, Spain - www.musiccontact.com
- 17-18 : Choir Conducting Workshop for Women, Filzbach, Switzerland - www.cattapan.ch/naechste-kurse/
- 19-25 : International Choir Festival Corearte Barcelona 2015, Spain - www.corearte.es
- 20-23 : Individual Coaching with Karen Brunssen, Zürich, Switzerland - www.sing-akademie.ch
- 21-25 : Canta al mar 2015 International Choral Festival, Calella, Barcelona, Spain - www.interkultur.com
- 22-25 : Derry International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.codichoral.com
- 22-24 : NDSU Choral Symposium: Contemporary Composition in America, Fargo, USA -
www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/choralsymposium/Contemporary_Composition/index.html
- 23-25 : 11th International Warsaw Choir Festival Varsovia Cantat, Poland - www.varsoviacantat.pl
- 24 Oct : International Choral Festival London 2015, United Kingdom - www.icf-london.com
- 29 Oct-2 Nov : Malta International Choir Festival, Malta - www.meeting-music.com
- 29 Oct-1 Nov : International Choir Competition of Tolosa, Spain - www.cittolosa.com

