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NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

We announce the selected choirs that will participate in the next World Symposium on Choral Music. The 11th World Symposium on Choral Music will be held in Barcelona, from July 22 to 29, 2017. Mark your calendars!



- Aleron — Philippines** (TTB)
Christopher Ong Arceo, conductor
- Ansan City Choir — South Korea** (SSA)
Shin-Hwa Park, conductor
- Cor Infantil Amics de la Unió — Catalonia, Spain** (SSA)
Josep Vila Jover, conductor
- Cor Vivaldi — Catalonia, Spain** (SSA)
Òscar Boada, conductor
- Dopplers — Denmark** (SATB)
Astrid Vang-Pedersen, conductor
- Elektra Women's Choir — Canada** (SSA)
Morna Edmundson, conductor
- Ensemble Vine — Japan** (SATB)
Keishi Ito, conductor
- Estudio Coral Meridies — Argentina** (SATB)
Virginia bono, conductor
- KammerChor Saarbrücken — Germany** (SATB)
Georg Grün, conductor
- KUP taldea — Basque Country, Spain** (SATB)
Gabriel Baltes, conductor
- New Dublin Voices — Ireland** (SATB)
Bernie Sherlock, conductor
- Riga Cathedral Girls' Choir TIARA — Latvia** (SSA)
Aira Birzina, conductor
- Salt Lake Vocal Artists — USA** (SATB)
Brady Allred, conductor
- Sonux Ensemble — Germany** (TTB)
Hans-Joachim Lustig, conductor
- St Jacobs Vokalensemble — Sweden** (SATB)
Mikael Wedar, conductor
- St. Stanislav Girls' Choir Ljubljana — Slovenia** (SSA)
Helena Fojkar Zupančič, conductor
- Tajimi Choir — Japan** (SSA)
Yoko Tsuge, conductor
- The Rose Ensemble — USA** (SATB)
Jordan Sramek, conductor
- Toronto Children's Chorus — Canada** (SSA)
Elise Bradley, conductor
- University of Pretoria Camerata — South Africa** (SATB)
Michael Barrett, conductor
- Vocal Art Ensemble of Sweden** (SATB)
Jan Yngwe, conductor
- Westminster Choir College of Rider University — USA** (SATB)
Joe Miller, conductor
- Wishful Singing — the Netherlands** (SSA)
- Youth Choir Cantemus — Moldova** (SSA)
Denis Ceausov, conductor



Learn more about the selected choirs on our website:

<http://www.wscm11.cat/#!choirs/c1bh2>

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ERRATUM

Dear Readers: The South African choir selected for the WSCM11 in Barcelona is the University of Pretoria Camerata. We apologize for publishing an incorrect name in the last IFCMeNEWS. Please find [here](#) a short presentation of the choir.

WSCM11 Website: <http://www.wscm11.cat/>

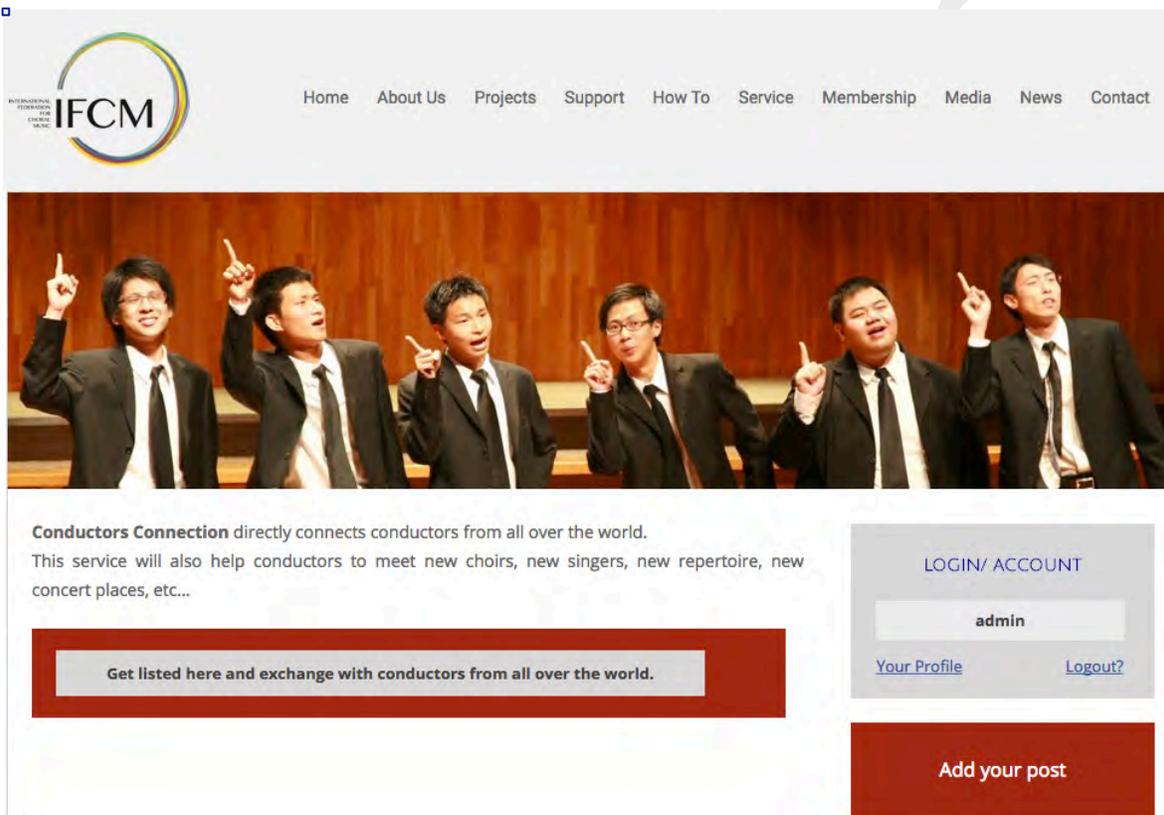
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Among them you will find the Conductor Connection here: <http://ifcm.net/service-2/conductor-connection/>

Have a look!



WORLD YOUTH CHOIR 2016 SESSION

The World Youth Choir Foundation (IFCM/ECA-EC/JMI) is happy to announce the 2016 World Youth Choir session!

The session, conducted by Filippo Maria Bressan (Italy), is organized by Jeunesses Musicales International with the support of Jeunesses Musicales Germany, and by the World Youth Choir Foundation as well as the three patrons of the choir. The rehearsal camp will take place from July 13 to 24 in Weikersheim, Germany, followed by a concert tour in Germany and Belgium, starting with a concert on July 24 and ending on August 2 (exact concert dates to be confirmed).

<http://www.worldyouthchoir.org>

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



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NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

NORDKLANG16 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 the Nordic countries to sing, learn and network.

Nordklang16 will offer a large variety of workshops for singers of all kinds of choirs.

Among others:

Madrigals and Pop Arrangements (Youth SATB) — Timo Lehtovaara (level intermediate to advanced)

Entertainment from the 17th and 20th centuries! Sing madrigals by Monteverdi, both in their original version and in pop music arrangements (Coldplay, Mew and Björk) by the leader of this workshop, Finnish conductor and music pedagogue Timo Lehtovaara. The workshop is aimed especially for youth choir singers and young adults (SATB).

Timo Lehtovaara (b. 1965) is a trained music teacher and choral conductor and has worked as a conductor, musician, arranger and producer in various classical, ethnic and popular music projects. He has taught choral conducting and arrangement at the Faculty of Music Education of Sibelius Academy, at the conservatories of Turku and Tampere and in many summer courses.

Timo Lehtovaara has conducted numerous choirs: Kampin Laulu, Chorus Cantorum Finlandiae, Laulun Ystävät, the symphonic choir Chorus Cathedralis Aboensis, the chamber choir Cappella Cathedralis Turku among others and has been a guest conductor for the Estonian Male Choir RAM, Umo Jazz Orchestra and Jyväskylä Big Band. He arranges music for choirs, vocal ensembles, orchestras and various orchestral ensembles.

Timo Lehtovaara was the artistic designer of Tampere Vocal Music Festival in 2007. He has been the artistic director of the Finnish Amateur Musicians' Association since 2013. He was awarded Choral Conductor of the Year 2009 in Finland.



Music Without Boundaries (Youth SSA) — Susanna Lindmark (level easy to intermediate)



In this workshop music has no boundaries! Folk music from different parts of the world blends with improvisation, movement, yoik and music from ancient times to our time.

Susanna Lindmark, composer and conductor of the Arctic Light Girls' Choir, will lead you in this co-creative workshop, where you are allowed to bring your own creativity into the choir and explore exciting ways of creating music and visual expressions together.

Conductor and founder of Arctic Light Girls Choir (Sweden), Susanna Lindmark works as a conductor and vocal teacher in Nacka Music classes in Stockholm, and teaches Methods for Children and Youth choir and singing at Luleå University in Piteå. She has performed with the Arctic choir in Europe and Asia. Susanna Lindmark was awarded Piteå Culture Prize 2012 and has won several national and international awards with her Choir, including

"Choir of the Year in Sweden" 2010.

Susanna Lindmark has her musical roots in the classical music, but gets inspiration from folk music, from different parts of the world, and from other forms of performing arts such as improvisation theatre, movement and art, with the aim to reach to the audience and finding new stage presentations. She is also a choral composer, both for equal voices and mixed choir. Her "Song of Hope" has been awarded internationally.

Register to Nordklang 16 at <http://www.nordklang.fi>

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A COEUR JOIE INTERNATIONAL

22nd Choralies Festival in Vaison-la-Romaine (Provence, France), 3-11 August 2016

6000 singers will meet in Vaison-la-Romaine and sing from morning till evening.

Find all information, as well as the online registration form on the festival website: <http://www.choralies.fr/>

A brochure in English is available upon request. We are waiting for you!

Contact: inscriptions@choralies.fr — www.facebook.com/choralies.vaisonlaromaine

1st AFRICA CANTAT in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), August 6-12, 2017

Initiated by the African Confederation of Choral Music -ACCM- with the support of the Congolese Federation of Choral Music and the partnership of IFCM, A Coeur Joie International and Europa Cantat, the festival will be an ideal crossroad to discover and exchange the rich authenticity of the African choral heritage.

Africa is eager to welcome in the heart of the continent choirs, choral conductors and lecturers from all around the world to share the warmth of its hospitality and its rhythms and colors. Registration soon available online.

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

AMERICA CANTAT 8

Calling all singers! Registration is open for America Cantat 8, and the American Choral Directors Association invites you to join us August 21 - 31, 2016, in Nassau, Bahamas for 10 days of singing, learning, and celebrating the choral music of the Americas. There is still availability in the festival's workshops and master classes for individual singers, plus performance opportunities for choirs or small groups. Register today to reserve your spot! \$230 for adults | \$50 for children 17 and younger (prices increase May 31). Flexible travel dates available. Visit <http://america-cantat.org/> for more information about our world-class clinicians and guest choirs, or email Festival Director Eden Badgett at badgett@acda.org

IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

A CHOIR OF 13000 VOICES IN NAPLES

On April 9, 2016, in Naples an astounding choral event has taken place. 13.000 young students from all over Italy have convened in one of the major squares of the City of Naples to sing together some pieces of polyphonic music accompanied by the orchestra of the Conservatory of San Pietro a Majella. The concert name was "Piazza Incantata" and the program included works by Haendel, Verdi, Mozart, Charpentier and contemporary composers as Di Capua and the Beatles. All singers were from Italian high schools for a total of 346 school choirs from 17 Regions. The event was organized by the Ministry of School and University, the Department of Tourism of the Campania Region, the Naples Municipality, the National Television Network (RAI), with the collaboration of the Regional Choral Association of Campania (ARCC) and Feniarco. Extracts and pictures of the concert [HERE](#)

VALE DR. RALPH MORTON, organist, conductor, composer and co-founder of important Australian publishing house Morton Music sadly passed away on February 20, 2016. Ralph was an important figure in the development and promotion of Australian music both in Australia and overseas. As a long-time and tireless member of all the important choral and church music organisations in Australia, Ralph was inducted as a life member of ANCA in 2010. Here was a true gentleman, a wise choral scholar and a generous promoter of choral music who will be sadly missed by many throughout Australia and beyond. RIP Ralph.

KARMINA ŠILEC AWARDED

The Slovenian composer and conductor Karmina Šilec was awarded during one of the most prestigious performing arts Festival in Moscow, the *Golden Mask*, where hundreds of opera, ballet and theatre productions were competing in 30 different categories. Karmina Šilec received the Prize for 'Best Foreign Production' for the production of *When the mountain changed its clothing* presented in Russia in 2015. Ms. Šilec shared this prize with another winning theatre production of Boris Godunov from the Lithuanian National Drama Theatre. More on http://www.carmina-slovenica.si/en/news/golden-mask_1/



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

Come to Beijing, Listen to the Songs of the World

Opening Ceremony and concert in the Great Hall of the People, IFCM Choral Education Conference, judging panel meeting, 5-day competition in 12 categories, choral exchange program, high level performances, new choral work concert, master classes, workshops, training camp, choral club, choral public and charitable events, concert tours, sightseeing (Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Palace Museum), Square performances, Closing and Award Ceremony.

Contact: cicbfj@163.com - More info [HERE](#)

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Advertisement spaces are now available on www.ifcm.net and [ICB.IFCM.net](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](#)

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Take advantage of the excellent usage statistics of our websites and media to promote your choral events!

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!

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN MAY AND JUNE 2016

- 1-4 May : World of Choirs, Italy - www.fiestalonia.net
- 1-6 May : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 1-5 May : 14th Venezia in Musica, International Choir Competition and Festival, Venice and Caorle, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 4-8 May : Sing'n'Joy Vienna 2016 3rd Choir Festival & 30th International Franz Schubert Choir Competition, Austria - www.interkultur.com
- 4-8 May : Costa Barcelona Music Festival, Spain - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com
- 4-8 May : 10th European Festival of Youth Choirs, Basel, Switzerland - www.ejcf.ch
- 4-8 May : 16th International Julio Villarroel Choir Festival, Margarita Island, Venezuela - luisglines@gmail.com
- 4-8 May : International Festival of Choral Singing Nancy Voix du Monde, Nancy, France - www.chantchoral.org
- 5-6 May : Queen of the Adriatic Sea Choral Festival and Competition, Cattolica, Italy - www.queenchoralfestival.org
- 5-8 May & 9-12 : FAKS Sings 2016 (Amateur Cultural Creation Festival), Rovinj, Croatia - <http://festivalistra.com/en/>
- 6-8 May : Sing Along Concert in Vienna, Austria - www.interkultur.com
- 6-8 May : 26th World Choir Festival on Musical, Thessaloniki, Greece - www.xorodikorais.com
- 12-15 May : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Stockholm, Sweden - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 12-15 May : 6th Kaunas Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt
- 13-18 May : Musica Sacra International Festival, Marktoberdorf, Germany - www.modfestivals.org
- 14-17 May : Voices for Peace Choir Project at the Festival Musica Sacra International, Marktoberdorf, Germany - www.modfestivals.org/projektchor2016
- 18-22 May : 12th International Choir Festival Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl
- 19-22 May : 4th Vándor-Révész Festival and 2nd Choral Competition of Budapest, Hungary - <http://fesztival.vandorkorus.hu/>
- 19-21 May : Bach Music Festival, Beijing, China - www.volkskultur-de.org
- 19-22 May : 2016 Podium, Igniting Ideas, Sharing Voices, Edmonton AB, Canada - www.podiumconference.ca
- 19-23 May : Festival Filadelfia 2016, Filadelfia, Italy - www.associazione-melody.com
- 19-22 May : 6th Šiauliai Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Šiauliai, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt
- 19-22 May : International Choir Competition Zadar Croatia, Zadar, Croatia - www.zadarchoirs.com/en/
- 21 May : Côr World Choir, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom - www.corworldchoir.com
- 23-28 May : Budapest/Vienna Choir Festival, Hungary/Austria - www.Klconcerts.com
- 25-29 May : Mayo International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.mayochoral.com
- 25-29 May : Venezia Music Festival 2016, Italy - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com
- 25-29 May : 11th Festa Choralis Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.festamusicale.com/eng/festa-choralis-bratislava-2016
- 25-29 May : 4th International Children Choir Festival, Cozumel, Mexico - www.cozumelparks.com
- 25-29 May : International Choir Festival Corearte Senior 2016, Island of Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain - www.corearte.es
- 26-29 : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Florence, Italy - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 26-29 May : Deutsches Chorfest, Stuttgart, Germany - <https://www.chorfest.de/english/>
- 27-29 May : 45th International Competition Florilège Vocal de Tours, France - www.florilegevocal.com
- 27-28 May : 17th Fort Worden Children's Choir Festival, Port Townsend WA, USA - www.fortwordenfestival.com

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- 28-29 May : Choir Conducting Workshop for Women, Wetzikon, Switzerland - <http://www.cattapan.ch/naechste-kurse/>
- 1-6 June : 44th International Choir Festival of Songs Olomouc, Czech Republic - www.festamusicale.com
- 1-5 June : International Choral Festival Chernomorski zvutsi, Balchik, Bulgaria - www.chernomorskizvutsi.com/
- 1-7 June : International Choral Espoo Festival, Espoo, Finland - www.vocalespoo.fi
- 1 June : International Competition for a composition of sacred music Francesco Siciliani, Perugia, Italy - www.perugiamusicaclassica.com
- 28 June-7 July : Passion of Italy Choral Festival with Craig Hella Johnson, Rome, Italy - www.klconcerts.com
- 2-5 June : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Barcelona, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 3-5 June : 6th International Wroclaw Choir Festival Vratislavia Sacra, Poland - www.vratislaviasacra.pl
- 3-5 June : 59th International Festival of Choral Art Jihlava 2016, Czech Republic - www.nipos-mk.cz
- 3-5 June : Brisbane International Singers Festival 2016, Australia - <http://schoolofhardknocks.org.au/>
- 7-12 June : Music & Fun - Limerick Sings International Choral Festival, Limerick, Ireland - www.perform-international.com
- 8-12 June : 44th International Choir Festival of Songs, Czech Republic - www.festamusicale.com
- 9-12 June : 7th International Krakow Choir Festival Cracovia Cantans, Poland - www.krakowchoirfestival.pl
- 9-13 June : Krakow International Festival, Poland - www.music-contact.com
- 9-12 June : 5th Symposium on Church Choral Music, Bandung, Indonesia - www.bandungchoral.com
- 9-13 June : Hearts-in-Harmony, Novi Sad, Serbia - www.eca-ec.org or www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org
- 10-21 June : 17th Varna International Music Academy Conducting Tracks, Bulgaria - www.varnainternational.com
- 10-13 June : 10th International Choir Festival Harmonia, Harmanli, Bulgaria - www.harmchoir.org
- 10-12 June : 1st Limburger Male Choir Festival, Limburg, Germany - <http://limburger-maennerchor-festival.com>
- 12-17 June : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 16-19 June : Musica Sacra Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 16-19 June : Grieg International Choir Festival and NINA Solo Competition for Young Singers, Bergen, Norway - www.griegfestival.no
- 17-19 June : Chorfest Watzenborn-Steinberg, Pohlheim, Germany - www.interkultur.com
- 18-22 June : 4th Per Musicam Ad Astra, International Copernicus Choir Festival and Competition, Toru , Poland - www.meeting-music.com
- 19-27 June : Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Countdown, Japan - www.perform-international.com
- 20-28 June : Prima Voce Itali'a, Explore & Inspire - The Maestro Festival Tour, Italy - www.perform-international.com
- 20 June-10 July : Oregon Bach Festival Conducting Master Class, Eugene, Oregon, USA - <http://oregonbachfestival.com/education/master-class-in-conducting>
- 21-28 June : Ireland 2016 Choir Festival, Galway and Dublin, Ireland - www.klconcerts.com
- 22-26 June : Rome International Choral Festival, Italy - www.romechoralfestival.org
- 22-26 June : Féile Córúil Dublin Choral Festival with Dr. Kevin Fenton, Ireland - <http://dublinchoralfestival.org/>
- 22-26 June : 19th Alta Pusteria International Choir Festival, Alto Adige-Südtirol, Italy - www.festivalpusteria.org
- 23-27 June : Serenade! Washington, DC Choral Festival, USA - <http://classicalmovements.org/dc.htm>
- 23-27 June : International Choral Festival in Tuscany, Montecatini Terme, Italy - <http://tuscany.music-contact.com/>
- 24 June-10 : Oregon Bach Festival, Eugene, Oregon, USA - www.oregonbachfestival.com
- 24-30 June : World Choral Fest, Kansas City, USA - www.worldchoralfest.com
- 24-27 June : Festival Coral de Verão, Lisbon, Portugal - <http://pscf.sourcewerkz.com/>
- 24-28 June : 17th Crescent City Choral Festival, New Orleans, USA - www.neworleanschildrenschorus.org
- 24-27 June : 13th International Festival of University Choirs UNIVERSITAS CANTAT 2016, Poznań, Poland - <http://cantat.amu.edu.pl/pl/>
- 25 June-3 July : Embrace & Explore - The Power of Song, Vilnius, Riga & Tallinn, Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia - www.perform-international.com
- 27 June-1 July : Fundy Sound: a Choral Festival by the Sea, Saint John New Brunswick, Canada - <http://fundysound.com>
- 27 June-1 July : Notes of Joy Austria 2016 Choir Festival, Austria - www.klconcerts.com
- 27 June-1 July : 1st Annual Prague Choral Celebration Sing Dvořák, Rutter, Brubeck, and more, in the world-renowned Smetana Hall, Czech Republic - <http://praguechoralcelebration.org/>
- 27 June-2 July : International Choir Festival Corearte Junior Barcelona 2016, Spain - www.corearte.es
- 27 June-10 July : Oregon Bach Festival's Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy, Eugene, Oregon, USA - <http://oregonbachfestival.com/education/master-class-in-conducting>
- 27 June-3 July : The Rhythms of One World 2016 Festival, Geneva, Switzerland - www.faf.org

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29 June-3 July : International festival of choirs and orchestras in Budapest, Hungary - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com

29 June-3 July :Mozart International Choral Festival, Salzburg, Austria - <http://mozartchoralfestival.org/>

30 June-3 July : Slovakia Folk 2016, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

30 June-3 July : 18th International Cantus MM Choir and Orchestra Festival, Salzburg, Austria - www.cantusmm.com

30 June-3 July : 18th International Cantus Music and Culture Festival Choir Competition Meet Mozart, Salzburg, Austria - www.musicultur.com

June-July : International Festival Verona Garda Estate, Verona, Brescia, Mantua, Vicenza, Italy - www.festivalveronagardaestate.eu

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