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NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

BARCELONA, 22 - 29 JULY 2017



The time has come! The Barcelona Symposium is here!

The choral worldwide community will fill the Mediterranean summer with the sounds of peace, bringing to life an unforgettable Symposium.

Take a look at the wonderful activities that registered participants will enjoy:

- Every morning, start the day with the **OPEN SINGING** conducted by the amazing 24 selected choirs' conductors.
- Attend the **MASTERCLASSES OPEN SESSIONS**:



Helmut Rilling



Elisenda Carrasco



Rollo Dilworth



Simon Halsey

You can find more about the repertoire and the demo choirs on [our website](#).

- Visit the stand of 39 of the most recognized publishers and organizations of the choral world. Do you want to know who will be in Barcelona and what they can do for you or your choir? Find out more about the [CHORAL EXPO](#)
- Get acquainted with the most current topics of discussion in the choral world with 36 lectures that will make you re-imagine all that you thought you know about choral music [LECTURES](#).

And also attend a special conversation with renowned Grammy-winning composer and conductor **Eric Whitacre**.



Eric Whitacre: Conversation, questions & answers

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- Witness the premiere of 16 commissioned choral works by outstanding composers. Discover who they are: [COMPOSERS](#)
- Attend a wonderful program of concerts in the most spectacular halls of Barcelona: **L'Auditori**, the **Palau de la Música Catalana**, **Santa Maria del Pi** and a very special concert at the **Sagrada Família**. Discover the concerts day by day [CONCERTS](#)

Do you want to organize your days? Check the [PROGRAM](#)

And now that you have discovered the Symposium program, check the last choir of the WSCM11 "Circle Concerts" remaining to be introduced:

SHANGHAI YOUTH CHOIR – China

Directed by Shanghai Municipal Education Commission and organized by China Welfare Institute Children's Palace, Shanghai Youth Choir represents the highest level of youth choirs in Shanghai. The choir offers an outstanding faculty for young students from home and abroad to build an art troupe which will enjoy a leading role and wide influence. They have a high standard and wide variety of concerts, exchange performances and competitions



If you have not registered yet, you still have a last opportunity to join us:

Register now! www.wscm11.cat

2017 CHINA (QIANDONGNAN) INTERNATIONAL FOLK SONG CHORAL FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD VOICES CONFERENCE KAILI CITY, 8-12 August 2017

The upcoming 2017 China (Qiandongnan) International Folk Song Choral Festival and IFCM World Voices Conference will be held in Kaili City from August 8 to 12 in 2017. The Festival is being co-hosted by the People's Government of Qiandongnan in Guizhou Province and IFCM. Its aim is to strengthen the exchanges of international choral arts, promote the development of choral education, and highlight splendid traditional culture in China by way of well-rounded multi-perspectives. Lush verdant forests, limpid rivers, and colorful ethnic

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customs are part of the great beauty of Qiandongnan. Join us and come to share the unlimited charm of interaction between choral folk music and the world's voices! Register and get subsidized for your accommodation! [More information and Register Here](#)



(苗族多声部情歌)

Multi-vocal Love Songs of Miao People

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR

Get ready for the summer session!

The summer session and tour of the World Youth Choir in 2017 will be organized in Pécs, Hungary by the Zsolnay Heritage Management Nonprofit Ltd, the cultural holding of the City that hosted the successful EUROPA CANTAT festival in 1988 and 2015. After 10 days of intensive rehearsals in Pécs that also includes two pre-official concerts in Osijek (HR) and Sombor (Serbia) the World Youth Choir will start its tour of 10 concerts with two internationally renowned conductors, on the 13th of July at the Kodály Centre in Pécs, Hungary to be followed by concerts in Hungary (Budapest), Serbia (Novi Sad, Belgrade), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo, Prijedor), Croatia (Zagreb, Opatija) and in Slovenia (Koper, Ljubljana). In the framework of the „Artist for Peace” theme there shall be strong emphasis on reconciliation among different ethnic groups and religions.

This year the choir will comprise of 58 singers from 33 countries all over the world and shall perform a repertoire of two different musical genres. Zoltán Pad from Hungary will conduct classical and contemporary pieces, folk arrangements and church music (Mendelssohn, Forte, Orbán, Kodály, Tajcevic), with a number of songs selected from the tour countries. Ken Wakia from Kenya will conduct African folk tunes, African-American spirituals, and contemporary world music (music by Shawn



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Kirchner, Jake Runestad, Michael Barrett and Ralf Schmitt, Allen Koepke, Stacey V. Gibbs, Leonard Cohen and Evan Powers).
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NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

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)

It's still time to discover some of the 2017 activities for vocal groups, choirs, singers, conductors, composers and choral managers that will take place **all over Europe and surroundings**.

Always international and educational, our activities are a great opportunity for **meeting people** from other cultures and **learning from each other**.

Check the 2017 program [HERE](#)

You can also stay updated by subscribing to our [monthly newsletter](#) or following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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AMERICA CANTAT 9

Panama, 12-21 April 2019

A 10 day program with singers, directors and choirs from all over the world for the 1st 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



INTERNATIONAL CHORAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION ALBERTO GRAU, 25 AUGUST 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 or on www.ciccag.org/en/

FONOKO (ASSOCIATION OF NORWEGIAN CHORAL CONDUCTORS)

FONOKO is hosting a master class for experienced conductors. This workshop will only have four active participants: these four conductors who qualified for the course will work on a selected repertoire with a choir in residence under the expert guidance of Carsten Seyer-Hansen.

In order to be accepted as an active participant, you must submit a video of a rehearsal, accompanied by a CV referring to relevant education and experience. This is not required for observers.

This workshop will be held at the Norwegian State Academy of Music in Oslo, from 23-24 September 2017.

More information on <http://fonoko.blogspot.no/>

[Registration here](#)

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Singing Roadshow #1 in France

Singing Roadshow #1 is a creative, participative and interactive toolbox experimentation of collective vocal practices with internationally renowned resource persons.

The **first Singing Roadshow session** will be from **23 to 25 October 2017** in **Issy-les-Moulineaux - France** (near Paris).

The academy is organized in 3 sequences:

- **Two days of practical workshops:** improvisation, the singer's ecosystem, Intelligent choir, oral transmission, body posture/movement, staging, vocal technique, Beatbox, overtones, ...
- The creation "**Musical Minutes**",
- A **debriefing workshop**

Come and share a wide range of practices in an innovative 3-day learning-by-doing meeting, ending with the performance of a collective creation!

More infos on <http://www.pfi-culture.org/singing-roadshow-3/>

Email: contact@pfi-culture.org

ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD on the ICB, the IFCMeNEWS, www.ifcm.net, <http://icb.ifcm.net/>

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 JULY AND AUGUST 2017

27 June-2 July : International Festival Chorus Inside España, Lloret de Mar, Spain - www.chorusinside.com

27 June-4 July : Serenade! Washington, DC Choral Festival, USA - <http://classicalmovements.org/dc.htm>

27 June-4 July : Kennedy Center: Celebrate President JFK 100th, Washington DC, USA - <http://classicalmovements.org/>

28 June-2 July : Jubilate Mozart! Choral Festival, Salzburg, Austria - <http://mozartchoralfestival.org/>

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- 29 June-2 July : Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival and Competition, Venice, Italy - www.venicechoralcompetition.it
- 29 June-16 July : International Festival Verona Garda Estate, Verona, Brescia, Mantua, Vicenza, Italy - www.festivalveronagardaestate.eu
- 29 June-2 July : 19th International Cantus MM Choir and Orchestra Festival, Salzburg, Austria - www.cantusmm.com
- 30 June-10 July : EuroChoir 2017, Utrecht, Netherlands - www.feniarco.it
- 30 June-3 July : Choralfest Melbourne 2017, Brisbane Grammar School, Queensland, Australia - <http://choralfest.org.au/>
- 30 June-16 July : Festival of Voices, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - <https://festivalofvoices.com/>
- 30 June : Win A Competition, Tholey, Germany - www.wac-contest.eu
- 1-7 July : 8th Summer Academy in Choral Conducting, Corfu Island, Greece - <http://music.ionio.gr/gr/academy>
- 2-7 July : Great Basilicas of Italy Festival Tour, Italy - www.perform-international.com
- 3-11 July : Spirituals and Gospel Music 2017 London and Paris, United Kingdom and France - www.klconcerts.com
- 4-25 July : World Youth Choir Session 2017 Pécs, Hungary - www.worldyouthchoir.net
- 5-9 July : International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival and Competition, Wernigerode, Germany - www.interkultur.com
- 5-9 July : Musica Eterna Roma, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 5-9 July : Dublin Choral Festival, Ireland - <http://dublinchoralfestival.org/>
- 5-9 July : Cappadocia Music Festival, Ürgüp, Turkey - www.musicfestinturkey.com
- 5-9 July : Voix d'Enfants / Espace scénique, Vesoul, France - www.vdees.eu
- 6-16 July : Rhapsody! International Music Festival, Prague, Czech Republic & Vienna, Salzburg, Austria - <http://classicalmovements.org/>
- 6-9 July : International Youth Music Festival I & Slovakia Folk, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 6-9 July : 35th International Choir Festival of Preveza, 23rd International Competition of Sacred Music, Preveza, Greece - <http://prevezafest.blogspot.gr/>
- 6-11 July : Countdown to the 2020 Olympiad, Tokyo, Japan - www.perform-international.com
- 6-12 July : 8th International Sacred Music Choir Festival & Competition Laudate Dominum, Vilnius, Lithuania - www.gratulationes.lt
- 7-12 July : 11th Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival, Vienna, Austria - www.sclfestival.org
- 7-8 July : 4th International Choral Festival of Antonin Dvorak "DVORAK'S CHORAL SUMMER", Prague, Czech Republic - www.or-fea.cz
- 7-15 July : 51st Kurt Thomas Cursus for Choral Conducting, Utrecht, Netherlands - www.hku.nl
- 8-13 July : Passion of Italy with Heather J. Buchanan, Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy - www.klconcerts.com
- 8-14 July : 4th International Choir Festival Coralua, Trondheim, Norway - www.coralua.com
- 9-12 July : International Contest Sun of Italy, Montecatini Terme, Toscana, Italy - www.fiestalonia.net
- 9-13 July : Golden Voices of Barcelona, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 9-14 July : Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 9-15 July : International Choir Festival InCanto Mediterraneo, Milazzo (Sicily), Italy - www.festivalincantomediterraneo.it
- 9-15 July : Chorus America Conducting Academy Fullerton, California, USA - www.chorusamerica.org
- 10-14 July : A week in Barcelona directed by Jeremy Jackman, Spain - www.runbysingers.org
- 11-14 July : 1st Leonardo Da Vinci International Music Festival, Florence, Italy - www.florencechoral.com
- 11-16 July : Classical Choral with David Lawrence Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - <https://festivalofvoices.com/>
- 11-16 July : Gospel with Eric Dozier, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - <https://festivalofvoices.com/>
- 11-16 July : A Cappella with Deke Sharon, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia - <https://festivalofvoices.com/>
- 13-15 July : SINGMIT! Festival in Vienna, Austria - <http://pages.encoretours.com/sing-mit.html>
- 13-20 July : Europa Cantat Junior 8, Lyon, France - <http://europacantatjunior.fr/en/>
- 13-16 July : 35th International Music Festival, Cantonigròs, Barcelona, Spain - www.fimc.es
- 13-22 July : Zêzerearts Choral Festival: Tomar, Portugal - www.zezerearts.com/
- 14-20 July : 6th Bali International Choir Festival: Denpasar Bali, Indonesia - www.bandungchoral.com
- 14-21 July : Festival Setmana Cantant (Singing Week) Tarragona 2017, Spain - <https://www.setmanacantant.com/>
- 15-20 July : 4th Asia International Choral Festival & Asia Choral Education General Assembly, Singapore - www.acahk.cn
- 15-21 July : Brittany Music Workshops: Langlais Festival Choral Week, La Fontenelle, France - www.brittanymusicworkshops.eu/
- 16-23 July : 3rd European Choir Games and Grand Prix of Nations, Riga, Latvia - www.interkultur.com
- 16-23 July : International Choral Music Camp-Retreat Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers, Vilnius, Lithuania - www.gratulationes.lt
- 16-21 July : Word Youth & Children's Choir Festival, Hong Kong, China - <http://www.hktreblechoir.com/wyccf/about/>
- 16-23 July : Capriccio Français Summer Academy Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain - www.academie.capricciofrançais.com
- 17-27 July : Perform Verdi Requiem in Barcelona, Spain - www.DCINY.org
- 17-21 July : Eastman School of Music Workshop on Advanced Choral Conducting, Rochester, NY, USA - <http://summer.esm.rochester.edu>
- 19 July : The Creation, A Sing Along Concert of the World Festival Singers, Riga, Latvia - www.interkultur.com

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- 19-30 July: Sarteano Chamber Choral Conducting Workshop, Sarteano, Italy - www.sarteanochoralworkshop.com
- 20-23 July: Paris Rhythms, France - www.fiestalonia.net
- 21-29 July: IHLOMBE South African Choral Festival, Cape Town, Pretoria, Johannesburg & Game Park, South Africa - http://classicalmovements.org/s_af.htm
- 22-29 July: 11th World Symposium on Choral Music, Barcelona, Spain - <http://www.wscm11.cat/>
- 22 July-5 Aug: Summer Choral Workshop Music and Mountain 2017 Les Diablerets, Switzerland - www.musique-montagne.com
- 23-30 July: A week in Riga directed by Nigel Perrin, Latvia - www.runbysingers.org
- 24-27 July: International Youth Music Festival II and Bratislava Cantat I, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 26-29 July: World Peace Choral Festival Vienna 2017, Austria - www.wpcf.at
- 26-30 July: 10th Grand Prix Pattaya, Thailand - www.festamusicale.com
- 27 July-6 Aug: 12th Oratorio Choir Academy on Orchestra Conducting for Choral Conductors and Choir Atelier for Singers, Pecs, Hungary - www.zsolnaynegyed.hu/tartalmak/Zsolnay_negyed_oratorio_choir_academy
- 29 July-5 Aug: Ein Deutsches Requiem conducted by Timothy Brown, Horto, Greece - www.horto.net/
- 30 July-12 Aug: Cambridge Early Music Summer Schools, Cambridge, United Kingdom - www.cambridgeearlymusic.org/
- 4-9 Aug : International Choral Festival The Singing World, St. Petersburg, Russia - <http://singingworld.spb.ru/en/>
- 6-10 Aug : 24th World Assembly of Choirs, Gospel, Soul and Prayer Zimriya Festival, Old Akko, Israel - <http://www.zimriya.org/en/>
- 6-13 Aug : Assisi Summer School, Italy - www.runbysingers.org
- 13-18 Aug : Ludlow Summer School, United Kingdom - www.lacock.org
- 21-25 Aug : Lithuanian Choral Music Study Tour, Vilnius, Kaunas, Moletai, Lithuania - <http://www.europeanchoralassociation.org/index.php?id=916>
- 23 Aug-3 Sep : Al Sole della Sardegna International Choral Festival, Sant'Antioco, Italy - www.festivalalsoledeillasardegna.eu
- 24-28 Aug : Istanbul International Chorus Competition and Festival, Istanbul, Turkey - www.istanbulchorus.com
- 25-27 Aug : Association of British Choral Directors, ABCD 32nd Annual Convention, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, United Kingdom - www.abcd.org.uk
- 25 Aug : International Choral Composition Competition Alberto Grau, Caracas, Venezuela - www.ciccag.org/en/
- 30 Aug-3 Sep : 2nd Misatango Choir Festival Vienna, Austria - www.misatango.com/
- 31 Aug-5 Sep : International Festival Chorus Inside Croatia, Rovinj, Croatia - www.chorusinside.com