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## NEWS FROM IFCM

### WORLD CHORAL DAY 2018 | JOIN WITH YOUR EVENT

Would you like to join a global choral event with your choir? And share your love for choral singing with thousands of other choirs from all around the globe? Then the very special 2018 iteration of World Choral Day is just for you!

In 2018 we commemorate the ending of World War I and begin to celebrate peace by holding choral concerts from the emblematic day of **November 11th until December 16th**, so if you're planning to organize a concert in that space of time, let the whole world know about it! Any choir and any choral event can become part of the global chain; all you have to do is register your event at <http://worldchoralday.org/subscription/> any time between **now** and **December 16th**, it only takes a few minutes. Even though the end of the project is two months away there are already plenty of choral events registered from more than 25 different countries representing all 5 continents.

Click on the video below to watch how it works:



*Be part of World Choral Day 2018, register your choral event today!*

For more information please visit: <http://worldchoralday.org/>

### SINGERS AROUND THE WORLD ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE VOXPOPULI VIRTUAL CHOIR

On the 100th Anniversary of the official end of World War I, singers around the world will give a message of peace through the **VoxPopuli Virtual Choir**.

A virtual choir is formed of videos sent by individual singers who record themselves while singing their correspondent section of a selected choral work. The selected material is combined to create an audio-visual final product. **VoxPopuli Virtual Choir** will sing the work "Nada te turbe" by Venezuelan composer Carlos Cordero, winner work of VoxPopuli Category (Audience award) in the *1st International Choral Composition Competition "Alberto Grau" (CICCAG)* promoted by *Aequalis* Foundation, a non-profit institution based in Caracas, Venezuela. Ana María Raga will be the conductor of this special choir.

We join the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) to celebrate the World Choral



Day, an initiative of Alberto Grau when he was IFCM Vice President for Latin America. Singers from Venezuela, Argentina, México, Colombia, Ecuador, USA, Poland, Russia, Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Turkey, United Kingdom, among other countries, are participating in this project.

The final virtual performance will be released through all digital media as a celebration of World Choral Day.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

**Applications have just closed** for Choirs and Presenters to be part of official programme of the **12th World Symposium on Choral Music, to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, 11-18 July 2020.**

The global flagship event of the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), this festival/congress is a magnificent showcase of many of the world's finest choirs. The theme of WSCM2020, "People and the Land – the connection and tensions between people and land, between urban life and the nature world," provides an exciting opportunity for choirs from all over the world to share their stories, identities, beliefs, and traditions. The Auckland Symposium organising team wishes to thank the many choirs and presenters who have submitted a huge range of ideas for concerts, seminars, workshops and demonstrations. An intense six weeks now follows for the Artistic Committee, with selected participants to be advised in mid-December, and the programme officially launched at the end of February when registrations open. Watch this space for more details! Preregister now at [wscm2020.com](http://wscm2020.com) or follow [facebook.com/wscm2020](https://facebook.com/wscm2020)

Pre-register now  
and be in the draw for an excursion to  
one of New Zealand's top experiences!  
Details at: [wscm2020.com](http://wscm2020.com)

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The 12th World Symposium on Choral Music is a project sponsored by the International Federation for Choral Music.

## ADVERTISEMENT

**EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS BASEL  
BASEL SWITZERLAND  
19 — 24 05 2020**

**APPLY FOR AN INVITATION!**

## OBITUARY: GRANT HUTCHINSON

The choral community is mourning the death of New Zealand Choral Federation CE Grant Hutchinson. He was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in July and died on October 12, surrounded by family. Grant was appointed CE of the Choral Federation in 2008, holding the position for a decade. Grant's contribution to NZCF has been immense. As leader of the organisation for the past decade, he has dedicated himself tirelessly to choral music in Aotearoa. Originally from South Africa, he settled in Waikato briefly, before moving to Christchurch and became the music director of Jubilate Singers. During his time with NZCF he helped to reinstate funding for the organisation, revive the Association of Choral Directors, instigate the NZCF Rugby World Cup 2011 Anthems Project and establish an Asia-Pacific Council to promote choral music. Grant was known for his infectious enthusiasm, humility, hard-working attitude and his honesty. **NZCF says on its website** that he was "a true colleague and a genuinely nice man". On a more global front, Grant was one of the early movers in setting up an Asia-Pacific Council to promote choral music in the region. Moreover, his reports from IFCM events he attended in Seoul and Macau were instrumental in encouraging NZCF to apply for the 2020 World Symposium on Choral Music. IFCM President and Board members are expressing their deepest gratitude and heartfelt condolences to his wife and children.

**A choral tribute and farewell was given to Grant Hutchinson on October 22.**



## 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:

- **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>



## ASIA PACIFIC CHORAL SUMMIT IN HONG KONG, 21 - 25 JULY 2019

Celebrating its Golden Jubilee, The Hong Kong Children's Choir (HKCC) gathers choral elites from the Asia Pacific in Hong Kong, Asia's world city. By providing an international platform for participants, HKCC aims to promote cultural exchange and artistic excellence. A series of concerts, workshops, open rehearsals, music Expo as well as the final of the Hong Kong Choral Conducting Competition will be held during the summit. For more details, please visit <http://www.choralsummit2019.hk/>

## AUDITION FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH CHOIR 2019 IN HONG KONG

The Asia Pacific Youth Choir is one of the most remarkable musical and intercultural experiences offered to young choral musicians in the Asia Pacific region. The next session of the Asia Pacific Youth Choir will take place in Hong Kong on from 20 to 25 July, 2019. It is our pleasure to invite all young choral singers (between 18 to 28 years old) of the Asia Pacific region to apply. For details, please visit <http://www.jcanet.or.jp/ap-youth/>



## THE 15TH CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL

23-29 July 2020, Beijing

Competition, concerts, cultural exchange programs and high-quality tourist programs.

<http://en.cicfbj.cn/>

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS



### AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

#### New ACDA App

ACDA resources and connections are now available on ACDA's new (and free) app. More than just a conference tool, the app will offer year-round, continually updating news, messaging with other users, and other features. Get it in the App Store or on Google Play and stay in-the-know on all things choral.

#### ACDA's National Conference is February 27 - March 2, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

This "jubilee" conference will celebrate ACDA's 60th anniversary. [Performing choirs here.](#) Now open:

- [Registration](#) (Early Registration Deadline: Jan. 23, 2019)
- [Exhibitor Registration](#) (Deadline: Nov. 27)



### 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](#)



## NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

### 12TH EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS BASEL, SWITZERLAND, 19-24 MAY 2020

#### Application deadline January 31st, 2019

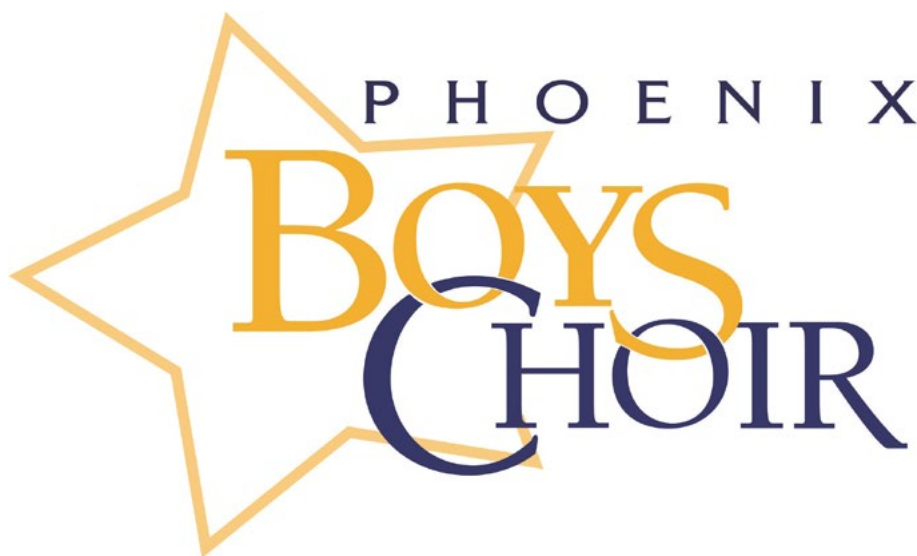
The EFYC ranges among the most important meetings for highly qualified children's and youth choirs in the world. Every two years in May (Ascension) ten outstanding choirs from European countries, one guest choir from a non-European country and seven selected choirs from Switzerland thrill an audience of over 30,000 concert-goers in more than 40 events such as themed concerts, lunch concerts, open singing sessions for the general public, open-air events, church services and country portraits. The performances presenting classical choir music, jazz, pop and rock arrangements, gospels and spirituals, folk songs and traditional costumes as well as the creative use of sounds and movements ensure unforgettable experiences for everyone. Apart from the high-quality music, the festival focuses on the youngsters' interaction among themselves as well as with the locals. All singers are hosted in guest families in the region of Basel. Meeting opportunities for choral professionals and students, education projects in choral conducting, special projects to develop new choral music and animation projects for amateur singers complement the official festival program. The festival covers all costs of the invited choirs. Apply now for an invitation!

Website: <https://www.ejcf.ch/>

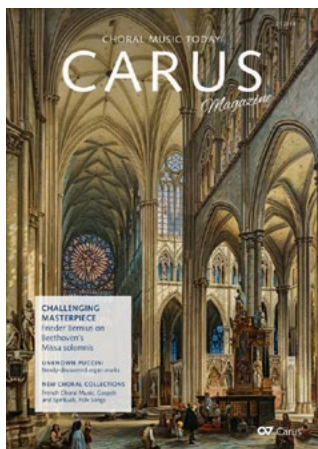
Email: [info@ejcf.ch](mailto:info@ejcf.ch)

### THE PHOENIX BOYS CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR AN ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The Grammy Award-winning Phoenix Boys Choir seeks new Artistic Director to begin summer 2019. This will be only the third Artistic Director of this prestigious institution in 60 years. Candidates with a rising or established national and international reputation leading boy choirs are highly encouraged to apply. The Artistic Director will direct the two top choirs, oversee all artistic staff and programs, and foster dynamic relationships with the community and PBC constituents. Complete information about the PBC, the position, and how to apply are available at <https://www.boyschoir.org/artisticdirectorsearch>







## NEW CARUS MAGAZINE 2/2018

Twice a year the CARUS Magazine keeps you informed with interesting topics around choral music today. Hot off the press is the new CARUS Magazine 2/2018 with lots of articles about choral music.

You're in for a surprise! [>> Read online](#)

## NEWS FROM 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.

Contact: [info@acpanama19.org](mailto: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>

## 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 NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

31 Oct-4 Nov : International Choir Competition of Tolosa, Spain - [www.cittolosa.com](http://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) -

[hyoweon@jnamusic.co.kr](mailto:hyoweon@jnamusic.co.kr)

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.dcinny.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 -

<http://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/>

1-4 Dec : 4th Asia Cantate International Choral Competition, Hong Kong China -

[www.konzertchoral.com/](http://www.konzertchoral.com/)

1 Dec : International Composition Competition for Female Composers, Uppsala, Sweden -

<https://www.allmannasangen.se/asawca-eng>

2-5 Dec : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

2-5 Dec : Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain -

[www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

4-9 Dec : Misatango Festival La Habana, Cuba - [www.misatango.com/](http://www.misatango.com/)

6-9 Dec : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic -

[www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)

7-9 Dec : 9th Krakow Advent and Christmas Choir Festival , Poland -

<http://krakow.christmasfestival.pl/>

11-14 Dec : International Festival/Competition Talents de Paris, France - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)

26 Dec 2018-1 Jan 2019 : London Choir Festival 2019 with Simon Carrington, United Kingdom

- [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)

28 Dec 2018-2 Jan 2019 : Corsham Winter School, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

28 Dec : Choral Music Composition Competition, Sant Yago de Valencia, Spain -

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