

4th The Heart of Chorus
International Choral Festival & Competition
(Shanghai)

2019

May 19 – 31

Shanghai & Neighbouring Cities

Welcoming Remarks

Dear All,

Shanghai is a music-loving city, where choral arts is acknowledged as an important way for citizens to express their passion for culture and art. With leadership of municipality, Shanghai International Choral Festival was initially held in 2013 and takes place every other year. In the past three editions, hundreds of choirs from 30 countries from five Continents have attended a variety of festival events.

4th The Heart of Chorus International Choral Festival & Competition will be held in Shanghai in May 2019, expecting over 50 choirs from home and abroad to participate. The festival functions positively in popularizing choral works, revealing characteristics and trends of choral arts, establishing friendships, and facilitating choral arts exchanges and collaborations.

We believe the festival will lead to solid friendship, frequent exchanges and communication in the music fields and promote extensive collaborations between your choir and China.

Anticipating meeting you next May in Shanghai!

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee of the Heart of Chorus International Choral Festival & Competition (Shanghai)

General Information

Event Name	4 th The Heart of Chorus International Choral Festival & Competition (Shanghai)
Tentative Schedule	May 19-31, 2019
Place(s)	Shanghai and Neighbouring Cities
Venues	Shanghai Concert Hall Shanghai Symphony Orchestra Hall Shanghai Oriental Art Center Shanghai Conservatory of Music Concert Hall Shanghai Choral Arts Center
Co-organizers	International Institute of Cultural Studies – Shanghai Shanghai Audio & Video Publishing House

Visions

- To reveal characteristics and trends of choral arts
- To facilitate exchanges and collaborations between domestic and international choirs
- To provide accesses to instructions and trainings by international choirmasters

Honorable Prizes

Grand Prix	CNY100,000
Most Popular Choir	CNY50,000
Most Promising Choir	CNY20,000
The Best Performance of Chinese Choral Composition	CNY10,000

Main Programs (Competition, Concerts, Cultural Exchanges)

- Choral Competition
- Invitation Concert
- Friendship Concert
- Workshop/Masterclass
- Concert Tour
- Cultural Exchange



Highlights from Past Editions







Cultural Exchanges between East and West



Jury Members (Partial)



Prof. WANG Yan
[China]

Professor and Deputy Director of Conducting Department,
Shanghai Conservatory of Music

Vice President of China Chorus Association

President of Shanghai Chorus Association

Artistic Director of Shanghai International Choral Festival



Prof. Earl RIVERS
[USA]

Chorus America's Director Laureate Award-Winner

Music Director and Conductor *Cincinnati's Vocal Arts Ensemble*

Director of Music for *Hyde Park's Knox Presbyterian Church*



Prof. Aarne SALUVEER
[Estonia]

Board Member of IFCM, Estonian Choral Association and Music Council, Council of World Choir Games

Principal of Tallinna Georg Ots Music College

Artistic Director and Founder of *Estonian Television Girls' Choir and Children's Choir*



Dr. CHEN Yi Prolific Composer of Contemporary Classical Music
[USA]

Academician of American Academy of Arts & Sciences

Recipient of Charles Ives Living Award

Distinguished Professor at the Conservatory of Music and
Dance in the University of Missouri-Kansas City



Dr. Andrea Member of World Choir Council, Interkultur
ANGELINI
[Italy]

Editor of International Choral Bulletin (ICB), Membership
Magazine of IFCM

President of Jury at International Choirs Competitions in
Europe and Asia

Artistic Director of Choral Festivals across Europe

Artistic Director/Concert Conductor with Prestigious Choirs
in Europe and Oceania



Timothy Counter-tenor Vocalist of Grammy-Award Crowned *The*
Wayne- *King's Singers*
Wright
[UK]

Ambassador for Musical Excellence at Numerous Global
Events

Masterclass Experiences around the World

Preliminary Schedule

	AM	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1	Arrival & Registration		Reception Banquet
Day 2 Category 1 & 2	8:15 – 9:15 Dress Rehearsal 9:30 – 12:30 Competition 1	13:15 – 14:00 Dress Rehearsal 14:15 – 16:35 Competition 2	Opening Ceremony
Day 3 Category 3	8:15 – 9:15 Dress Rehearsal 9:30 – 12:30 Competition 3	13:15 – 14:00 Dress Rehearsal 14:15 – 16:35 Competition 4	Concert
Day 4 Category 4 & 5	8:15 – 9:15 Dress Rehearsal 9:30 – 12:30 Competition 5	13:15 – 14:00 Dress Rehearsal 14:15 – 16:35 Competition 6	Concert
Day 5 Category 6 & 7	8:15 – 9:15 Dress Rehearsal 9:30 – 12:30 Competition 7	13:15 – 14:00 Dress Rehearsal 14:15 – 16:35 Competition 8	Concert
Day 6 Category 8 & 9	8:15 – 9:15 Dress Rehearsal 9:30 – 12:30 Competition 9	13:15 – 14:00 Dress Rehearsal 14:15 – 16:35 Competition 10	Concert
Day 7 Category 10, 11,12	8:15 – 9:15 Dress Rehearsal 9:30 – 12:30 Competition 11	13:15 – 14:00 Dress Rehearsal 14:15 – 16:35 Competition 12	Closing Ceremony
Day 8 - 12	Touring Concert(s)		
End of Schedule	Departure	-	

Note: In case of non-competition days, the organizing committee will accordingly schedule sightseeing, cultural exchanges, masterclass or workshops.

Choral Competition Rules

Part I Structure and Artistic Requirements

Basic Requirement:

Each choir can choose choral pieces that can express its cultural and musical traditions. In order to highlight the characteristics of Shanghai International Choral Festival, each choir must sing **at least ONE Chinese choral composition**. For choirs that are not familiar with Chinese choral compositions, the organizing committee has the responsibility to recommend excellent Chinese choral compositions.

1) Category

The Heart of Chorus – 2019 4th Shanghai International Choral Festival (Competition) offers 12 categories as follows:

- 1: Children's Choirs I, S(S)A(A), Age: Under 12
- 2: Children's Choirs II (Equal Voices), S(S)A(A), Age: 12 – 16
- 3: Youth Choirs (Mixed Voices or Equal Voices), SA(T)B, T(T)B(B), S(S)A(A), Age: 16-30
- 4: Mixed Choirs I (Age 30-50) SATB
- 5: Choirs of Equal Voices I (Age 30 -50): T(T)B(B), S(S)A(A)
- 6: Mixed Choirs II (Age Above 50) SATB
- 7: Choirs of Equal Voices II (Age Above 50) T(T)B(B), S(S)A(A)
- 8: Contemporary Music
- 9: Sacred/Gospel Music
- 10: Pop and Vocal Jazz
- 11: Folklore
- 12: Show Choirs

The cap number of each category shall not exceed 60 members per choir.

2) Time Limit (Maximum Singing Time): 13 minutes

3) Number of Compositions

Category 1 ~ 9: 3 compositions

Category 10~12: unlimited

4) Composition Requirements

- Except Category 11 & 12, all the other categories must include at least one unaccompanied composition.
- In category 8, choirs must sing compositions using modern/contemporary composing techniques. Compositions in this category must be under organizing committee's review for approval.

- For unpublished compositions, a declaration about the composer's authorization for performance must be attached in the application form.
- For category 1-8, each choir must sing at least ONE Chinese choral composition.

Part II Jury and Competition Evaluation

1. General Rules

- 1) Internationally recognized choral experts compose the jury and evaluate the competition.
- 2) The decision of the jury cannot be contested.

2. Evaluation Rules

- 1) Each jury of a competition consists of 5 internationally recognized choral experts.
- 2) In each competition, the performance of each composition will be evaluated according to the following items:
 - a) Intonation
 - b) Sound quality of the choir
 - c) Artistic evaluation, including
 - c1) Fidelity to the score (in each category)
 - c2) Interpretation Practice (in category 10 and 12)
 - c3) Authenticity (in category 11)
 - d) Overall artistic impression
 - e) Difficulty level
- 3) Each adjudicator will give a score for a choir's performance of each single composition according to criteria a), b), and c), and criteria d) will be used to evaluate this choir's overall performance of all compositions, e) will be taken into account in the event of same scores
- 4) A qualified choir's final score given by each individual adjudicator ranges from 1 point to 30 points.
- 5) The final result of a choir is made up of the average of all final scores of the adjudicators.

Part III Awards and Prizes

1 – 10.99 Points	Bronze Medal
11 – 20.99 Points	Silver Medal
21 – 30 Points	Gold Medal

Besides, the organizing committee offers the following honorable prizes:

Grand Prix	CNY100,000
Most Popular Choir	CNY50,000
Most Promising Choir	CNY20,000
The Best Performance of Chinese Choral Composition (only to non-Chinese choir*)	CNY10,000

*The percentage of Chinese-passport holders is no more than 10% of choir members.

Terms and Conditions for Participation

PART I Application Procedures

Please follow the instructions:

1. Visit the link <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AIPauOdNfj4CcKJHzgcHwsmv2FI>
2. Download the application form
3. Fill in the form with due consideration
4. Send the complete form to shcac@outlook.com

Application Deadline February 28, 2019

The process may **terminate** earlier once qualified applicants exceed cap number of the festival.

PART II Checklist for Application

Please provide the following documents together with the form:

<input type="checkbox"/> Application Form	Correctly and Clearly filled in
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Biography of Choir	In an editable text document with approximately 200 words
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Choir	5 high-resolution digital photos
<input type="checkbox"/> Competition Repertoire	Note with length Submit music scores in PDF before February 28, 2019; 7 hardcopies at latest April 12, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Requirements	Specify if there is any to take notice of.

PART III Participation Costs

REGISTRATION FEE

2000 CNY/category/choir

Fee is charged based on **the number of competition categories** every choir applies for.

Within 30 days from the issuance of confirmation for participation from the committee, qualified choirs are requested to pay for the fees **in full amount** via bank transfer to the following account.

Account's Name: SHAGNHAI CHORAL ARTS CENTER

Address: RM 209, 350 XINSONG ROAD, MINHANG DISTRICT, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Account Number: 694986628

Name of Bank: CHINA MINSHENG BANK

SWIFT-CODE: MSBCCNBJ002

Bank Address: 48 WEIHAI ROAD, HUANGPU DISTRICT, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Purpose/Remarks: Nation – Choir's Name – Number of Categories

i.e. CHINA – NUW Singers – 3

Upon receiving the fees, the committee will kick off organisational preparations for choirs and won't refund the paid amount.

EVENT PACKAGE (Recommended)

It is voluntary to opt for hospitality service as recommended below. Nevertheless, to ensure safety and convenience and make a pleasant stay, the committee authorizes *Shanghai Winter Summer Travel Agency* to be responsible for receptions.

There are three package options available.

Each choir has one singular package.

Fee is charged per person covering accommodation, meal plans, ground transportation, sightseeing day together with corresponding interpreting personnel and tour guide.

	Economy 420USD p.p.	Standard 550USD p.p.	Comfort 650USD p.p.
<p>Lodging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twin Room - 7 nights - Breakfast included 	<p>Chain hotels in downtown areas, i.e Motel 168/ Home Inns</p> 	<p>3-star hotel i.e. New East Asia Hotel/ Lailai Hotel</p> 	<p>4-star hotel i.e. Everbright Hotel / Yunrui Hotel</p> 
Catering	13 Meals		
Ground Transportation	<p>Airport transfers and transportation between event venues</p> <p>Comfortable air-conditioned bus</p> <p>English-speaking interpreter and experienced co-ordinator available</p>		

Typical Shanghai landmarks such as the Bund, Yu Garden, Nanjing Road

Travel accident insurance inclusive

Entry tickets to be paid by individuals in case of necessary



Day Tour/ Excursion

What to Experience in Shanghai

- Global financial centre with renowned Lujiazui Skyline
- National historic city with museums and ancient architectures
- Shopping paradise with scattering glamorous high streets
- Top tour destination offering ineffable scenic, culinary, cultural, artistic and recreational rejoices



Reference Links

1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cC-j4_NtVE

2. <https://www.fodors.com/world/asia/china/shanghai/experiences/news/photos/25-ultimate-things-to-do-in-shanghai>
3. <https://theculturetrip.com/asia/china/articles/how-to-spend-24-hours-in-shanghai/>
4. <https://www.viator.com/Shanghai/d325>
5. <http://www.timeoutshanghai.com/feature/20615/50-things-to-do-in-Shanghai.html>



Day Trip from Shanghai

As an old saying goes “Suzhou and Hangzhou are paradise on earth”, scenic attractions and hidden gems in that region are within 2-hour drive. The cities have deep root in ancient commercial civilization, rich in breath-taking natural scenarios and cultural heritages.



Listed in *World Heritage* and *Top 10 National Scenic Spots*, **Hangzhou** is widely acknowledged for its impressive landscapes and historic sites.

Reference link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEDxpcvyyl>



Suzhou with a history of over 2500 years is a symbol of China’s historic town whose classic gardens are labelled as *World Cultural Heritage*.

Reference Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNEBBtRzalw>

Zhouzhuang, most famous watertown in China, offers typical views of a **historic water town** with particular cultural sites.

Reference Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnUyqrqIWEU>



In case of need, please **exclusively enquire** with the travel agency by email to 48609660@qq.com. For reference, price is 60 USD per person, excluding accommodation.

For event package and day trips if applicable please make payment **in full amount** to the following account shortly after the formal confirmation, at latest by the end of March 30, 2019.

Account Name: WINTER SUMMER TRAVEL

Address: ROOM 603, NO.505 HENAN ROAD, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Bank: BANK OF SHANGHAI

Branch: JINGDONG BRANCH

Address: NO.33 NORTH SHANDONG ROAD, HUANGPU DISTRICT, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Account Number: 31601003001101632

International Swift Code: BSHCNSH

The organiser reserves the right to explain terms and conditions of the event and make modifications to existent information material in the event of unforeseen technical, organisational or artistic circumstances.

Application Form

4th The Heart of Chorus International Choral Festival & Competition (Shanghai)

Name of Choir		Nationality of Choir	
Name of Conductor		Number of Touring Members	
Name of Contact Person/Coordinator		Contact Information (E-mail & Contact Number)	
Competition Category I		Program I (with composer's name and length)	
Competition Category II		Program II (with composer's name and length)	
Concert Tour in Neighbouring Cities (please mark your option) *Relevant expenses for lodging, catering and	YES NO		

<p>transportation will be covered by the committee.</p>			
----------------------------------------------------------------	--	--	--

<p>Event Package</p> <p>Please underline the chosen option and delete the rest</p>	<p>Economy</p>	<p>Standard</p>	<p>Comfort</p>
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------	-----------------	----------------

Notes:

- Please attach choir's profile and photos with the application form.
- Please submit 7 copies of music scores in accordance with competition program(s) before April 15, 2019. In some cases, letter of authorization from composer is requested.
- In light of administrative requirements in China, overseas choirs are advised to prepare electronic version of members' passports as earlier as possible.

4th The Heart of Chorus International Choral Festival & Competition (Shanghai)

Contact us

Organizing Committee of the Heart of Chorus International Choral Festival &
Competition (Shanghai)

E-mail: shcac@outlook.com

Tel : +86-21-64742381

Mobile/Whatsapp: +86-13764443419

Office Hour: Mon.- Fri. 13:00 – 18:00 (GMT+0800)