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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 UP, RUNNING AND WAITING FOR YOU!



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

IFCM WORLD CHORAL EXPO IS THIS MONTH!

13 – 15 November, Macau University, Macau

It is not too late to join with other leading choral musicians in Macau. The IFCM World Choral EXPO promises to be one of the most stimulating and motivating choral events in the region for some time. Don't miss this opportunity to work with some of the world's greatest conductors, composers and choral ensembles. Invited choirs include Rajaton and The Junction, The Salt Lake City Choral Artists, The Balsis Youth Choir, The Nelson Mandela University Choir, Aleron, The Little Singers of Tokyo and many, many more fabulous and internationally-celebrated ensembles. Specialist Tracks will feature sessions, masterclasses and workshops with the cream of international choral leaders including Maria Guinand, Brady Allred, Andre van der Merwe, Gan Lin, Elise Bradley, Xiao Bai, Theodora Pavlovich, Dan Walker..... and many more. Jurors in residence include Jonathan Valesco, Meng da Peng, Hak-Won Yoon, Debra Shearer-Dirie, Saeko Hasegawa, Tommyanto Kandisaputra, Wu Ling Fen and more. Don't miss this unique choral opportunity!

Register TODAY!

www.worldchoralexpo.com



**CALL FOR PRESENTERS - ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
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

CONDUCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

During the last training session of the project 'Conductors Without Borders' held in Kinshasa (5-11 October), the Organizational Committee of the festival Africa Cantat met with Thierry Thiebaut (A Coeur Joie International) and Sonja Greiner (European Choral Association — Europa Cantat) under the presidency of Jean-Sébastien Masiala (Congolese Federation for Choral Music), confirmed the dates for 2017 (6-12 August), and approved the shape of the program.

In Ghana, the first session 'Conductors Without Borders' including a two-day mission at the Valley View University of Accra and at the University of Education of Winneba was organized under the direction of Karen Cooksey (University of Kentucky in Lexington, USA).

This year has seen the project 'Conductors Without Borders' continue to grow in Senegal, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Cameroon, Gabon and DR Congo.



THE WORLD CHORAL DAY 2015

The date for the celebration of World Choral Day has been set for December 13, 2015. The theme for this year's celebration is "Integration". If you are a singer, a director or a manager and are planning an event for this date or around it, please register it at www.ifcm.net or at www.worldchoralday.org. You will take part in a worldwide event and you will feel the sense of community with all the other participants all over the world.

BE PART OF IT!

SHOW THAT YOU BELONG TO THE GREAT CHORAL COMMUNITY OF THE WORLD!

REGISTER YOUR EVENT!



WORLD CHORAL DAY 13 December 2015

Share your passion with the world!

5 minutes to enter your event
and be part of World Choral Day 2015
register on: www.ifcm.net

The graphic features a world map background, a circular inset showing a choir performing, and the IFCM logo.

EXPO Milan 2015 – A GREAT SHOWCASE FOR CHORAL MUSIC



After 6 months, on October 31 the EXPO event in Milan, Italy, was completed. During the Universal Exposition the big project related to choral music, named "Feeding Souls, Thanking for Food", involved 36 Choirs from around the world. The selected choirs performed in the Italian Pavilion and in the Lombardy region in 181 performances over a 6-month period to an audience of more than 70,000 people and totaled more than 90 hours of choral music excellence. The project was implemented by IFCM, Feniarco and Jubilate Music Association, and involved also the Regional Federations for Choral music in Italy. As a result of this project, many people who had possibly never listened to choral music had the opportunity to hear and

engage in this ancient Art-form in a meaningful and sometimes unexpected way. It was important that this IFCM activity was designed to culturally develop singers and conductors from around the world and also to engage the general public. Pictures and more information on: [Facebook](#) or [Feeding Souls, Thanking for Food](#)

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 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:

3 **Opera! To Life! – Elin Persson** (for intermediate to very difficult level)

Love opera? Always wanted to sing some of the greatest opera choruses? If your answer is yes, this is the workshop for you. Elin Persson, chorus master of the Kristiansund Opera in Norway, will lead you into the world of opera. You will have the chance to sing choruses from Mozart's



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Enchanted Flute, Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor and Wagner's Lohengrin, to name only a few. So, puff out your chest, sing a few glorious high notes in your shower and put your name down for an operatic experience!

Elin Persson has years of experience in choral conducting, as she has managed and conducted choirs for more than thirty years. In her Nordklang16 workshop, Ms Persson hopes to be able to give the singers something from the diversity of opera and musical theatre – living the music and the story, as the text is as important in music as the music itself. The singers will sing of love, passion and the hope of the future.

Romantic Works for Mixed Choir – Carsten Seyer-Hansen (higher level of difficulty)



In the major a cappella choral works of the 19th century we are at the heart of the European choral tradition. Enjoy works by Niels W. Gade, Johannes Brahms, Felix Mendelssohn and Max Reger under the direction of Carsten Seyer-Hansen, Danish cantor, pedagogue and conductor.

Carsten Seyer-Hansen is the cantor at Aarhus Cathedral and responsible for the rich choral life at the cathedral, and a lecturer in classical choir conducting in the Royal Danish Academy of Music in Aarhus. Mr Seyer-Hansen is also the Artistic Director of the project Sangkraft Aarhus, the objective of which is to enhance singing among children and youth in eastern Jutland.

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

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION — EUROPA CANTAT

2016 PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT

The EUROPA CANTAT Festival in Pécs is over, and it is time to look ahead at the rich programme of activities of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (ECA-EC) next year. Events in 2016 include the Choralies festival in Vaison-la-Romaine (France), for which registration has already opened, the Festival di Primavera in Montecatini Terme (Italy), an International Singing Week in Gent (Belgium), an Early Music Week in Utrecht (Netherlands), a Eurochoir session in San Vito al Tagliamento (Italy) and a number of offers for conductors across Europe, as well as events from the European choral network, promoted by ECA-EC. You can download the calendar flyer and full brochure as well as detailed information about each of the events on www.eca-ec.org



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 world-renowned choral clinicians such as Alberto Grau, Anton Armstrong, Gisela Crespo, and Zimfira Poloz in a ten-day international choir festival that celebrates the music of North, Central, and South America. Hosted at the Atlantis Paradise Island resort in Nassau, Bahamas, this festival features multiple performance and learning opportunities for individuals, small ensembles, or full concert choirs. **Register**

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before January 31, 2016, to receive \$50 off. (Regular \$230) Contact Eden Badgett, the Festival Director, at badgett@acda.org or ac8@acda.org. More information available 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 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.

During “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. CICF combines art competitions with cultural exchange and performance.

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

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>

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!

ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD ON IFCMeNEWS

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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 information.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN NOVEMBER 2015

- 4-8: 42nd Choir Festival Pampa Canta, Tandil, Argentina - www.festamusicale.com
- 4-8: Sing'n'Joy China 2015 International Choir Festival and Competition, Shunde, China - www.interkultur.com
- 5-8: Cantate Dresden, Germany - www.musicandfriends.net/html/cantate_dresden1.html
- 7-10: Festival of Peace and Brotherhood, Rome, Italy - www.music-contact.com
- 11-14: 36th IMC General Assembly, Rabat, Morocco - www.unesco.org/imc
- 12-15: Conference Sharing the Benefits of Singing, Helsinki, Finland - www.eca-ec.org
- 12-15: IFCM Asia Pacific World Choral Expo, Macau, Macau SAR (China) - www.ifcm.net
- 13-15: Sligo International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.sligochoralfest.com/
- 13-15 & 20-22: Nafplio-Artiva 2nd International Choral Festival, Nafplio, Greece - www.nafplio.gr/en/
- 15-21: International Choir Festival Corearte Brazil 2015, Caxias do Sul, Brazil - www.corearte.es
- 19-22: Korean Choral Festival, Seoul, Korea (Rep. of) - Website: www.kfcm.co.kr
- 20-23 Nov, 27-30 Nov, 4-7 Dec, 11-14 Dec, 18-21 Dec: Prague Advent Choral Festival, Czech Republic - www.advent-choir-prague.info
- 26-30: International Advent Singing Festival Vienna 2015, Austria - www.musicultur.com/en/trips/reisen/chorfestival-salzburg-2013.html
- 26-30 Nov, 3-7, 10-14, 17-21 Dec: Vienna Advent Sing, Austria - www.music-contact.com
- 26-29: A Voyage of Songs, Penang, Malaysia - www.konzertchoral.com/
- 27-28: 25th International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music with Petr Eben Prize, Prague, Czech Republic - www.or-fea.cz
- 29 Nov-2 Dec: 6th Winter Choral Festival, Hong Kong China - <http://pscf.sourcewerkz.com/>

