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2017 CHINA (QIANDONGNAN) INTERNATIONAL FOLK SONG CHORAL FESTIVAL AND IFCM VOICES CONFERENCE, 14TH CHINA INNER MONGOLIA GRASSLAND CULTURE FESTIVAL AND IFCM "SOUND FROM THE SILK ROAD" CHORAL FESTIVAL

The 2017 China (Qiandongnan) International Folk Song Choral Festival and IFCM Voices Conference was held in Xiasi Ancient Town and Kaili City, Qiandongnan state, Guizhou province from August 8-12.

Following the festival in Kaili, the 14th China Inner Mongolia Grassland Culture Festival and International Federation for Choral Music "Sound From the Silk Road" Choral Festival was held from August 17-19 in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China.

IFCM invited five very exceptional folk music choirs and ensembles to participate in the festivals: The Chuck Nation Band and Kentucky Harmony (USA), Voz en Punto (Mexico), Assalam (Morocco), The Barents Ensemble (Sweden), and Dalinda (Hungary). Other excellent choirs came from Portugal, Mongolia, Russia, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and other countries, including many Chinese regions.

Both events were very successful, with tens of thousands of participants and audience members from around the world attending the concerts, masterclasses, and ceremonies. Over the course of the two festivals, participants fostered musical and intercultural exchange and education, mutually learning and sharing their knowledge and passion.

Read more about the two festivals [HERE](#)



THIRD IFCM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR CHORAL COMPOSITION

The Competition is dedicated to choral compositions a cappella (SATB or divided into as many as eight parts, SSAATTBB) with a maximum duration of 5 minutes, specifically for medium to advanced youth choirs. The entry fee is only US\$25.00!

- First Prize: 5,000 USD, IFCM Awards Certificate and plaque
- Second Prize: 2,500 USD, IFCM Awards Certificate and plaque
- Third Prize: 1,000 USD, IFCM Awards Certificate and plaque

Entries must arrive by the entry form no later than 1st December 2017.

Download the application form on <https://goo.gl/fyfHpe>

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2017 WORLD CHORAL DAY, 10 DECEMBER 2017

Join millions of singers to celebrate the World Choral Day on or around December 10 and form a collective expression of solidarity with all the people who believes in peace, **Integration** and understanding.

Download the Proclamation: <http://www.worldchoralday.org/pdf/Proclamation.pdf>

Download the WCD logo: [here](#)

Register on: <http://www.worldchoralday.org/events/subscription>

Contact: project.manager@worldchoralday.org

12th WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

KIA ORA KOUTOU

GREETINGS FROM AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Spring has arrived in Auckland and we are enjoying the promise of longer and warmer days! We had such a great time meeting nearly a thousand WSCM11 delegates over the seven days of the Barcelona programme. Thank you for taking the time to talk to us and sign up for further info!

We have loaded everyone's details on our website and entered everyone into our pre-registration draw. If you signed up in Barcelona you will have received a verification email from us which you need to click on to complete the subscription. If you weren't at Barcelona, or you didn't receive the verification, it's certainly not too late! Just head to wscm2020.com and send us your details now!

We will be updating the site regularly, and you can also stay in contact with us through the Facebook page – [click here for that link](#). Share with your colleagues and choral friends, spread the word and keep in touch with us! We'd love to hear from you!

Remember – if you and your friends have been looking for a reason to visit New Zealand here's the perfect opportunity!

Nga mihi mahana

Warm regards

The WSCM2020 team – [New Zealand](#)



NEWS FROM THE WORLD YOUTH CHOIR

Excellence and dedication of the World Youth Choir - an article by Tanja Rupnik

The World Youth Choir, one of the very finest youth international choirs, concluded this year's three-week session in Ljubljana. Throughout its 30-year history, it was the third time that they performed for the Slovenian audience, the first time being in 1999 and the second time in 2003. On July 23, 58 singers from 33 countries and 5 continents – “the chain of love”, as Gabor Móczár, the president of European Choral Association - EUROPA CANTAT, called the singers in his introductory speech – rounded off another highly successful story of this exceptional international project. The World Youth Choir had an amazing tour giving a total of 12 concerts in Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia in just 10 days. It is fascinating to see how Pad Zoltán and Ken Wakia, the conductors of the session, and some singers looked back after the last concert in Ljubljana. Please read the full article here:

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org/article-by-tanja-rupnik>

Watch the best moments of the concerts under the following link:

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org/concert-photos-2017>



WYC in Pécs, July 2017

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2018 – INNER MONGOLIA, CHINA

We are happy to announce that the World Youth Choir session 2018 will take place in **Inner Mongolia, China**.



1st Inner Mongolia International Chorus Nadam

The session, supported by the Inner Mongolia Bureau of National Art Troupes, will take place between the 4th and 25th of July, with a rehearsal session in Hohhot, and a concert tour in Inner Mongolia, Beijing, and Guizhou province. The tour will end with the choir singing at the opening ceremony of China's 14th International Chorus Festival in Beijing.

The World Youth Choir is a project for talented young singers, between 17 and 26 of age, from around the world. Are you interested in joining the project? Or would you like to be a recruiter?

Audition material and further information will be published and sent out to recruiters at the end of October. For more information about the choir, as well as pictures from the 2017 session, see www.worldyouthchoir.org



Inner Mongolian Youth Choir, cond. Yalungerile

INTERNATIONAL CHINA CHORUS FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD CHORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The 14th China International Chorus Festival and IFCM World Choral Education Conference will be held in Beijing from **19 July to 25 July 2018**.

More information:

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

<http://www.cicfbj.cn/> Chinese



NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS



AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

Boychoir Biennial Symposium

November 17-18, 2017

Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio USA

This is a two-day retreat & symposium for those who teach boys to sing. The event will feature masterclasses and sessions on topics ranging from the male changing voice to best administrative practices. Registration fee will be \$50.

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)

The EUROPA CANTAT Festival XX 2018 programme booklet is out!

Check out the 44 amazing ateliers, read about Tallinn and some special events and of course about the practical information. You can [read it online here!](#)

For more information: www.ectallinn2018.ee — info@ectallinn2018.ee

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NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

GEORGES DAVID: OBITUARY

IFCM lost a friend and a fervent supporter of choral music. Georges David was one of the founding members of the Choral Federation Bruxelles-Wallonie A Coeur Joie, Belgium. He was the passionate librarian at the *Maison du Chant Choral* in Namur, working for both ICCM (International Center for Choral Music) and the actual CAV&MA (Center for Vocal Art and Ancient Music). He was also devoted to Musica International for which he entered nearly 7000 records and contributed to the International Choral Bulletin under the section 'Scores' in the late 90s. Anyone who visited ICCM or



the library in Namur will always remember the gentleman and dedicated musician he was. Rest in Peace!

NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA

You are invited!!! Join us for **PODIUM on the EDGE: Singing from Sea to Sea to Sea**, Canada's biennial choral conference & festival taking place June 29 - July 3 2018 in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador.

More info on: <http://www.podiumconference.ca>

Contact: podium@choralcanada.org

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SINGING AND SONG II

Call for Paper and Presentations

The second International Symposium on Singing and Song (St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, June 27-29, 2018) will bring together scholars, performers and pedagogues, representing diverse disciplines, to share international perspectives, research and practices associated with singing and song.

Please submit proposals before October 15, 2017 on: <http://bit.ly/2wbVeHy>

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



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WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2017

5-8 Oct: Bratislava Cantat II, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

6-8 Oct: 14th International Choir Contest of Flanders-Maasmechelen, Belgium - www.ikv-maasmechelen.be

6-9 Oct: 9th Choral Singing Contest of South American Folk and Popular Music, La Plata, Argentina - www.aamcant.org.ar

11-15 Oct: International Choir Competition and Festival Kalamata 2017, Greece - www.interkultur.com

11-15 Oct: Canta en Andalucía, Sevilla, Spain - www.cantaenandalucia.com/

12-15 Oct: 12th International Choral Festival, Nice, France - www.destinations-choeurs.fr

14-15 Oct: Let the Peoples Sing Competition, Helsinki, Finland - www.ebu.ch/let-the-peoples-sing

14-18 Oct: 12th In Canto sul Garda International Choir Competition, Riva del Garda, Italy - www.meeting-music.com

16-22 Oct: International Choir Festival Corearte Barcelona 2017, Spain - www.corearte.es

18-22 Oct: 1st Mouv'ton Choeur International Choral Festival, Aix-les-Bains, Chambéry, France - www.destinations-choeurs.fr

- 19-22 Oct: 4th International Choral Festival Assisi Pax Mundi, Italy - www.festivalinternazionale.com
- 20-24 Oct: Cantate Barcelona, Spain - www.music-contact.com
- 20-22 Oct: 13th International Warsaw Choir Festival Varsovia Cantat, Poland - www.varsoviacantat.pl
- 23-27 Oct: Latin-American Gathering of Choral Music, Encuentro Latinoamericano de Musica Coral, Panamá - <https://www.facebook.com/elamcopty/>
- 25-29 Oct: City of Derry International Choral Festival, Ireland - <http://derrychoirfest.com/>
- 25-29 Oct: The Glory of Venice, Italy - www.runbysingers.org
- 25-29 Oct: Canta al mar 2017 International Choral Festival, Calella, Barcelona, Spain - www.interkultur.com
- 25-30 Oct: Fiestalonia International Choral Competition, Tbilisi, Georgia - www.fiestalonia.net
- 30 Oct-4 Nov : Musica International Session, Strasbourg, France - www.MusicaNet.org
- 1-6 Nov : International Choral Festival of Malta 2017, Italy - www.festivalinternazionale.com
- 1-5 Nov : International Choir Competition of Tolosa, Spain - www.cittolosa.com
- 1-5 Nov : Spanish Retreat directed by Peter North, Spain - www.runbysingers.org
- 2-5 Nov : Cantate Dresden, Germany - www.musicandfriends.com/html/cantate_dresden.html
- 3-6 Nov : International Budgetary Festival/Competition The Place of Holiday, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 4-10 Nov : 16th International Festival Pro Musica e Arte Sacra, Rome and Vatican, Italy - www.festivalmusicaeartesacra.net
- 8-12 Nov : Les Choeurs à l'Unisson International Choral Festival, Dakar, Senegal.
Contact : lukymendy@gmail.com
- 9-12 Nov : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Prague, Czech Republic - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 10-11 Nov : Ambassadors of Song, an International Male Chorus Symposium, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA - <http://bicentennial.ummgc.org/>
- 13-19 Nov : International Choir Festival Corearte Brazil 2017, Caxias do Sul, Brazil - www.corearte.es
- 17-19 Nov : Sligo International Choral Festival , Ireland - www.sligochoralfest.com/
- 23-27 Nov, 30 Nov-4 Dec, 7-11, 14-18 Dec : Vienna Advent Sing, Austria - www.music-contact.com
- 30 Nov-4 Dec : Advent in Weimar directed by Colin Durrant, Germany - www.runbysingers.org