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2017 CALL FOR IFCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The International Federation for Choral Music calls for candidates to fill positions on the IFCM Board of Directors and at the Presidency for terms beginning in August 2017. All candidate applications must be sent through these links **before April 15, 2017**:

- <http://ifcm.net/home-elections/>
- <http://ifcm.net/run-to-be-part-of-the-new-board/>
- <http://ifcm.net/run-to-be-the-new-president/>

NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

XI IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC

BARCELONA, 22 - 29 JULY 2017

Preparations continue and we are almost ready to welcome you to Barcelona!

At our website you will find everything you need to know about the Barcelona Symposium: you can check the lectures schedule, the confirmed exhibitors, browse the detailed information of the selected choirs, find out more about one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities and the emblematic venues that will hold Symposium's activities; and soon you will also find all the information about concerts.

With the final countdown, registrations are growing and you don't want to miss your place. Barcelona will surely be a choral highlight to last a life-time. Together we will bring to life an unrepeatable Symposium!

Discover four more choirs that will participate at the "Circle Concerts" of the WSCM11:

CHAMBER CHOIR "OZARENIE" – Russia



The Female Chamber Choir "Ozarenie" ("Inspiration") of the Moscow Music Society is a renowned music ensemble focusing both on Russian spiritual and folk music as well as on European music of the XIX-XXI centuries. The chamber choir "Ozarenie" is conducted by Olga Burova. The name of the choir is a perfect blend of "the searching thought and emotional flare". The choir is remarkable for its unique sound - due to a deep understanding and good collaboration of the choir members as well as the rich vocal skills of the soloists.

THE EIGHT SECOND CHOIR – CHINA

The Eight Second Choir is composed mainly of students from Zhejiang Conservatory of Music. It was founded by the renowned Chinese conductor professor Yan Baolin. The Choir has formed a set of systematic and scientific training methodologies, not only adept in performing domestic and overseas classics in different times and different styles, but skillfully bringing about unique interpretations to many new works. 'Diversified genres, multidimensional styles, cultural diversity, and a leading choir domestically' summarize experts' comments about the Choir.



CORO ADICORA – Argentina

The ADICORA Choir is composed of 45 conductors associated with the Choir Conductors Association of the Argentine Republic, founded in the city of Cordoba in 2003, which has members and subsidiaries throughout the country. The repertoire chosen for its performances in the Circle Concerts Program of the World Symposium on Choral Music - Barcelona 2017, is a tour of Argentine choral music. The participant conductors will take turns conducting - each one with just one piece in the tour of Argentina.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CHAMBER CHOIR – USA

The University of Oregon's Chamber Choir has garnered international acclaim in recent years. In May 2015, the Chamber Choir was one of 10 choirs worldwide invited to compete at the 14th International Chamber Choir Competition in Marktoberdorf, Germany, where they received second prize overall, won a special prize for the best interpretation of the compulsory work, and were the only student group to achieve a Level I recognition for an "excellent performance at the international level."



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In the next newsletter we will present 4 other choirs of the "Circle Concerts"! Don't forget this great event: Register now: www.wscm11.cat

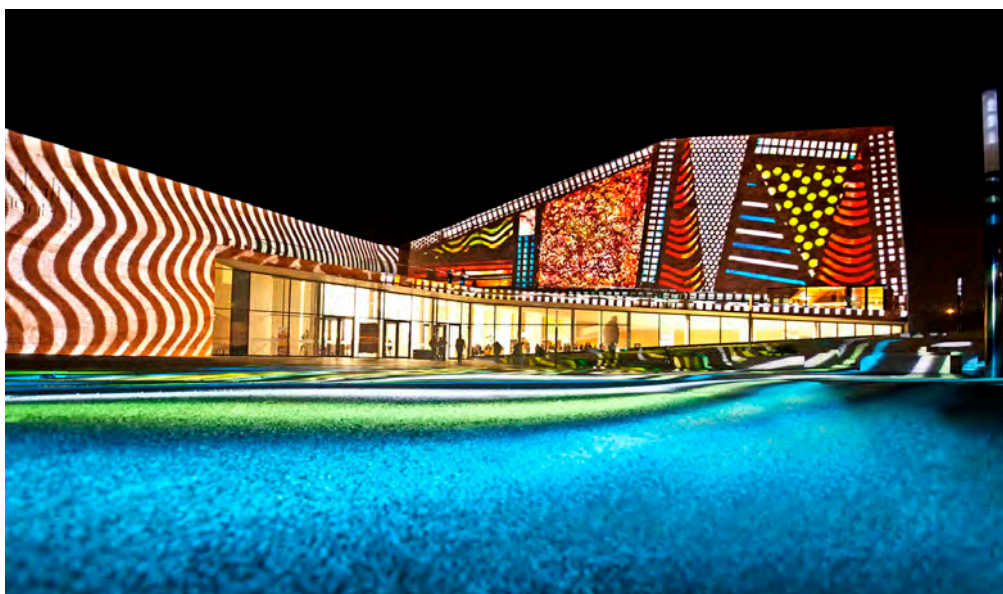
WORLD YOUTH CHOIR

The singers have been selected for the next session

The international jury meeting for session 2017 took place in Pécs between 16-18 of March where the representatives of the three patron organization ([IFCM](#), [ECA-EC](#) and [JMI](#)) together with the conductors of the session selected the best singers from nearly 200 candidates. The international jury chose 55 singers from 33 countries to be part of the World Youth Choir for the upcoming summer session, located in Pécs with a concert tour in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. Thank you very much to all the recruiters who have been informed about the selection results at the same time as the singers.

By the way - did you recruit singers for the World Youth Choir in your country this year? It's not difficult to do and we will be happy to provide you with further information.

Read more on the [2017 session](#) and stay updated on www.worldyouthchoir.org.



CONDUCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (CWB) 20-26 FEBRUARY IN ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

The first session 2017 is also the last one of a three years training cycle for choral conductors. Fifty-three trainees participated in this first cycle. Twenty-four diplomas were given, including six that will lead to a higher level training cycle. More on <http://ifcm.net/cwb-2/>



DEAR MEMBERS, RENEW YOUR SUPPORT TO IFCM IN 2017



Your membership renewal form has been sent.

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You can also support IFCM by donating [HERE](#)

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NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

American Choral Directors Association – 2017 National Conference

Multiple generations of ACDA members were inspired and rejuvenated at the ACDA National Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States, March 7 – 11, 2017. Forty-five countries around the world were in attendance with nearly 15,000 attendees, performers, honor choir chaperones, and others. A number of Central and South American conductors were there who have been involved in our International Conductors Exchange Program. Twenty-one exhibitors came from outside the U.S. to be a part of the conference. We were also honored that the IFCM Executive Committee and Musica held board meetings at the conference.

Evenings were filled with outstanding performances for everyone. Robert Spano conducted the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra in a mass choir and choreographed *Carmina Burana*. St. Olaf College's 500 voices presented their annual Christmas Show in Orchestra Hall. The Eric Whitacre Singers delighted the audience at the beginning of the conference and the High School Honor Choir enjoyed his mentoring skills conducting his music with the orchestra. A debt of gratitude is owed to Philip Brunelle for being instrumental in procuring Kammerchor Stuttgart, Inner Mongolian Youth Choir, Orpheus Dranger, Voz En Punto, Hamilton Children's Choir, and our very own true American Idol and story teller extraordinaire, Garrison Keillor. To round out the generations, Great Northern Union Barbershop Chorus, two international quartets, and a choir discovering music as they combat dementia.

A wonderful week of beautiful music soothed the troubled soul. The next ACDA National Conference will be in Kansas City, Missouri, Feb/March, 2019, which will be the Diamond Jubilee of American Choral Directors Association.



A rehearsal of the ACDA National High School Honor Choir, directed by Eric Whitacre.

EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

The Voice of Singing Europe heard in Brussels

Did you know that there are 37 million people in Europe who practice collective singing?

On January 23rd 2017 the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat (ECA-EC) and the Representation of the State of Hessen co-organised the event "[The Voice of Singing Europe](#)" in the seat of the Representation in Brussels.

After welcome words by Friedrich von Heusinger (Director of the Representation of the State of Hessen to the European Union) and

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Gábor Móczár (President of ECA-EC), the youth choir of the Monnaie, [La Choraine](#), conducted by Benoît Giaux demonstrated to the audience how singing together can bring joy to the singers as well as to the listeners.

Sonja Greiner, Secretary General ECA-EC then presented the "Singing Europe study" (<http://www.singingeurope.org/>) which was developed in the frame of the VOICE project (<http://www.thevoiceproject.eu/>), funded by the EU Culture Programme and selected as "success story" by the European Commission. The audience could directly experience the power of collective singing by learning the canon "Viva la Musica" with Carlo Pavese, Vice-President of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat, before Sonja Greiner invited Barbara Gessler (Head of Unit, Creative Europe Programme – Culture, General Directorate for Education and Culture) on stage to discuss the point of view of the European Commission on data collection and research, and the priorities of the Creative Europe Programme. Almost 200 people attended the event live, while another 200 followed it digitally via live streaming which is now [available as video](#). Read more [here](#) — More pictures [here](#)

EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) AND THE CATALAN FEDERATION OF CHORAL ASSOCIATIONS (FCEC)



Singing Week in Tarragona

Tarragona, Spain, 14-22 July 2017

Deadline for applications: 31/3/2017

Workshops with Josep Vila Jover (Spain), Michael Gohl (Switzerland), Bernie Sherlock (Ireland) and Brady Allred (USA). Open singing under the baton of Xavier Puig (Te Deum by Albert Guinovart)

The dates of the Singing Week have been set up to enable the participants to also attend to the World Symposium on Choral Music (Barcelona, from July 22nd).

Info at Associacion Cor Ciutat de Tarragona, info@setmanacantat.org or on www.setmanacantat.org

A COEUR JOIE FRANCE AND THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) PRESENT:

8th Europa Cantat Junior Festival, Lyon, France – July 13-20, 2017

This famous festival for children and youth choirs will take place in Lyon, France for the first time. Lyon is the town where the French choral federation A Coeur Joie is based. Choral music has a special place in the cultural life of the city, with many children and adult choirs of all kinds. Concerts, ateliers and nice activities are waiting for you!

More information: <http://europacantatjunior.fr/en/>

IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

SANTE FORNASIER LEAVES LA FENIARCO'S PRESIDENCY



It was in 1999 that Sante Fornasier became President of the Italian choral organization *La Feniarco* for the first time and, from that time on, he has worked each and every day for the development of the Italian choral scene.

In the last 18 years, the world has changed in many ways. Under Mr. Fornasier's leadership, *La Feniarco* has recovered from the initial gap that kept it apart from the main European choral associations and is now assuming a relevant role in the choral world in Europe and even abroad.

One of the key milestones of his presidency are the birth and the continuous growth of the "Festival di Primavera", the creation and the steadiness of the Italian National Youth Choir, the wonderful organization of Europa Cantat in Turin in 2012 and of course the international collaboration with IFCM for the World Expo Milano in 2015.

IFCM congratulates Mr. Fornasier for his outstanding achievements at the head of *La Feniarco* which represents one example of best practice in our choral world.

More info on *La Feniarco* on: <http://en.feniarco.it/>

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Advertisement spaces are now available on www.IFCM.net and 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 APRIL AND MAY 2017

6-9 Apr: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Bilbao, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

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6-9 Apr: International Choir Festival and Competition of Lithuanian Music Patriarch Juozas Naujalis, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

6-10 Apr: Dublin International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.music-contact.com

6-9, 13-17, 20-23, 27-30 Apr: 3rd Easter Choral Meeting Prague 2017, Czech Republic - www.or-fea.cz

9-13 Apr: 16th Budapest International Choir Festival & Competition, Hungary - www.meeting-music.com

18-20 Apr: 1st Michelangelo International Music Festival, Florence, Italy - www.florencechoral.com

19-23 Apr: Istra Music Festival 2017, Croatia - <https://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com/>

19-23 Apr: Verona International Choral Competition, Verona, Italy - www.music-contact.com

19-23 Apr: Voices for Peace, Assisi, Italy - www.interkultur.com

20-25 Apr: All Nations Are Singing International Choral Festival & competition, Vilnius, Lithuania - www.gratulationes.lt

20-22 & 26-29 Apr: Festival di Primavera Festival di Primavera 2017 spring...ing and singing together! Montecatini Terme, Tuscany, Italy - www.feniarco.it

20-23 Apr: 15th International Choir Festival Tallinn 2017, Estonia - www.kooriyhing.ee

21-23 Apr: 14th International Choral Competition Gallus Maribor 2017, Slovenia - www.jskd.si/maribor

21-23 Apr: 7th World Choir Festival on Musicals, Thessaloniki, Greece - www.xorodiakorais.com

26-30 Apr: 63rd Cork International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.corkchoral.ie

26-30 Apr: 3rd International Choral Festival Canta en Primavera, Málaga, Spain - www.interkultur.com

27 Apr-1 May: Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival, United Kingdom - www.cimcf.uk

28-30 Apr: Modern Japanese Music Interpretation and Performance, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.acusto.lt/

28 Apr-2 May: 15th Venezia in Musica, International Choir Competition and Festival, Venice and Caorle, Italy - www.meeting-music.com

28 Apr-3 May: The Voice of Wealth, Lloret de Mar, Spain - <http://monolitfestivals.com/>

30 Apr-3 May: World of Choirs, Montecatini Terme, Toscana, Italy - www.fiestalonia.net

30 Apr-5 May: Sea Sun Festival & Competition, Costa Brava, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

30 Apr: European Award for Choral Composers 2017-2018, Europe - www.eca-ec.org or www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

4-7 May: Queen of the Adriatic Sea Choral Festival and Competition, Cattolica, Italy - www.queenchoralfestival.org

9-11 May: 1st Lorenzo de Medici International Music Festival, Florence, Italy - www.florencechoral.com

11-14 May: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Stockholm, Sweden - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

12-14 May: 1st Elegia International Choir Festival, Moudania, Greece - www.elegia-neapropontida.com/about-us

14-21 May: Voices United Austria 2017 Choir Festival, Vienna & Salzburg, Austria - www.Klconcerts.com

15-21 May: 2nd Lebanese International Choir Festival, Tripoli, Lebanon - www.licfestival.org/

16-18 May: "On The Lake" First International Choir Festival, On the shores of the Sea of Galilee in the Holy Land, Israel - www.holylandchoir.org

16-20 May: 13th International Festival of University Choirs UNIVERSITAS CANTAT 2017, Poznań, Poland - <http://cantat.amu.edu.pl/pl/>

18-21 May: 7th Kaunas Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

18-22 May: 13th International Choir Festival Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl

18-20 May: 2017 Emerald City Choral Festival with Rollo Dilworth, Seattle, USA - www.sechristtravel.com

18-22 May: 14th International Choral Festival London, United Kingdom - www.maldiviaggi.com

23-25 May: Sing With Us in Salzburg Cathedral, Austria - www.pp-performing.eu

23-28 May: International Choir Festival Corearte Junior 2017, Puerto de la Cruz Tenerife, Spain - www.corearte.es

23-28 May: International Choir Festival Corearte Senior 2017, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain - www.corearte.es

24-28 May: Vaasa International Choir Festival, Finland - www.vaasachoirfestival.fi/

25-28 May: Harmonie Festival 2017, Limburg-Lindenholzhausen, Germany - www.harmonie-festival.de

25-28 May: ON STAGE with Interkultur in Florence, Italy - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>

25-28 May: 7th Šiauliai Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition, Šiauliai, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

26-27 May: 18th Fort Worden Children's Choir Festival, Port Townsend WA, USA - www.fortwordenfestival.com

26-28 May: 46th International Competition Florilège Vocal de Tours, France - www.florilegevocal.com

26-29 May: CantaRode International Choral Festival, Kerkrade, The Netherlands - www.cantarode.nl

26-28 May: 60th International Festival of Choral Art Jihlava 2017, Czech Republic - www.nipos-mk.cz

27 May-4 June: 21th Ankara Choral Festival, Turkey - www.musicfestinturkey.com

31 May-4 June: 45th International Choir Festival of Songs Olomouc, Czech Republic - www.festamusicale.com

24-28 May: Norbusang 2017, Os, Norway - <http://norbusang.org/>

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