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NEWS FROM IFCM

LOOKING FOR A CONCERT TOUR IN CHINA IN JULY 2018? HERE IS AN EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY!

IFCM is cooperating with partners in China on a set of international choral festivals in July 2018 and is calling for choirs interested in joining one or several of these festivals:

- The **Belt and Road Choral Festival in Hohhot**, Inner Mongolia, 13-20 July 2018.
- The **14th China International Chorus Festival (CICF)** – see below) in Beijing, 19-25 July 2018: <http://en.cicfbj.cn/> (also including a selection of four top choirs as showcase choirs)
- The **International Folk Song Choral Festival and IFCM Voices Conference in Kaili**, 27-30 July 2018: [2017 Kaili Video](#)

Conditions offered:

- Travel to and from Beijing covered by the choirs
- Travel from Beijing to Hohhot and Kaili covered by the local organizers
- Food and accommodation covered in Hohhot and Kaili
- Food and accommodation of the four selected choirs covered by CICF in Beijing. The other participating choirs will be in charge of their food and accommodation.

If you're interested, please send the following material at office@ifcm.net before **February 15th, 2018**: a motivation letter, CV of the choir and conductor, pictures, contact details, links to recordings.



International Folk Song Choral Festival and IFCM Voices Conference in Kaili, August 2017 © Alex Kuo

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

Programme: http://en.cicfbj.cn/news_detail/newsId=112.html



China International Chorus Festival 2016, opening concert



12TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

The IFCM Board is happy to announce the name of the IFCM representatives in the WSCM12 – 2020:

WSCM12 Administrative Committee	WSCM12 Artistic Committee
Emily Kuo Vong (Portugal, USA, Macau)	Tim Sharp (USA)
Gábor Móczár (Hungary)	Jonathan Velasco (Philippines)
Ki Adams (Canada)	Jean-Claude Wilkens (France)

Pre-register now
and be in the draw for an excursion to
one of New Zealand's top experiences!
Details at wscm2020.com

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

11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC: EVALUATION

If you participated in the WSCM11 in Barcelona, you'll soon be contacted and asked to fill out an online survey. Please take a few minutes to do it. The WSCM12 Team is eager to hear about it so that they can adapt the symposium to their city/region/country and fulfil this pleasant task of welcoming you again at a WSCM.

If you didn't participate in the WSCM11 but did participate in a previous symposium, your opinion counts! Don't hesitate to send your suggestions to office@ifcm.net

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2018 – INNER MONGOLIA, CHINA

Conductors: Helen Stureborg (Sweden) and Jonathan Velasco (Philippines)

Don't miss the opportunity to audition before February 15, 2018 to be part of it!

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org/summer-session-2018>

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

A COEUR JOIE INTERNATIONAL

CHORALP, 14-21 July 2018

8th International Choral Meetings, Briançon (Southern French Alps)

For choirs and individual singers

International singing week for choirs or individual singers including two workshops.

Workshop 1: Vespro della Beata Vergine (Monteverdi) conducted by Filippo Maria Bressan (Italy) with Baroque Ensemble Il Falcone and the soloists of the National Choir A Coeur Joie France. Workshop 2: 'Broadway, 60 years of musicals' (Cats, Grease, the Wizz, the King Lion) conducted by Denis Thuillier (France). Concerts every night in Briançon and in nearby villages.

Apply before March 31, 2018.

Contact: choralp@gmail.com

Website: www.choralp.fr



Choralp, LesOmbres © Ritz Rakotomalala

EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

Where will you sing this summer? Are you a young (18-30) choral singer? Join the EuroChoir 2018!

Helsinki (FI) and Tallinn (EE) | 19 July to 1 August 2018

EuroChoir is a unique choral event organised by the

European Choral Association – Europa Cantat in cooperation with a local partner every year in a different country. It offers the opportunity to 60 young singers to get together for 8 days to rehearse a challenging program with two renowned conductors, improve their vocal skills with a vocal trainer and present the results of their work in public concerts. This special choir project aims to promote European choral music among young singers and to encourage cultural exchange within Europe.

The singers of the EuroChoir 2018 will rehearse with the conductors

Maria van Nieuwerkerken and **Mikko Sidoroff** and perform in Helsinki (Finland) before joining the **EUROPA CANTAT festival XX** in Tallinn (Estonia) for the final concerts!

Deadline: 31 March 2018

More info >> www.sulasol.fi

Contact: eurochoir2018@sulasol.fi

**JAPAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION (JCA)**

8th JCA Youth Choir

12-16 Mar 2019

The Japan Choral Association is proud to announce the 8th JCA National Youth Choir rehearsal camp in Yamanakako-mura, Yamanashi, a village extending to the base of Mount Fuji, followed by a concert at Dai-Ichi Seimei Hall in Tokyo on the 16th. Singers are aged 16 to 28. Thirty of them come from Japan and ten from the Asia Pacific region.

Contact: international@jcanet.or.jp



AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION – ACDA

ACDA 2018 regional conferences are getting underway across the country.

- 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 [HERE](#)

2018 Symposium on Research in Choral Singing

September 14-15, 2018

Evanston, Illinois, USA

The intent of this event is to advance knowledge and practice with respect to choral singing, choir sound, choral pedagogy, and related areas such as equity and inclusion. The Call for Proposals is currently open. Additional information [HERE](#)

Relevance: North Dakota State University’s Third Choral Symposium, co-sponsored by ACDA

October 11-13, 2018

Fargo, North Dakota, USA

Inclusion * Social Justice * Transformation * Diversity * Inspiration * Community. Featuring Craig Hella Johnson conducting Conspirare in Considering Matthew Shepard. Concerts and interest sessions. Deadline for proposals: April 1, 2018 (send to Dr. Jo Ann Miller at jo.miller@ndsu.edu). <http://ndsu.edu/music>

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

Auditions for Performing Choirs and Proposals for Interest Sessions are currently being accepted. Additional information [HERE](#)





NEWS FROM IFCM MEMBERS

OBITUARY: EVE HALSEY

We received the sad news that Eve Halsey passed away on January 14 at the age of 88. She was a devoted representative of IFCM's Board from 1996 to 2002, and a staunch supporter of choral music in the United Kingdom. She was a frequent participant of IFCM events. The IFCM Board extends its deepest condolence to our colleague Simon Halsey, her son, and to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



ELISE BRADLEY RECEIVES ROYAL HONOUR FROM NEW ZEALAND

The Toronto Children's Chorus is honoured and thrilled to congratulate Artistic Director Elise Bradley who has been recently named a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM), 'for services to Music' during her distinguished 40-year career. Ms. Bradley's award, recently approved by Queen Elizabeth II, has just been published in New Zealand in the 2018 New Year Royal Honours List. A passionate and powerful force in the growth of choral music in New Zealand and, for the past ten years, in Canada, she is held in very high regard internationally as a conductor, educator, clinician, and adjudicator.

NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA

Early bird registrations are now available for PODIUM on the EDGE: Singing from Sea to Sea to Sea in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador (June 29 - July 3, 2018) on <http://www.podiumconference.ca/registration--inscription.html>
Contact: podium@choralcanada.org



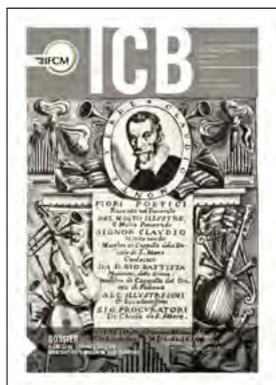
AMERICA CANTAT 9

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

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 FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018

- 1-4 Feb : 8th International Sacred Music Festival Kaunas Musica Religiosa, Kaunas, Lithuania - <http://www.lituaniacantat.lt/>
- 2-4 Feb & 6 Feb : World Youth Arts Festival 2018, Stuttgart, Germany and Wien, Austria - <http://internationaler-volkskulturkreis.com/Events/2018/>
- 12-17 Feb : 38th Annual National Conductors' Symposium, Vancouver, Canada - www.vancouverchamberchoir.com
- 21-25 Feb : 5th Children & Youth Choral World Championship, St. Petersburg, Russia - <http://en.wccc.su/>
- 1-5 Mar : Paris International Choir Festival, France - www.musiccontact.com



- 7-11 Mar : Roma Music Festival 2018, Italy - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com
- 9-11 Mar : 7th International Gdansk Choir Festival, Poland - www.gdanskfestival.pl
- 13-17 Mar: 7th Japan Choral Association Youth Choir, conducted by Vytautas Miškinis, Shimane, Japan - <http://www.jcanet.or.jp/profile/jca-english.htm>
- 15-18 Mar : ON STAGE in Tel Aviv, Israel - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 16-19 Mar : Discover Puerto Rico and its Choral Music, Ponce, Puerto Rico - www.music-contact.com
- 17-18 Mar : Choir Conducting Competition for Young conductors, Tampere, Finland - www.tamperemusicfestivals.fi/vocal/
- 18-22 Mar : Workshop with Colin Touchin, Lloret de Mar, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 18-22 Mar : Golden Voices of Montserrat! International Contest, Montserrat Monastery, Catalonia, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 21-25 Mar : Young Prague Festival, Prague, Czech Republic - www.music-contact.com
- 22-26 Mar : Dublin International Choral Festival, Ireland - www.music-contact.com
- 22-25 Mar : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Mallorca, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 22-26 Mar : Festival of Peace and Brotherhood, Castelli Romani, Italy - www.romechoralfestival.org
- 22-26 Mar : 11th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition, Fukushima, Japan - www.vocalensemble.jp/en/
- 22-25 Mar, 29 Mar-1 Apr, 5-8 Apr, 2-15 Apr : Cherry Blossom Washington D.C. International Choral Festival, USA - www.music-contact.com
- 24-25 Mar : 21th International Festival of Children's and Young Choirs Rainbow, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation - www.petersburgfestival.com
- 25-29 Mar : 15th Concorso Corale Internazionale, Riva del Garda, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 26-29 Mar : Barcelona Workshop "Easter Week and Religious Choral Music", Spain - www.corearte.es
- 31 Mar 2018 23:59 (GMT see regulation for details) : 4th Japan International Choral Composition Competition 2018 (ICCC Japan 2018), Japan - www.icccj.org

