



## NEWS FROM IFCM

### WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC WILL BE HOSTED IN ISTANBUL!

The next edition of the **World Symposium on Choral Music** will be hosted in Istanbul 25-30 April 2023. After the unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 edition, for the last 6 years the choral community has not had the opportunity to meet under the umbrella of the symposium. It is extremely exciting for us, Türkiye's *Choral Culture Association*, to be able to host this fantastic gathering in the historical and multicultural city of Istanbul, which connects the two continents Europe and Asia.

Since Türkiye has stepped in as a potential host of the WSCM 2023, a lot of time and energy has been invested into this project by IFCM and our national choral organisation *Choral Culture Association*. The Administrative and Artistic Committees are working on the details of the project, while our national board and local music commission are making sure everything is running smoothly with the preparations. The patron of the event will be the **Turkish Ministry of Culture & Tourism** and the central hub of the symposium will be **Istanbul Atatürk Cultural Center**, a symbolic venue of the city that has been renewed in the last years and opened again with a brand-new Opera Hall of 2040 seats and a Theatre Hall with 800 seats. The cultural complex also owns exhibition halls, multipurpose rooms, libraries, and much more. We are lucky to invite the choral community to the heart of Istanbul: Taksim Square. The location, which is famous with its Istiklal Street, is full of historical churches, museums, culture centers, local shops, and restaurants.

Come to Istanbul to discover new styles of singing and experience excellent quality of choral music under the theme of **Changing Horizons**. We are all looking forward to meeting all IFCM members in one of the most beautiful cities of the world.

<https://www.wscmistanbul2023.com>



### LEAVE YOUR MARK: HOST THE WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC IN 2026

IFCM announces a proposal call to host the World Symposium on Choral Music in 2026. This triennial symposium is the prime global event in the international choral calendar. It draws together the world's leading musicians, choirs, vocal ensembles, conductors, composers, clinicians, and arts administrators for a superlative experience of concerts, workshops, seminars, presentations, and networking opportunities.

IFCM has held 11 symposia in 14 world-class cities over the past 35 years. The first WSCM was held in Vienna in 1987, followed by Stockholm/Helsinki/Tallinn in 1990; Vancouver, 1993; Sydney, 1996; Rotterdam, 1999; Minneapolis, 2002; Kyoto, 2005; Copenhagen, 2008; Puerto Madryn, 2011; Seoul, 2014; Barcelona, 2017; (Auckland, 2020, canceled). IFCM policy states that locations will generally alternate between the six continents. The next WSCM (2023) will





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be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 25-30 April 2023.

Hosting a World Symposium brings high profile and prestige to the host city/country. The benefits accrue not only to the city and presenting partners, but to the musical growth and boosted economy of the region. If you and your organization/institution are interested in hosting the 2026 symposium, please examine the guidelines [HERE](#), which provide essential information about hosting a WSCM, a list of requirements that will need to be considered, and details on the conference setup and the responsibilities of the host organization.

The proposal must come from a national organization, institution, or consortium. A major partnership with other entities, such as city/regional government and convention tourist bureau, is highly recommended.

#### How to submit:

**Download** the application form

Submit it to [office@ifcm.net](mailto:office@ifcm.net)

Deadline for proposals is **15 September 2022**

#### Timeline:

- 15 September 2022: Closing date for Proposal Applications
- October 2022: Short-listed proposals selected by the IFCM Board
- November – January 2023: IFCM delegation will meet with the finalists and visit the proposed site.
- End of January 2023: IFCM Board selects the host of the 14th IFCM World Symposium on Choral Music 2026, followed by the official announcement of the WSCM2026 host.

**Download** the WSCM 2026 Organizational Guidelines.

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#### AFRICA CANTAT

##### Africa Cantat 2 is launched! Yaounde, Cameroon, August 1-6, 2023

As a non-competitive, international festival for choirs, singers, conductors, composers, managers, **Africa Cantat** aims to bring together singers from Africa and all continents, to promote African choral music heritage, and to embrace other continent's choral traditions. Participants can choose from ateliers with renowned conductors from Africa and beyond, daily open singing, or the programme for conductors and composers.





Participating choirs can present their own repertoire in concerts.  
Optional accommodation and meals on the festival site or nearby are offered.  
Come and sing in Cameroon, an "Africa in miniature".  
Africa is awaiting you in Yaounde. Join us!

<https://www.africacantat.org>

## AMERICA CANTAT 10

The America Cantat 10 festival will take place in the City of **La Plata, Argentina** (capital of the Province of Buenos Aires), **11-15 October 2023**. We will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first version of America Cantat which was held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, in 1992. The America Cantat was repeated in Mar del Plata in 1996 and then traveled to Venezuela in 2000, Mexico in 2004, Cuba in 2007, Brazil in 2010, Colombia in 2013, Bahamas in 2016, and Panama in 2019. Due to the pandemic, this festival had to be postponed until 2023. It will be an unforgettable birthday celebration. Don't miss it!  
Update available soon [here](#).

*"So that the peoples of America sing in a brotherly embrace"*

**AC**  
**AMERICA  
CANTAT10**

La Plata, Argentina



October 11-15, 2023



**AAMCANT**  
Asociación Argentina para la Música Coral  
"America Cantat"

info: [www.aamcant.org.ar](http://www.aamcant.org.ar) | from October 2022.



## CONDUCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

### 3rd session of Conductors Without Borders (CWB) in Cameroon

A 3rd session of Conductors Without Borders was organized in Douala, Cameroon, from 27 June to 2 July 2022, thanks to the collaboration of the choral federation *A Coeur Joie* of Cameroon and its Founding Member, the Association *Coeur de la Charité*. 70 conductors participated in three training sessions of different levels.

Read the complete report (in French) [here](#).



## CREATING FUTURES IN CHORAL MUSIC

### IFCM Membership Campaign 2022

We are happy to report that our membership campaign [Creating Futures in Choral Music](#) is increasing steadily. Many new, young members have already received their 2022-2023 IFCM membership cards and will soon be contacted regarding IFCM's online activities.

A big thank you to the initial sponsors who kicked off the campaign. Let's not stop here! You, too, can contribute to the future of choral music by presenting an anniversary gift to celebrate IFCM's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sponsor one or more new, young member(s)! Complete the form [here](#).

### Share! Share! Share!

Are you a young conductor, singer, composer, manager, administrator, or choral music enthusiast? Do you want to be a part of a worldwide choral association? IFCM is launching a membership campaign to make this possible for you. If you are a young choral musician (35 and under), you can apply for sponsorship of a two-year IFCM membership. So why wait? Complete this [form](#) and become part of the IFCM professional community joining hundreds other young choral aficionados from all over the world.

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS



### AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (ACDA)

#### 2023 ACDA National Conference - *A Place of Belonging*

22-25 February 2023, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Guidelines for conference research poster sessions have been posted.** Applications will be accepted 3-19 October 2022, and applicants will be notified by 1 December 2022.

### EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

**Join the European Choral Association Membership Weekend 2022 - also open to non-members!**



It is our pleasure to invite you to our annual Membership Weekend, which this year will take place in **Novi Sad (Serbia)** on **17-20 November 2022** and will consist of:

- an online project presentation session on November 10
- our Membership Day with 6 discussion rounds to choose from on 18 November
- a networking time to meet your friends and make new contacts
- a conference presenting the results of the Training Leading Voices project

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- our formal General Assembly for members and indirect members on 19 November
- a workshop on environmental sustainability
- a presentation of choral music from Serbia and the Balkans and concerts with selected Serbian choirs
- the time to discover Novi Sad, European Capital of Culture 2022

Read the FULL INVITATION [here](#) and visit [this page](#) to learn more! **Deadline for applications: 20 September 2022**

Do you represent a member organization or an organisation interested in joining our association from Central-Eastern or Southeastern Europe? If so, apply to participate for free and cover your trip! **Read all details and conditions in the [invitation!](#) Deadline for applications: 15 September 2022**

*This activity takes place in the frame of [IGNITE](#), co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the EU.*

**Do not miss our online Webinar #2 "Digital tools and HyFlex" on 22 September 2022 at 11.00 CET**

The webinar, led by Professor **Jim Daus Hjernøe**, will show concrete examples of HyFlex learning for vocal groups, choirs, and choir leaders for the purpose of saving time when we are together for music-making in the moment and for creative musical development.

Jim Daus Hjernøe is the principal teacher in Rhythmic Choir Leading and head of Vocal Center at The Royal Academy of Music in Denmark (RAMA), which is internationally recognised as the leading European center of rhythmic choir leading education. He has focused on improvisational vocal art since 2002 and developed the innovative and revolutionary methodology 'The Intelligent Choir' with 'Vocal Painting' as one of the headliners.

Watch [this video](#) and visit [this page](#) to learn more!

Don't forget to [register here](#). This webinar is **open to everyone** and **participation is free**. Spread the word and share [the event](#) on Facebook !

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## DIGITAL TOOLS AND HYFLEX

Thursday | 22 September | 11:00 CET



With Jim Daus Hjernøe



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### NEWS FROM FEDERACIÓ CATALANA D'ENTITATS CORALS

#### 58th Barcelona International Choir Festival, Spain, 3-9 July 2023

The [Federació Catalana d'Entitats Corals](#) (FCEC) organizes its annual International Singing Week, six days of workshops and concerts in the heart of Barcelona, surrounded by music and cultures from around the world!

Participating choirs will present two performances in addition to the closing concert.

Afternoon workshops will be conducted by Elisenda Carrasco (Catalonia), Jordi Casals (Catalonia), and Sergi Cuenca (Catalonia).

Application deadline: **15 January 2023**

[Contact the Federació Catalana d'Entitats Corales](#)



We invite you to visit the [Calendar of Choral Activities](#) published by the European Choral Association — Europa Cantat and the American Choral Director Association ACDA's Network [ChoralNet](#) to check on the choral events planned in the coming months.

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