



## July 2024 IFCMeNEWS – Sing all summer... or winter!

### YOUNG IFCM invites you to the Online Café

#### How to involve more youth in your choral organisations – Q&A session

**New date! Sunday, 21 July 2024, 4PM CEST, via Zoom. Everyone can join!**

Join the next IFCM Café to meet young choral leaders from all over the world! Moderated by a YOUNG IFCM member Gilles Lamere (Cameroon), the participants will discuss youth involvement in various choral organizations with Anne Copiaco from the Philippines, Juan Villalba from Venezuela, Kertu Süld from Estonia, Maclain Hardin-Kurza from USA and Sam Nicholson from New Zealand. This is a unique opportunity to gain insights into how young leaders are shaping the future of choral music globally. Don't miss the chance to network, share ideas, and be inspired by their stories and experiences. Mark your calendars and be part of this enriching conversation! [Register here](#)

**YOUNG IFCM**  
**International Online Café**

**Youth Involvement in choral music organizations**

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### Where are the World Youth Choir Alumni in the world?





The World Youth Choir Alumni Session 2024 has started in St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador at [HarbourVOICES](#) International Festival of Collective Singing Traditions. Thirty-two singers from 24 different countries finally met each other after months of preparation of the program that will be performed under the baton of Cecilia Rydinger (Sweden). Stay tuned for any update on their [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#)!

**The Voices of Singapore Children's Choir (VOSCC) embarks on its inaugural UK tour: Don't miss them!**

Following their successful debut at Carnegie Hall, [Voices of Singapore Children's Choir](#) (VOSCC) embarks on their inaugural UK tour, 27 June through 6 July 2024. Beginning in London, they perform a collaborative concert with [Vox Urbane](#) on 28 June at [St John's Smith Square](#), blending Eastern and Western musical traditions under the direction of Darius Lim and Dan Ludford-Thomas. From 29 June to 2 July, the choir visits Barnsley for rehearsals, homestays, and combined concerts with the [Barnsley Youth Choir](#) on 30 June at St Mary's Church. The highlight of the tour is in Llangollen, where the VOSCC competes in the [Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod](#) on 3 July in the Senior Children's Choirs category. The tour concludes with a day of sightseeing in London on 5 July before returning to Singapore on 6 July. This tour underscores VOSCC's commitment to musical excellence and cultural exchange, showcasing Singapore's choral heritage on the international stage.



**European Choral Association announces Leading Voices 2025 in Tallinn, Estonia**

From 6-10 July 2025, Tallinn will host [Leading Voices 2025](#), an event of the European Choral Association organised in cooperation with the Estonian Choral Association and the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre. Leading Voices is a five-day event designed to inspire and



educate choral conductors, composers, arrangers, vocal coaches, music educators, professional singers, and managers of all levels and generations. It offers participants the possibility to actively explore, experience, and discuss the future of choral music through labs, lectures, workshops, lessons, and live concerts with inspiring choirs from around the world. The event will open with the Estonian Song Celebration, featuring more than 20,000 people singing together on the traditional shell stage.

[Read more](#)

### 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress PUERI CANTORES, Munich, Germany, 16-20 July 2025

In July 2025, approximately 4,500 young singers from all over the world are invited to Munich to pray, celebrate, and sing for peace together. The third largest city in Germany offers a multitude of churches, a beautiful old town, and numerous tourist attractions. The focal point of this international congress will be the famous Marienplatz with the historic town hall as well as the Frauenkirche (Cathedral of Our Lady) and many other churches in the city center. The central choir festival in Munich will be preceded by a pre-festival in various regions and dioceses of Germany. These events will take place 12-16 July 2025. Accommodation or host families will be provided depending on local possibilities.

[Registration will open in fall 2024.](#)



Congress 2022, Florence, Italy, Prayer for Peace © Niels Singer



### Choral Federation Wallonia-Brussels, A Coeur Joie Belgium, presents its brochure of activities 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 new season is almost here at the [Choral Federation Wallonia-Brussels, A Coeur Joie Belgium](#) (ACJ.be). It will be a season filled with activities for all ages. Training courses, singing days, weekends, or weeks. Select the option that best suits your needs and enjoy the benefits!

Read the brochure [online](#).

### Carus-Verlag: World's first conducting app and new choral conducting book

A clear conducting technique, the ability to lead lively rehearsals, and a sound knowledge of vocal training are all essential attributes for any successful choral conductor. [Carus-Verlag](#) offers the ideal toolkit for all aspiring choral conductors. This new rehearsal resource for choir conductors includes a handbook with a practical guide written by conductors Anne Kohler, Jan Schumacher, and Klaus Brecht as well as the world's first conducting app, Conductor's Coach. These tools enable students of choral conducting (in fact, any conductor, music teacher, or interested amateur choral conductor) to develop and refine their conducting techniques and



work methods, resulting in more confident leadership in front of any singing group!  
The app and manual are available in German; English versions are in preparation [HERE](#).  
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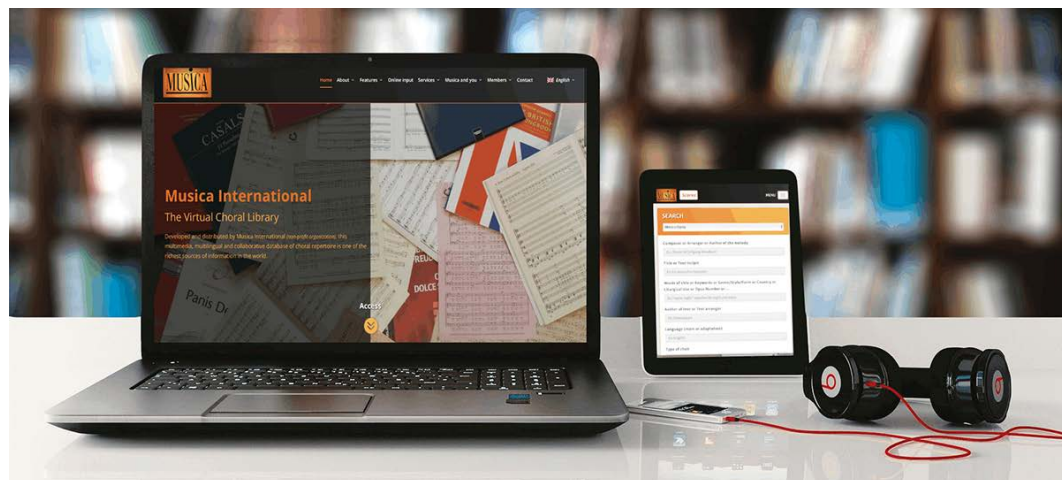


### **Musica International: Find the translations of choral texts**

A good understanding of what you're singing is essential for optimal interpretation. This is particularly true when singing in a foreign language, including the Latin for sacred works. In its quest for comprehensive information, the Musica database offers you not only the complete texts of the choral pieces you are considering (76,000 references have a text link), but also their translations in one or more languages (50,000 references linked to translations of the text), in French and/or English and/or German and/or Spanish, or even another language if it seems useful.

**[Read more](#)**

**[Call for participative contribution](#)** to the translation of texts



### **12th European Forum on Music — Equity in Music. Sofia, Bulgaria, 5-7 June 2024**



Last month, 5-7 June 2024, over 100 representatives from more than 20 European countries came together at Toplocentrala Centre for Contemporary Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria, for the 12th European Forum on Music (EFM) with the theme “Equity in Music” carried out in collaboration with the Bulgarian Music Association.

[Read more](#)

### **Corearte Acción Cultural: check out their festivals**

Since 2007, [Corearte Acción Cultural](#) has stood out as a leader in promoting choral and orchestral events worldwide. Symbolizing its growth, the Festival Corearte Barcelona has witnessed the participation of over 260 choirs from diverse backgrounds during its 18-year history. The organization takes pride in collaborating with distinguished conductors to perform choral works in historical spaces such as the Montserrat Abbey or the Basilica del Pi which provide a unique dimension to each concert. In addition to activities in Barcelona, Corearte Acción Cultural organizes tours and festivals in Santiago de Compostela, Madrid, Colombia, Italy, and Portugal. They believe that ‘we only understand life by singing’.

Discover more at [www.corearte.com.es/en](http://www.corearte.com.es/en)

**Corearte Barcelona**  
October 2025

Discover the wonders of Barcelona, a city filled with architectural marvels and cultural gems that will leave you in awe.

Concerts, tours, workshops & friends

The Choir Festival Barcelona is our flagship event, now in its 18th edition.

We are waiting for you to live the Corearte experience and enjoy this beautiful city and its music.

**Other events 2025**

**Corearte all'italiana**  
March  
Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice

**Portugal & Spain**  
May  
Madrid, Merida, Lisbon, Porto, Galicia

**Corearte Santiago**  
June

**Corearte Colombia**  
September

Sing in Montserrat Abbey, Sagrada Familia, Basilica of Pi, among others.

Sign up now!  
[www.corearte.com.es/en](http://www.corearte.com.es/en)

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.