

World Youth Choir General Information

UNESCO Artist for peace

“Building bridges between young singers from diverse cultures”

A message of peace to the world

The World Youth Choir has been appointed Artist for Peace by UNESCO. Without speeches, without banners, the World Youth Choir presents its message of music, international peace, and brotherhood in perfect artistic unity.

The world on stage

Since its creation in 1989, the World Youth Choir (WYC) has established itself as one of the most interesting musical and intercultural experiences offered to young musicians. About 100 young choral singers from all over the world, aged between 17 and 26, constitute one of today's most original and important choirs. Year after year the number of participating countries increases. Today, more than 40 different nationalities are present in the choir, assuring that all continents are represented.

A genuine educational and social experience drawing on many vocal traditions aiming at the highest artistic level

The artistic scope of the project is in itself a major achievement, but the World Youth Choir also represents for its members a unique experience in terms of personal relationships. Regardless of political or cultural differences, young people holding a common attraction to music and a love for singing share one month of life together. This allows for work and leisure, conversation and debate. From this community of singers evolve friendships that will continue to grow and may be life long.

Summer sessions

Each summer, the World Youth Choir comes together in a different country of the world for two weeks of rehearsals. Following these rehearsals, the choir tours within the host country and neighbor countries, presenting concerts in major cultural centers and prestigious concert halls.

Singers must audition with local partners in their home countries or regions.



www.worldyouthchoir.org
www.youtube.com/user/worldyouthchoir09

Internationally renowned conductors

The artistic responsibility lies with an international committee of eminent specialists appointed by the International Federation for Choral Music, Jeunesses Musicales International and Europa Cantat. The WYC engages the most renowned choral conductors for the sessions.

Since its inception, the choir has been conducted by Anton Armstrong, Frieder Bernius, Filippo Maria Bresan, Michael Brewer, Peter Broadbent, Bob Chilcott, Peter Dijkstra, Peter Erdei, Eric Ericson, Gunnar Eriksson, Gary Graden, Georg Grün, Maria Guinand, Aharon Harlap, Florian Heyerick, Felipe Izcaray, Sidumo Jacobs, Robert Janssens, Tonu Kaljuste, Eric Klaas, Anthony Leach, Eduardo Mata (†), Albert McNeil, Denis Menier, Theodora Pavlovitch, Grete Pedersen, Johannes Prinz, Robert Shaw(†), Ole-Kristen Ruud, Fred Sjöberg, Stefan Sköld, Paul Smith, Robert Sund, Ward Swingle, Nobuaki Tanaka, Andre Thomas, Jonathan Velasco, Michele Weir, Hak Won Yoon, Steve Zegree, Johan Duijck, Ana Maria Raga, Ragnar Rasmussen and Josep Vila I Casanas.

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- **International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)**
www.ifcm.net
- **Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI)**
www.jmi.net
- **European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (EC)**
www.eca-ec.org

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