

World Youth Choir Summer Session 2010

World Youth Choir General Information

Building Bridges between Young Singers from Diverse Cultures



A message of peace to the world

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

Summer sessions (July/August)

Each summer, the WYC 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.

Patronized by

- **International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)**
- **Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI)**
- **Europa Cantat (EC)**

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 WYC 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.

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 and Ana Maria Raga.

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www.youtube.com/user/worldyouthchoir09



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Dates (to be confirmed)

Arrival: July 5th, 2010, Tenerife, Canary Islands
Departure: July 29th, 2010, Barcelona, Spain

Camp place

Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kROLMXQSpA

Tour

Canary Islands and Iberian Peninsula (continental Spain)

Program (to be confirmed)

- 20th Century choral music (academic repertoire)
 - Choral music of the Mediterranean

Conductors

- **First part:** RAGNAR RASMUSSEN, Norway
- **Second part:** JOSEP VILA I CASAÑAS, Spain

A truly educational and social experience in different vocal traditions on the highest artistic level

Organization

- The 2010 summer session is organized by the **International Center for Choral Music (ICCM)** in Namur, Belgium in collaboration with **Association Reyes Bartlet**, Canary Islands (Spain) and **Moviment Coral Catala**, Barcelona, Spain

- The World Youth Choir is a project run under the official patronage of the:

- ✓ *Jeunesses Musicales International*
- ✓ *International Federation for Choral Music*
- ✓ *Europa Cantat*

International Standing Committee

- Kaja Šivic, Slovenia
- Theodora Pavlovitch, Bulgaria
- Sonja Greiner, Germany
- Aarne Saluveer, Estonia
- Fred Sjöberg, Sweden
- Blasko Smilevski, Macedonia

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Tentative planning

- July 5th, 2010 Arrival
- July 6th to July 16th, rehearsal camp
- July 17th to July 29th, concert tour

Concerts (to be confirmed and decided)

- ✓ Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife
- ✓ Grand Canary Island
- ✓ Madrid
- ✓ Segovia
- ✓ Barcelona
- ✓ Girona
- ✓ Basque Country

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