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VERONA CHOIR COMPETITION

07 - 11.4.2021

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- DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF VERONA
- PERFORM FOR AN INTERNATIONAL JURY
- MEET CHOIRS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
- PARTICIPATE IN A FRIENDSHIP CONCERT WITH A LOCAL ITALIAN CHOIR

For male, female, mixed and youth choirs.

The romantic city of Verona was the setting of Shakespeare's classic love story, Romeo and Juliet. Red-roofed Verona lies in a bend of the river Adige as it winds its way south from the Alps. Apart from Rome itself, Verona is Italy's best preserved Roman city, with a Roman bridge, Roman gates and the famous Roman amphitheatre, the Arena of Verona. Rich in tradition, this city is an ideal destination for choirs.

The competition begins with an opening ceremony and a warm welcome from the hosts, followed by a concert of a well-known local choir. The Verona Choir Competition is held at Teatro Nuovo where the choirs have a maximum of fifteen minutes to perform their chosen pieces in front of a jury of 7 internationally renowned members. After your performance, you can enjoy listening to some of the other participating choirs and get a taste of the varied choral traditions from all over the world. During your stay, you can enjoy a visit to Verona, explore the breathtaking Roman Arena and discover Juliet's house where the famous story of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" took place in 1302. You can also enjoy a day trip to Venice, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, consisting of 119 islands, more than 450 bridges and over 180 canals. After the closing celebrations with awards ceremony, the choirs that receive gold will perform.

Afterwards, great reception with snacks and beverages and time to spend with your new friends. The closing ceremony ends with a grand procession through the city centre to the Roman Arena, where all guest choirs will join together to perform "Va Pensiero" by G.Verdi, "Inno Alla Gioia" by L. van Beethoven and "Amazing Grace" by J.Newton.

Categories of competition:

Classical polyphonic singing without compulsory composition, Classical polyphonic singing with compulsory composition, Folk, Jazz, Pop, Swing, Blues, Youth choirs (max 24 years old)

Verona Choir Competition

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights in a 3* hotel on Lake Garda or in the surroundings (accommodation in twin rooms, half board)
- Participation in the competition including all fees
- Participation in the opening concert
- Half-day sightseeing in Verona (entrance fees to pay on the spot)
- Full-day trip to Venice including a boat ride
- Meeting with an Italian Choir
- Monetary Prize in Category 2
- Closing ceremony with snacks and drinks, certificates for all choirs and a cup for every placed choir
- Local assistance during your stay

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival. Free afternoon to explore Lake Garda. Dinner at your hotel. In the evening transfer to the Verona Philharmonic Theatre to attend the opening celebration and enjoy a warm welcome from the representatives of the city and province. Return to the hotel.

DAY 2: Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Verona and start of the performances of the competition at Teatro Nuovo. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon walking tour of the city centre. Return to your hotel on Lake Garda. Dinner at your hotel

DAY 3: Breakfast at your hotel. Full-day trip to Venice, including a boat ride on the Canale Grande to San Marco Square. In the afternoon free time to explore Venice, return to Lake Garda. Dinner at your hotel.





DAY 4: Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Verona. Reception for all choir directors before the closing ceremony. Closing ceremony for all participating choirs at the Verona Philharmonic Theatre. Reception with snacks and drinks. Procession of all choirs to the Arena of Verona, where they will join voices to sing together "Va pensiero", "Inno Alla Gioia" and "Amazing Grace". Return to hotel for dinner. In the evening transfer to participate in a friendship concert with a local Italian choir. Transfer back to hotel.

DAY 5: Breakfast at your hotel and departure.





ITALY

INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL IN MONTECATINI TERME

17 - 20.06.2021

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- STAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL SPA TOWN MONTECATINI TERME
- VISIT THE SIGHTS OF TUSCANY
- SING FOR A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE
- PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING CEREMONY AT TETTuccio GARDEN SPA
- PERFORM IN FLORENCE

The Tuscany International Choral Festival in Montecatini Terme is a folk festival in a picturesque spa town in Tuscany. Choirs have the possibility to visit Pisa with its famous leaning tower, or Lucca with its well-preserved street pattern dating back to Roman times, or Florence with its famous bridges. The festival opens with an official ceremony in the Tettuccio Garden Spa, where choirs are welcomed by local authorities and can enjoy a choral performance by a local Italian choir. During the festival, choirs perform an open-air concert at the Tettuccio Garden Spa and an evening concert in a famous piazza of the town. The festival is a great opportunity for choirs to listen to other singers from all over the world. On request it is possible to perform during Sunday morning Mass in one of the enchanting churches of Montecatini or surroundings.

** You will be asked in advance for the programme of your performances including title, composer, duration and language. For Mass service, the programme should contain 4 - 5 pieces.*

Tuscany International Choral Festival in Montecatini Terme

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights in a hotel of the chosen category
- 2 dinners at your hotel
- Opening ceremony at Tettuccio Garden Spa
- Choice from 4 choral performances
- Half-day excursion to Pisa or Lucca
- Full-day excursion to Florence
- Local assistance during your stay

PERFORMANCES DURING THE FESTIVAL:

- In Tettuccio Garden Spa (15 minutes)
- Open-air in Florence
- In a square of Montecatini
- During Mass in a church of the area

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival in Montecatini Terme, meeting with your guide and transfer to hotel. Dinner at your hotel. Torchlight parade from Torretta Spa to Tettuccio Spa. Opening ceremony at Tettuccio Spa.

DAY 2: In the morning performance at Tettuccio Garden Spa (15 minutes). In the afternoon trip to Pisa or Lucca. In the evening performance in a Piazza of Montecatini (15 minutes).

DAY 3: Trip to Florence and optional open-air performance of 15 minutes. In the evening closing ceremony including dinner, farewell by official representatives and a song performed together with the other choirs.

DAY 4: Departure or performance during church service







AUSTRIA

INTERNATIONAL ADVENT SINGING FESTIVAL IN VIENNA

25 - 29.11.2021 | 02 - 06.12.2021
09 - 13.12.2021 | 16 - 20.12.2021

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The International Advent Singing Festival of Vienna is held every weekend during Advent season. The spicy scented candles, the flavours of candyfloss and other delicacies, Christmas punch and roasted chestnuts spread among the market stalls and make you feel the Christmas spirit. Between one and another concert, participants can warm their hands holding hot mulled wine and fully enjoy the atmosphere of the Christmas markets. The choirs can perform in the city hall, a very unique place, or sing in front of the famous Schönbrunn Palace. The castle and the park belong to the most important monuments of Austria, built to compete in both beauty and Baroque splendour with the Palace of Versailles. In December, Schönbrunn features a Christmas market that attracts not only tourists but also the Viennese inhabitants.

During the festival the choirs will sing in three of the following scenic venues of the city:

- Festival Hall of Vienna City Hall - 30 minutes
- Christmas market in front of Schönbrunn Palace - 30 minutes
- A senior citizen home - 45 minutes
- A church of Vienna during Mass

Important: all participating choirs are asked to hand in a CD and short biography in advance.

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival in Vienna and meeting with your guide in the hotel. Dinner at your hotel or at the local restaurant "Wienerwald".

DAY 2: Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning guided tour of Vienna: St. Stephen's Cathedral, Ring Road, Hundertwasserhaus apartment complex, Belvedere Castle, Vienna Opera House, Votive Church, Parliament and Hofburg Imperial Palace. Lunch at the Rathauskeller restaurant of the city hall. In the afternoon performance at a senior citizens home. Dinner at Danubio Tower.

DAY 3: Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning visit to Schönbrunn Castle and leisure time to go shopping. In the afternoon concert at the Festival Hall of the Vienna City Hall. In the evening typical dinner at a wine tavern in the scenic village Gumpoldskirchen.

DAY 4: Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning concert at a church of Vienna during service. In the evening closing ceremony at the city hall with certificates for all participants, snacks and drinks and joint voices to sing "Ode an die Freude" together with the other choirs.

DAY 5: Breakfast at your hotel and departure.



International Advent Singing Festival in Vienna (Austria)

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights in a hotel including buffet breakfast
- Lunch at the restaurant of the city hall (Rathauskeller)
- Dinner at your hotel on arrival day
- Typical dinner at a "Heurigen" in Gumpoldskirchen, the paradise of wine
- Lunch or dinner at the Danube Tower
- 3 performances of your choice
- Guided half-day tour of Vienna
- Entrance and guided visit of Schönbrunn
- Closing reception with drinks and snacks

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.



AUSTRIA

INTERNATIONAL CANTUS MUSIC & CULTURE FESTIVAL IN SALZBURG

01 - 04.07.2021

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Located in the centre of Europe and deeply linked to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Salzburg is also called "little paradise", thanks to the perfect combination of unspoilt nature and beautiful baroque architecture. Salzburg - "castle of salt" - is located on the banks of the Salzach river, which separates the "old" city from the "modern" one. The historic centre has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the reasons and follow the traces of Mozart in his hometown.

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival in Salzburg and meeting with your guide at hotel . Dinner at your hotel. Reception of the choir conductors by the local tourism director and other authorities

DAY 2:

Breakfast at your hotel. Day trip to the province of Salzburg and lake district including the place where the movie "The Sound of Music" was shot. Visit to the park of Hellbrunn Castle, Lake Fuschl and the town of St. Gilgen on famous Lake Wolfgang. Buffet to enjoy the traditional autumn harvest festival on a farm. Official welcome by the festival coordinators and possibility to perform.

After lunch, visit to Lake Mondsee and Leopoldskron Palace, another film location of "The Sound of Music".

It is possible to sing in front of the castle. Return to hotel and dinner.

After dinner free time to visit Salzburg.

DAY 3:

Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning the choirs sing in the "Großer Saal" (big hall) of the Mozarteum. Choirs who will perform in the afternoon, enjoy a guided half-day tour of Salzburg: Residenz, Cathedral, Mozartplatz, fortress of Hohensalzburg, S.Pietro Castle, Mozart's birthplace, Festspielhaus etc. Choirs have the chance to perform in the garden of Mirabell Palace. Choir directors may visit the Autographen-Keller and admire original documents and scores written by Mozart. In the evening closing ceremony at the Kavalierhaus Klessheim (a small Baroque palace) with awards ceremony and performance of a joint song. Farewell dinner, music and dancing.

DAY 4: Breakfast at your hotel and departure.

Meet Mozart International Cantus Music and Culture Festival in Salzburg

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights in twin room with private facilities in the requested hotel category (3 or 4*)
- 2 dinners at you hotel or contracted restaurant
- Guided tour of Salzburg (3 hours)
- Participation in opening concert
- Participation in competition or festival
- Closing ceremony with awards, music and dancing
- Farewell dinner
- Local guide during the stay

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.





AUSTRIA

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL WOLFSBERG - CARINTHIA

03 - 05.09.2021

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Carinthia is the southernmost region of Austria, a perfect holiday destination thanks to its mild climate, great number of lakes, mountains, hot springs, delicious regional specialties and Carinthian hospitality. Here you can find the Lavant valley, also known as "Paradise of Carinthia", surrounded by the forested slopes of Koralpe and Saualpe. The principal town of the valley is Wolfsberg, a tourist destination rich in history and culture. With an area of 320 sqm it is Austria's largest municipality after Vienna. The inhabitants of Wolfsberg are particularly attached to their traditions: a considerable number of choirs, music associations, groups of folk dancers in traditional costumes and theatre companies make sure that the folk traditions handed down over the centuries are kept alive even today. For many years now, Carinthia has been the cradle of a fascinating artistic form: choral music, which is expressed through beautiful folk songs, patriotic melodies or songs in dialect; and so the festival "Cantare in montagna" (singing in the mountains), held in the Lavanttal area in September, was born. Each year a choral association of the valley invites the guest choirs to attend a concert and spend an evening together. In the last evening all the choirs from different countries, join voices to sing during church service in the mountains at 1,700 metres above sea level, where sacred moments mix with fun ones.

During the festival the choirs will sing at three scenic venues of the city:

- Open-air, at the most picturesque places of the old town (15/20 minutes)
- Evening concert in an important building of the city (KUSS convention center, City Hall, or House of Music 15/20 minutes)
- Open-air church service in the mountains with the following songs:
 1. Klänge der Freunde - German choirs
 2. Gloria a Dio - Italian choirs
 3. Ave verum corpus - German and Italian choirs together
 4. Schubert Messe, Heilig - German male choirs
 5. "O Sanctissima" - Italian male choirs
 6. Signore delle cime - Italian choirs
 7. La montanara - Italian choirs

International Choir Festival Wolfsberg - Carinthia (Austria)

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 2 dinners at your hotel
- 2 lunches at a restaurant
- Performances

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival in Wolfsberg, meeting with your guide at motorway exit. Dinner at your hotel. Opening ceremony at the Palace of Culture with a warm welcome from representatives of the city of Wolfsberg and concert of a local choir.

DAY 2: Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning open-air concerts at various venues throughout the city centre (in case of bad weather the concerts will be held in the Town Hall or in the Palace of Culture). Lunch at a typical restaurant of Wolfsburg. Dinner at your hotel. In the evening, the choirs give concerts in an important building of the city: KUSS congress and event center, City Hall or House of Music.

DAY 3: Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning, open-air performance during church service in the mountains (1,700 m above sea level). Lunch in a local restaurant. Departure.





FRANCE

INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL IN NICE

08 – 11.10.2020

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WAITING FOR NEW DATES IN 2021

A picturesque city on the Mediterranean coast, rich with Medieval buildings and remains of the Belle Époque: Charming Nice is the ideal place to relax and get to know the French culture. The Festival is inaugurated with an opening ceremony by the vice mayor and a concert of the local choir "Les Voix de Nice". As part of the festival, choirs perform in the 17th century St. Reparate Cathedral, built in honour of the patron saint of Nice. The choirs have to choose a repertoire that includes typical folklore music from their home region. Each choir has 30 minutes to perform. Some of the participating choirs can give an evening concert with a local choir and sing together Händel's "Canticorum Jubilo". Furthermore, it is possible to perform during Mass service in a church.

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival in Nice, meeting with your local guide and transfer to hotel. In the evening bus transfer to opening ceremony hosted by the mayor of Nice. Welcome drink and concert of local choir "Les Voix de Nice". Free time to enjoy a stroll along the famous "Promenade des Anglais" with its illumination and the "Baie des Anges".

DAY 2: In the morning sightseeing tour by bus including the Promenade, Baroque monuments of the "Belle Époque", the famous Hotel "Negresco", the Russian-Orthodox Cathedral, the Cimiez Hill with the Franciscan church and rose garden of the adjoining monastery, the Arena and the Matisse Museum. The tour ends with a walk through the old town.

In the afternoon all the participating choirs perform at the baroque "Sainte Reparate" cathedral. At the end of the concerts all choirs join and sing together, followed by the closing ceremony and distribution of participation certificates.

In the evening choirs have the opportunity to give a concert with a local French choir in the surroundings of Nice.

DAY 3: In the morning free time to explore the old town or to perform during church service in Nice or surrounding area. Alternatively, guided full-day trip to Monaco and Monte Carlo or half-day to St.-Paul-de-Vence and Vence. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant to try the famous "Nicois Cuisine" and entertainment.

DAY 4: Departure.



International Choral Festival in Nice (France)

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights accommodation with French breakfast
- Opening ceremony with performance of local choir "Les Voix de Nice"
- Festival participation fees
- Guided half-day tour of Nice (including entrance fees)
- Evening concert together with a French choir
- Possibility to perform during Mass in church
- Closing ceremony with dinner
- Certificate of participation
- Local assistance during your stay

EXTRA:

Guida mezza giornata St Paul de Vence e Vence.
Guida giornata intera Eze, Monaco e Monte Carlo

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.



CZECH REPUBLIC

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL & COMPETITION IN PRAGUE

29.10 – 01.11.2020

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The Golden City, the City of a Hundred Spires and historical capital of Bohemia are all nicknames of Prague, a beautiful city in every season. It is rich with palaces, churches, castles and fascinating long forgotten streets just a few steps away from the main streets of the old town, which features a castle founded about 880 BC, a "new city" dating back to 1348 and a variety of architectural styles with buildings that once were home to Kafka, Mozart, Einstein, Smetana and Dvorák. "Prague Cantat" is an international competition and festival that takes place in Prague every autumn. It is an important competition and choral festival of choirs from all over the world. The events are held in the majestic Majakovsky and Raisuv halls of the National House, a beautiful neo-Renaissance building designed by architect Antonín Turek. Choirs can choose to participate in the competition, evaluated by an international jury, or just sing for the pleasure to perform at a festival. The performance will be judged by a member of the jury for the exclusive use of the choir leader, a judgement that is neither classified nor competitive. This can be useful for choirs who want to participate in a competition in the future, as they receive helpful suggestions on how to prepare. Choirs participating in the festival category have the opportunity to perform in a social centre in Prague. The competition is divided into 6 categories:

Category A: male choirs

Category B: female choirs

Category C: mixed choirs

Category D: male, female and mixed youth choirs aged between 14 & 24

Category E: choirs with a programme of sacred music

Category F: male, female, mixed and youth folkloric choirs

A big highlight is the concert of the famous Czech Youth Choir "Cancioneta Praga" (former "Bambini di Praga") during the opening ceremony. The closing ceremony takes place at the National House where all choirs join voices and sing together.

Praga Cantat International Choir Festival and Competition in Prague

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 overnight stays
- Welcome drink
- Reception in the city hall by two representatives of the city of Prague
- Participation in the opening concert performed by the famous Czech Youth Choir "Cancioneta Praga" (former "Bambini di Praga")
- Participation in the competition/festival
- Participation in the closing celebrations with awards ceremony
- Concert in a senior citizen home (for festival participants)

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival in Prague and meeting with your guide in the hotel. Dinner at your hotel. Reception at the city hall (two representatives of the choir).

DAY 2: Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the State Opera. Official opening ceremony with concert performed by Czech choir Cancioneta Praga (duration ca. 1 hour). Transfer to the National House and time for lunch. In the afternoon choir competition in all categories at the National House, whereas participants of the festival perform at a social centre (senior citizen home). Dinner at your hotel.

DAY 3: Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning performances of the choirs participating in the festival (category G). In the afternoon rehearsal of the compulsory piece "In Praga carmina resonant" (category G). Guided city tour including visit to the Prague Castle. Lunch at your hotel. In the afternoon free time for individual tours or shopping.





CZECH REPUBLIC

YOUNGBOHEMIA PRAGUE FESTIVAL

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26 - 29.03.2020

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In 2020 Prague will host the 18th edition of the Youngbohemia Festival (former Youngprague Festival). Born in 2003, it has become the most popular event for young people aged 8-26 who are interested in music and choral singing. The organisers are ready to welcome thousands of people from all over the world and the participants get the opportunity to show their talent and skills, and at the same time to enjoy the city's major sights and meet new friends. The festival consists of two parts: public performances and competition.

1) Public performances

Participants - choirs, orchestras and other music ensembles (also non-traditional) - have to learn, rehearse and perform a song together with other participants.

2) Competition - The orchestra competition is divided into:

- a) symphonic orchestras;*
- b) brass music orchestras,*
- c) jazz orchestras,*
- d) other music (pop, folklore, jazz)*

The choir competition is divided into: mixed choirs, boys choirs, girls choirs, children choirs, youth choirs (spiritual, gospel, jazz, pop). In all categories, a Czech composition is compulsory.

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival. Dinner at your hotel. Reception of group leaders by representatives of the city of Prague. Welcome party

DAY 2: In the morning concerts. Competition for choirs and orchestras (non-competing ensembles enjoy a guided tour of Prague or watch the concerts). Get-together with local schools/ensembles. Dinner at your hotel.

DAY 3: Parade through the city centre. Open-air concerts in Prague or/and performances in churches. Disco party.

DAY 4: Departure after breakfast.



Youngbohemia Prague Festival

BASIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Participation fee
- 3 nights in hotel accommodation in twin or triple rooms in hotels of 3* or 4* category
- 2* lodging is in apartments consisting of two double/twin bedrooms and one bath
- 3 breakfasts
- 3 dinners at your hotel
- Guided tour of Prague
- Local assistance during your stay.
- One free place every 20 paying guests

Each programme can be tailored to the choir's individual needs.





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