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Weblinks for choral conductors and managers

## I Choir Organizations – International and European

### European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (ECA-EC)

<http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org> or [www.eca-ec.org](http://www.eca-ec.org)

European choir association, result of merger between Europa Cantat and AGECE (Bonn, Germany)

- ➔ Aim: encouraging and increasing understanding and cooperation between Europeans by bringing them together in the common activity of singing, promoting the exchange and development of cultural heritage and education
- ➔ Activities: EUROPA CANTAT Festivals and Singing Weeks, EUROPA CANTAT junior, Vocal Jazz Days, one of the patrons of the World Youth Choir together with Jeunesses Musicales International and IFCM, Eurochoir, Showchoir Weeks, European Academies for conductors and singers, International Competition for conductors, International Study Tours, seminars for composers, training programmes for managers, publications of songbooks, ...
- ➔ Major European Cooperation Project: VOICE – Vision on Innovation for Choral Music in Europe, see [www.thevoiceproject.eu](http://www.thevoiceproject.eu)
- ➔ Publication: ECEmagazine, newsletter including information on conductors, choirs, choral organizations, festivals, and events, songbooks, CDs
- ➔ Website: information on EC programs, link collection including general music links, links to choral organizations and events, repertoire sites, publishers, research and studies, funding possibilities, as well as links on mobility

### International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)

<http://www.ifcm.net>

(currently no physical seat, legal seat in Chicago, USA)

- ➔ Aim: facilitating communication and exchange between choral musicians throughout the world
- ➔ Programs: world and regional symposia, conducting master classes, one of the patrons of the World Youth Choir together with Jeunesses Musicales International and ECA-EC, World Choral Census, World Day of Choral Singing, Voices conferences, Conductors Without Borders, ...
- ➔ Publication: International Choral Bulletin
- ➔ Website: information on IFCM activities and choral organizations and events worldwide, links to choirs and choral organizations worldwide, world choral news and events calendar

### Interkultur e.V. (Musica Mundi)

<http://www.musica-mundi.com>

(Pohlheim, Germany)

- ➔ Organizer of international Festivals and choir competitions (World Choir Games, World Choir Championships)
- ➔ Edition Music Contact: Possibility to buy scores of international choral works online
- ➔ Website: Forum, News about international choral life, World Ranking List (ranking list of choirs that participated in Interkultur events)

### European Grand Prix for Choral Singing (GPE)

<http://www.gpeuropa.com/>

Annual international choral competition between the winners of six European choral competitions

- ➔ Organized by the organizing committees of the six choral competitions: Polyphonic Competition Guido d'Arezzo (Arezzo, Italy), Bela Bartok International Choir Competition (Debrecen, Hungary), Maribor Competition (Maribor, Slovenia) Tolosa Choral Competition (Tolosa, Basque Country, Spain), Vocal Competition Florilège de Tours (Tours, France), International May Choir Competition Prof. G. Dimitrov (Varna, Bulgaria), hosting of each annual GPE competition is rotated among the six member cities



#### International Music Council (IMC)

<http://www.imc-cim.org>

Advisory body to the UNESCO agency on musical matters (Paris, France)

- ➔ World expert organisation, a forum for exchange and reflection and an observatory in the field of music, direct access to over 1000 organizations across the world
- ➔ Aim: promoting all types of music by being interface to governments, institutions and regions, supporting the development and the promotion of diverse music and the role of musicians in the context of social, cultural and economic development, creating a network of knowledge and experience that touches on every aspect of music
- ➔ Programs: World Forum on Music, IMC International Music Award, Radio Rostra and Competitions, Many Musics Action Programme, International Music Day, ...
- ➔ Website: information about IMC members and programs, Music World News and publications, internship offers, funding opportunities for projects

#### European Music Council (EMC)

<http://www.emc-imc.org>

Regional group of the IMC (Bonn, Germany)

- ➔ Aim: contributing to a better mutual understanding among peoples and their different cultures and to the right for all musical cultures to coexist, building knowledge, creating networking opportunities, supporting and enhancing the visibility of initiatives that help sustain people's participation in music and cultural life
- ➔ Programs: ExTra! - Exchange Traditions, European Forum for Music Education and Training, seminars and conferences, ...
- ➔ Publication: Sounds in Europe
- ➔ Website: information about members and projects, news section and Forum, links to cultural policy in Europe

## II Choral Music Networks & Websites

#### ChoralNet

<http://www.choralnet.org>

Portal to online resources and communications for the global choral music community

- ➔ Links to choirs, choral organizations, choral communities, and blogs on choral music
- ➔ Extensive resources and links include repertoire lists, reference materials, rehearsal tips, choral accessories and technology, and professional development
- ➔ Multimedia section with podcasts, blogs, videos, and downloadable scores and recordings
- ➔ Possibility to post announcements

#### International Choral Festival Network

<http://www.choralfestivalnetwork.org>

Portal to the world of choir festivals and competitions

- ➔ Network of qualified international festivals and competitions
- ➔ Database providing information on competitions and festivals worldwide
- ➔ Working tool for the daily work of festival directors, -organizers and choral conductors who like to join festivals and competitions

#### Musica International

<http://www.musicanet.org>

Database for choral repertoire

- ➔ Search engine for composers and specific works with texts, listening examples and extracts from the scores
- ➔ Search engine for choirs, editors, etc.

#### International Association of Music Information Centres (IAMIC)

<http://www.iamic.net>

- ➔ International network of organisations which document and promote the music of their country or region or a certain musical field
- ➔ Aim: encouraging development, collaborations and exchanges between its members, facilitating and enhancing access to information, materials, and products provided by its members, encouraging the performance, broadcast, and dissemination of music
- ➔ Website: links to national Music Information Centres, links to music institutions in the respective countries