

WORLD CHOIR GAMES RIGA

Daily Schedule

Wednesday July 9th 2014

Ticketed Events

20:00 Opening Ceremony

Arēna Rīga

The official Opening Ceremony of the World Choir Games will take place on Wednesday 9 July at the Arēna Rīga. The procession of the flags of participating countries and the ceremonial hoisting of the Games' flag solemn, honouring of the World Choir Games' international competition jury and special Bell Ceremony will be augmented by the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, soloists Renārs Kaupers, Intars Busulis, saxophonist Oskars Petrauskis, Latvian National Opera Ballet artists, singers, the Dzirnās dance group, a number of choirs, folk groups and a bagpipe band, but the 8th World Choir Games will be officially launched by Günter Titsch, President of Games' organisers, Germany's Interkultur. Mārtiņš Klišāns, Mārtiņš Ozoliņš and Romāns Vanags will conduct proceedings under the stage direction of Mirdza Zīvere.

Free Events

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

12:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde - Open Air Stage

14:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden - Open Air Stage

16:00 Friendship Concert

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19:00 Celebration Concert

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Landarbaso Abesbatza, Spain; Hwa Chong - Nanyang Choir, Singapore; Prairie Voices, Canada; Stellenbosch University Choir, South Africa.

21:00 Stars of the World Choir Games Concert

Arēna Rīga

Concert performances by: The world-famous vocal group The Real Group, Sweden; Yamato Drummers of Japan, Japan; Intars Busulis & Abonementa orķestris, Latvia; World Choir Games participant Vocal Motion Six, Namibia; World Choir Games participant Ladies First, Germany as well as the famous "Adiemus. Songs of Sanctuary" by Karl Jenkins performed by: Sinfonia Concertante Chamber Orchestra; Rīga Dome Cathedral Girls' Choir Tiara; Dance group Dzirnas.

WORKSHOPS

09:30 Singspiration

Kari Turunen (Finland) - Creating sound

The sound of the choir is its most important attribute. We all want a choir that sings with a rich, beautiful and unified sound, but what are the means to achieve this kind of sound? How can conductors develop the sound of the choir? How can singers find ways of using their voices in a richer and more unified manner? The work shop features approaches that include sound-assisting physical gestures both in conducting and singing, exercises that help to unify vowels and create a stronger awareness between singers, exploring often unused vocal resources and the importance of emotions in creating sound.

11:30 Headliners

Ēriks Ešenvalds (Latvia) - At the foot of the sky

The horizon breathes stories without end. And standing at the foot of the sky, the greatest of all horizons, I observe its beauty and endlessness. That sky up there seems full of silence which has been grasped and transcribed into rhymes and music throughout the ages. And here comes my story...

14:00 Cultural Showcase

Uģis Prauliņš (Latvia) - Latvian & Baltic Folklore and Choral Music

In this session Uģis Prauliņš will discuss and present Folklore and its elements in choral music, focusing on the new trends and paradigms in Latvian and Baltic music on the whole.

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16:00 Modern Times

Fred Sjöberg (Sweden) - Get inspired: gospel, pop and jazz

In this workshop you will sing different kind of music related to pop and jazz. The idea is that you as a singer or conductor have a chance to try out different music styles, different vocal approach. How can we sing pop and jazz with a true identity to the originals? Is it possible? What do we have to change in our vocal style to get there? We will sing some special arrangements of well-known pop and jazz tunes. We will do vocal exercises that improve the vocal approach for this style of genre. There is a big difference between gospel, pop and jazz and we will explore the differences how to sing, how to conduct, how to act. Music by ABBA, Sting, Elton John etc will be performed.

Free Events

COMPETITIONS

12:00 Male Choirs

(The Open Competition – Cat. 015)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Latvia University Male Choir DZIEDONIS, Latvia; Camerata Vocale, Germany; Rīgas Viru Koris "Absolventi"; Latvia; Jakobstads sångarbröder, Finland.

13:30 Scenic Folklore

(The Open Competition – Cat. 029)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: South Cape Children's Choir, South Africa; Dozan wa Awtar, Jordan; Cgals Chamber Choir, Namibia; Atlanta Young Singers – Folk Ensemble, USA; Coro Infantil Y Juvenil Sinfonico, Mexico; Kaohsiung Children Chorus, Chinese Taipei; Pietermaritzburg Children's Choir, South Africa; Alexandrian Voices, Greece; Leticia, Finland; Shanghai Sound of Music Art Group, China; Beijing Caoyuanlian Chorus, China; Children's Chorus of Guangxi People's Broadcasting Station, China.

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COMPETITIONS

14:00 Mixed Choirs

(The Open Competition – Cat. 09)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Tianyin Choir of the Catholic Diocese of Taiyuan, China; Jauktais Koris "Zemgale", Latvia; Mixed Choir Spārni, Latvia; Konzertchor Berliner Pädagogen e.V., Germany; Alūksne Teacher Choir "Atzele", Latvia; Mixed Choir "Noskaņa", Latvia; Sängerkreis Hildburghausen, Germany; Kapella of Kazan Federal University, Russia; Rezekne Region Mixed Choir "Ezerzeme", Latvia; Dozan wa Awtar, Jordan; Manolis Kalomiris Choir, Greece.

14:00 Children's Choirs – Block 1/2

(The Open Competition – Cat. 02)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Heavenly Sound, China/Hong Kong SAR; Morten Boerup Choir, Denmark; Beijing Niulanshan First Secondary School Angel Choir, China; Dominanta, Russia; Valmiera Music School Choir "Sollare", Latvia; Kastaliya, Russia; Jitřenka, Czech Republic; The Kuala Lumpur Children's Choir, Malaysia; The "Hesheng" Choir of the High School affiliated to Xi'an Jiaotong University, China; Crescendo Abesbatza, Spain; Children's Choir "Nīca", Latvia; Laagri School Choir, Estonia; South Cape Children's Choir, South Africa.

14:00 Musica Sacra with accompaniment – Block 1/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C18)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Methodist Ladies' College Chorale, Australia; Children's Choir "Lielvārde", Latvia; Landarbaso Abesbatza, Spain; COTA Youth Choir Namibia, Namibia; Diocesan Schools Choral Society, China/Hong Kong SAR; LU FMF Jauktais Koris Aura, Latvia; Klaipedos Vyduno Mokyklos Vaiku Choras; Lithuania; Stellenbosch University Choir, South Africa; Singakademie Graz, Austria; Bradford Catholic Girls Choir, Great Britain; The Oakville Children's Choir, Canada; Moravské Děti, Czech Republic.

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COMPETITIONS

14:00 Children's Choirs – Block 1/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C2)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Detski Khor Gosudarstvennoy Opery Yekaterinburg, Russia; Vocalista Angels, Indonesia; Harmonia, Russia; Chulada Choir of Chulalongkorn University Demonstration Secondary School, Thailand; Rosarte Children's Choirs, Greece; Children's Choir "Perezvony", Russia; LPPD Manokwari Children Choir, Indonesia; Children's Choir "Nošu planētas", Latvia; Magaliesberg Kinderkoor, South Africa; Iuventus, Gaude!, Czech Republic.

14:30 Mixed Youth Choirs

(The Open Competition Cat. O6)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Ogre Cultural Centre Youth Choir, Latvia; Beijing Hepingjie No. 1 Middle School Choir, China; Rīga Secondary School No. 84 Mixed Choir 'Harmony', Latvia; Skedsmo Voices, Norway; Cantabile, Denmark.

19:00 Mixed Youth Choirs – Block 1/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C6)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Lautitia Ifjúsági Vegyeskar, Hungary; University of Alabama Birmingham Concert Choir, USA; Tallinn Music High School Chamber Choir, Estonia; Die Primaner, Germany; Diocesan Schools Choral Society, China/Hong Kong SAR; U P Youth Choir, South Africa; Guangdong Experimental High School Choir, China; Rockford Touring Choir, USA; St. Paul's Co-educational College Senior Mixed Voice Choir, China/Hong Kong SAR.

19:00 Musica Sacra with accompaniment – Block 2/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C18)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Columbus International Children's Choir, USA; Mixed Choir ANIMA, Latvia; The Old Joes' Choir, Sri Lanka; Puellae Cantantes, Czech Republic; Shanghai Huangpu Youngster's Activity Center Spring Children's Choir, China; Männerstimmen Basel, Switzerland; Sigulda Mixed Choir "Atvars", Latvia; Student Choir of Nankai University, China; Lady Cove Women's Choir; Canada; ACS Jakarta Youth Choir, Indonesia; Mixed Choir of Rīga State Gymnasium No. 1, Latvia.

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19:30 Senior Choirs

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Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: "Noktirne" Female Senior Choir, Latvia; Jia Yin Chorus, China; Senior Female Choir "Atvasara", Latvia; Luohu Huangbei Phoenix Female Choir, China; Jelgava Novada Senioru Koris GAISMA, Latvia; Zhenskaya Khorovaya Kapella Elegiya, Russia; Lingzhisheng Choir, China; Senior Choir "Atvasara", Latvia; Beijing Caoyuanlian Chorus, China; Rīga Latvian Society's Seniors' Choir "eReLBe", Latvia; Suwon City Women's Silver Choir, Republic of Korea.

19:30 Scenic Folklore – Block 1/2

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C29)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: LPPD Manokwari Choir, Indonesia; Coro Juvenil del Conservatorio Superior "José María Rodríguez", Ecuador; SMA Agustinus Choir, Indonesia; Children's Choir "Lielvārde", Latvia; COTA Youth Choir Namibia, Namibia; Tiberias Children's Choir, Indonesia; Detski Khor Gosudarstvennoy Opery Yekaterinburg, Russia; Kearsney College Choir, South Africa; LU FMF Jauktais Koris Aura, Latvia.

20:00 Young Male Choirs

(The Open Competition – Cat. 04)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Páni Kluci Male Choir, Czech Republic; Atlanta Young Singers – Young Men's Ensemble, USA; Feng Peng Male Choir of Beijing No. 5 High School, China.

21:00 Mixed Boy's Choirs

(The Open Competition – Cat. 05)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Páni Kluci Boys Choir, Czech Republic; Coro Infantil Y Juvenil Sinfonico, Mexico.



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Vērmanes Garden - Open Air Stage

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Botanical Garden - Open Air Stage

16:00 Friendship Concert

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Origo Summer Stage

18:00 Friendship Concert

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Esplanāde - Open Air Stage



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20:00 The Real Group Solo Concert

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The Real Group is a professional a cappella quintet from Sweden, one of the world's leading jazz vocal ensembles. Founded in 1984, their music combines professional perfection with living, personal emotion. Their wide repertoire has enabled the group to create joint concert programmes with symphony orchestras, jazz and pop groups; to work with such legendary artists as George Martin, Bobby McFerrin, Toots Thielemans and others while themselves becoming true legends. To date, the group has recorded 17 albums and given several thousand concerts around the world.

WORKSHOPS

09:30 Singspiration

Andrea Angelini (Italy) - How to get a good result in a choir competition. An opportunity for every choir!

This workshop will focus some aspects for a good and satisfying participation in a choral competition like the right motivations, the best time to travel, the good choice of the repertoire, suggestions for a correct performance and so on. Winning or not a competition is mostly up to you!

11:30 Headliners

The Real Group (Sweden) - The Real Workshop

Welcome to a workshop with the world famous vocal group THE REAL GROUP from Sweden. This is a workshop that welcomes all singers that are interested in groovy ensemble and choir singing. It will be kept on a basic level that welcomes all singers, no matter previous experience. You may join as an individual or as a full ensemble/choir. In this workshop The Real Group will sing, tell you some about their history, rehearsal methods and how they achieved their unique sound. You will also get a chance to try some of their special models of practicing time, blend and intonation.

14:00 Cultural Showcase

Dozan wa Awtar (Jordan) - "Aghanina" (Our Songs)

Explore the beauty, the magic and the simplicity of Arabic singing. This session will introduce some forms of different traditional songs, their background, history and rhythms. Learn about our music, our poetry and our soul!

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16:00 Modern Times

André J. Thomas (USA) - Choral Music of African Americans

This workshop will explore the history and performance practice of performing two types of choral music by African Americans (Spirituals and Gospel). Audience participants will serve as the choir in learning these techniques.

Free Events

COMPETITIONS

9:30 Mixed Choirs – Block 1/2

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C9)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Cor di Jëuni Gherdëina, Italy; LU FMF Jauktais Koris Aura, Lithuania; Hrvatsko pjevačko društvo "LIPA" Osijek, Croatia; Landarbaso Abesbatza, Spain; Emīla Dārziņa Jauktais Koris, Latvia; Medical University of Gdańsk, Poland; Jauniesu Koris MASKA, Latvia.

10:00 Musica Sacra with accompaniment – Block 3/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C18)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Children's Choir "Perezvony", Russia; Aarhus Pigekor, Denmark; Mansfield University Concert Choir, USA; Liepajas Youth Choir "Intis" of Liepaja's Folk Art and Culture Centre, Latvia; University of Alabama Birmingham Concert Choir, USA; Iuventus, Gaude!, Czech Republic; Cantate, Great Britain.

11:00 Children's Choirs – Block 2/2

(The Open Competition – Cat. O2)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Shkolny Korabl, Ukraine; Children's Choir ŽELMENĒLIAI, Lithuania; New Taipei City Junior Choir, Chinese Taipei; Pietermaritzburg Children's Choir, South Africa; The Students' Chorus of Beijing No. 5 Middle School Branch, China; Leticia, Finland; Guangzhou Zhixin High School Choir, China; Kaohsiung Children Chorus, Chinese Taipei; Senior Group of the Children's Choir "Sibiryata", Russia; Qingdao Juvenile Radio & TV Choir, China; Shanghai Minban Jincai Foreign Language Junior Middle School Choir, China; Children's Choir of Fuzhou Sanmu Middle School of Fujian Province, China; Rīga French Lyceum Boys' Choir, Latvia.

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11:00 Scenic Folklore – Block 2/2

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C29)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: Student Choir of Nankai University, China; U P Youth Choir, South Africa; Ensemble Melodia, Russia; Mansinam Choir Manokwari, Indonesia; North Sulawesi Performing Art, Indonesia; Magaliesberg Kinderkoor, South Africa; Nadezhda, Russia; Youth Choir Mēs lidosim..., Latvia; Guangzhou Little Petrel Children's Choir, China; Iyakoko Patea Choir, Indonesia; Choir of Chongqing Wen Hua Gong, China; Vocalista Angels, Indonesia.

11:30 Mixed Youth Choirs – Block 2/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C6)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Prairie Voices, Canada; Chor am Helmholtz Gymnasium Potsdam, Germany; COTA Youth Choir Namibia, Namibia; Hwa Chong – Nanyang Choir, Singapore; SMA Agustinus Choir, Indonesia; SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School, China/Hong Kong SAR.

13:30 Musica Sacra with accompaniment

(The Open Competition – Cat. O18)

Rīga St. John's Church

Participating choirs: Mixed Choir "Vidzemite", Latvia; Miriam College High School Glee Club, Philippines; Tianyin Choir of the Catholic Diocese of Taiyuan, China; South Cape Children's Choir, South Africa; Vivat Choir Rīga, Latvia; Hosanna Singers, China/Hong Kong SAR; Crescendo Abesbatza, Spain; Pietermaritzburg Children's Choir, South Africa; Kamerkoris Amadeus, Latvia; Heavenly Sound, China/Hong Kong SAR; Cgals Chamber Choir, Namibia.

14:00 Musica Sacra with accompaniment – Block 4/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C18)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Little Miami Women's Chorale, USA; Coro Giovanile "i Minipolifonici", Italy; Coro Juvenil del Conservatorio Superior "José María Rodríguez", Ecuador; Golden Gate Men's Chorus, USA; Hrvatsko pjevačko društvo "LIPA" Osijek, Croatia; Via Stella, Latvia; Chulada Choir of Chulalongkorn University Demonstration Secondary School, Thailand; Hwa Chong – Nanyang Choir, Singapore; Mixed Chamber Choir "Matejs", Latvia; Tygerberg Children's Choir, South Africa.

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14:00 Children's Choirs – Block 2/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C2)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Tiberias Children's Choir, Indonesia; Domino, Czech Republic; Angelicus Indonesia Choir, Indonesia; Puellae Cantantes, Czech Republic, ACS Jakarta Youth Choir, Indonesia; Singakademie Graz, Austria; Atlanta Young Singers – Treble Concert Choir, USA; Shanghai Huangpu Youngster's Activity Center Spring Children's Choir, China; Children's Choir Cantabile, Russia; Klaipėdos Vyduno Mokyklos Vaiku Choras, Lithuania; Hangzhou Children's Chorus, China; Children's Choir "Melodia", Russia.

15:00 Mixed Youth Choirs – Block 3/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C6)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Student Choir of Nankai University, China; Mixed Choir of Rīga State Gymnasium No.1, Latvia; LPPD Manokwari Mixed Youth Choir, Indonesia; Robinson Singers, USA; Coro Giovanile "I Minipolifonici", Italy; Edmonton Youth Choir, Canada; Cantate, Great Britain; Mansfield University Concert Choir, USA.

16:30 Youth Choirs of Equal Voices

(The Open Competition – Cat. O3)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: St Mary's DSG Choir, South Africa; Hillcrest High School Glee Choir, South Africa; Beijing Hepingjie No. 1 Middle School Girls Choir, China; Columbus International Children's Choir, USA; Crescendo Arte Youth Ensemble, Colombia; Macao Kao Yip Middle School Choir, China/Macao SAR.

19:00 Young Male Choirs

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C4)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: The Rockford Aces, USA, Shanghai Yangjing High School Men's Choir, China; Kearsney College Choir, South Africa; Diocesan Boys' School Choir, China/Hong Kong SAR.

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COMPETITIONS

19:30 Scenic Pop / Show Choirs
(The Open Competition – Cat. O27)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: St Mary's DSG Choir, South Africa; Morten Boerup Choir, Denmark; Hillcrest High School Glee Choir, South Africa; Syrinx, Czech Republic.

19:30 Youth Choirs of Equal Voices – Block 1/2
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C3)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Jugendchor Konservatorium Winterthur, Switzerland; Miriam College High School Glee Club, Philippines; The Oakville Children's Choir, Canada; Singers Marin – les étoiles, USA; Emīļa Melngaiļa Liepājas Mūzikas Vidusskolas Meiteņu Koris, Latvia; Girls Choir "Cantus" of Ernesta Vignera Kuldīga Music School, Latvia; Little Miami Women's Chorale, USA; Bradford Catholic Girls Choir, Great Britain.

20:00 Spiritual – Block 1/2
(The Champions Competition – Cat. 23)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: LPPD Manokwari Choir, Indonesia; Cor di Jèuni Gherdëina, Italy; LPPD Manokwari Mixed Youth Choir, Indonesia; Gospelchor Rejoice, Germany; Stellenbosch University Choir, South Africa; Golden Gate Men's Chorus, USA; Mansinam Choir Manokowari, Indonesia.

20:20 Mixed Boys' Choirs
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C5)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Knabenchor Hösel, Germany.

20:30 Barbershop Quartets
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C24)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: KeyChord, Netherlands; Harmony 4 Rīga, Latvia; S.P.A.M., Netherlands.

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COMPETITIONS

21:30 Barbershop Choirs
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C25)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Methodist Ladies' College Barbershop, Australia; The Old Joe's Choir, Sri Lanka; Ladies First, Germany.

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

10:00 Friendship Concert
Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

12:00 Friendship Concert
Esplanāde – Open Air Stage

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Pūre Culture Centre

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Esplanāde – Open Air Stage



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19:00 Awards Ceremony Part I-I

Arena Rīga

During the ceremony the following categories will be awarded:

The Open Competition & The Champions Competition

Young Male Choirs (Cat. 4), Mixed Boy's Choirs (Cat. 5), Mixed Youth Choirs (Cat. 6), Senior Choirs (Cat. 16), Musica Sacra with accompaniment (Cat. 18), Barbershop Quartets (Cat. 24), Barbershop Choirs (Cat. 25), Scenic Folklore (Cat. 29)

20:00 Celebration Concert

Horn's Garden, Jurmala

Participating choirs: Rosarte Children's Choir, Greece; New Taipei City Junior Choir, Chinese Taipei; KYN, Finland.

WORKSHOPS

09:30 Singspiration

Zimfira Poloz (Canada) - Discover your voice as a musical instrument

"If you can speak - you can sing, if you can move - you can dance" (Chinese Proverb)!

Zimfira Poloz believes that every child can sing! In this session she will demonstrate her philosophy and approach. She focuses on vocal production and choral sound concept using a system of vocal exercises developed by combining the best of Eastern European and North American schools of choral education. Her exercises combine physical cues and movement, breathing techniques, and gesture to create expressive singing with attention to the vocal colour and weight of the sound. She will also address important questions including how the conducting gesture affects the sound of the choir and how to build a safe environment for singing!

You will leave with creative new ideas for eliciting the rich, vibrant sound your choir is naturally capable of producing! Not only can you learn, but your choir can join the Oakville Children's Choir and Young Voices Toronto at the workshop as well! If you are seeking ways to enhance the sound of your children's choir, join us!

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11:30 Headliners

Javier Busto (Spain) - A choir who writes music by intuition and experience

I started singing in the church choir in Hondarribia. Then I continued singing and playing the guitar but as Rock&Roll and protest musician in several local bands, clashing with the Hippie movement. In 1969 I began a second stage as a singer at the University Choir from Valladolid, where I studied Medicine: my main profession (1977-2013). After singing as a tenor, I began my career as choir conductor. Since 1980 I write choral music, always self-taught.

14:00 Cultural Showcase

Bernard Krüger (South Africa) - Voices and drums - a celebration of song, rhythm and movement

Join the world-renowned Kearsney College Choir of South Africa, one of the country's premier exponents of indigenous music, on an energetic exploration of folk songs from their homeland. Learn the basics behind African percussion to enhance your own choral performances, and complete the workshop by learning the words and appropriate movements (choralgraphy) of Zulu song. No prior knowledge necessary.

16:00 Modern Times

Robert Campbell (USA/Netherlands) - Sing It and Ring it!

Good singing habits are universal, and barbershop harmony is no different. What makes "Barbershoppers" unique is their joy in ringing chords, an art involving just intonation, proper balance, vowel and resonance matching. The style is characterized by consonant four-part chords for every melody note, with harmony parts enharmonically adjusted in pitch in order to produce an optimum consonant sound. The use of similar word sounds sung in good quality with limited vibrato helps produce the unique full or expanded sound of barbershop harmony. The singing style is bound closely to the arranging style, which features a high percentage of major triads and dominant seventh chords in strong voicing.



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11:00 Mixed Choirs – Block 2/2
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C9)
Great Guild

Participating choirs: The Mixed Choir of the European Capital of Culture, Estonia; Academic Choir of the Petrozavodsk State University, Russia; Mixed Choir "Laiks", Latvia; Sigulda Mixed Choir "Atvars", Latvia; Youth Mixed Choir Vox Populi, Estonia; Liepajas Youth Choir "Intis" of Liepaja's Folk Art and Culture Centre, Latvia; Stellenbosch University Choir, South Africa.

11:00 Scenic Pop / Show Choirs
(The Champions Competition- Cat. C27)
Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: The Rockford Aces, USA; Kearsney College Choir, South Africa; Vocalista Angels, Indonesia; ACS Jakarta Youth Choir, Indonesia; Green Hills Choir, Latvia; Rīga Gold Choir, Latvia; Singers Marin - les étoiles, USA.

11:00 Female Choirs
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C12)
Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Female Choir AIJA of Liepaja's Folk Art and Culture Centre, Latvia; Lady Cove Women's Choir, Canada; Female Choir "AUSMA" of Jazeps Medins 1st Music School of Rīga, Latvia; Aarhus Pigeekor, Denmark; KYN, Finland; Female Choir "Venda", Latvia; Female Choir Balta, Latvia.

12:00 Youth Choirs of Equal Voices – Block 2/2
(The Champions Competition – C03)
Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Methodist Ladies' College Chorale, Australia; Puellae Budvcienses, Czech Republic; Dajing High School Students Choir, China; Atlanta Young Singers – Young Women's Choir, USA; DR Pigeekor, Denmark; Khorovaya Studiya Allegro, Russia; Diocesan Girls' School Choir, China/ Hong Kong SAR; Hwa Chong – Nanyang Female Chorus, Singapore; Guangdong Experimental Middle School Choir, China; Robinson Select Women's Chorale, USA; Rockford Women's Chamber Ensemble, USA; St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain Choir, Trinidad & Tobago



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13:00 Children's Choirs – Block 3/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C2)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Detski Khor "Gloria", Russia; Moravské Děti, Czech Republic; Tygerberg Children's Choir, South Africa; Panyu Xing Hai Childrens' Choir, China; Detski Khor Cantilena, Russia; Children's Choir "Lielvārde", Latvia; Guangzhou Little Petrel Children's Choir, China; Nidus Children's Choir, Great Britain; Lautitia Gyermekkar, Hungary; Revaz Lagidzis Gogonata Akademiuri Gundi, Georgia; Dong Feng Dong Road Primary School Choir, China; Little Skylark Children's Choir, China.

14:00 Spiritual – Block 2/2

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C23)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Little Miami Women's Chorale, USA; Prairie Voices, Canada; University of Alabama Birmingham Concert Choir, USA; North Sulawesi GMIM Male Choir, Indonesia; Mansfield University Concert Choir, USA; COTA Youth Choir Namibia; Namibia; Edmonton Youth Choir, Canada; Manado State University Choir, Indonesia; U P Youth Choir, South Africa; Medical University of Gdańsk Choir, Poland; Getsemani Sakobar Choir, Indonesia.

17:00 Male Choirs

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C15)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Männerstimmen Basel, Switzerland; Golden Gate Men's Chorus, USA; Male Choir Tevzeme, Latvia; LIEDERMännerChor Alberschwende, Austria; The Slovak Teacher's Choir; Slovakia; Male Choir "Kekava", Latvia; GV "Sängerkrantz" 1876 Watzenborn-Steinberg e.V., Germany; Rīgas Tehniskās Universitātes Viru Koris Gaudeamus, Latvia; North Sulawesi GMIM Male Choir, Indonesia.



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Free Events

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

10:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden - Open Air Stage

12:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde - Open Air Stage

12:00 Friendship Concert

Origo Summer Stage

14:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden - Open Air Stage

14:00 Friendship Concert

Botanical Garden – Open Air Stage

16:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde - Open Air Stage



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Sunday July 13th 2014

Ticketed Events

9:00 Awards Ceremony Part I-II

Arena Rīga

During the ceremony the following categories will be awarded:

The Open Competition & The Champions Competition, Children's Choirs (Cat. 2), Youth Choirs of Equal Voices (Cat. 3), Mixed Choirs (Cat. 9), Female Choirs (Cat. 12), Male Choirs (Cat. 15), Spiritual (Cat. 23), Scenic Pop / Show Choirs (Cat. 27)

15:00 Champions Concert I-I

Great Hall of University of Latvia

15:00 Champions Concert I-II

Rīga Congress Centre

The Champions Concerts showcase the choirs that have won their competition category and have been awarded „Champion of the World Choir Games 2014” during the previous Awards Ceremony. It gives them a platform to present their top-class singing skills once again to the audience. A unique chance to experience a live concert of the best of the best!

21:00 The Great Celebration Concert of the 8th World Choir Games

Mežaparks Open-Air Stage

National traditions meet international versatility. At this highlight of the 8th WCG Artistic Director Romāns Vanags will gather thousands of Latvian singers to meet guests from all over the world and sing together.

18:00 Baltic Boys Choirs Concert “Baltic Amber”

Great Guild

This emotion-filled concert will see a meeting of boys choirs from the three Baltic States: the Rīga Dome Cathedral Boys' Choir and Jāzeps Mediņš 1st Music School of Rīga from Rīga (Conductor: Mārtiņš Klišāns), Boys' Choir “Ažoliukas” from Lithuania (Conductor: Vytautas Miškinis) and the Estonian National Opera Boys' Choir. They will perform together with world-famous composer Morten Lauridsen and a symphony orchestra. Morten Lauridsen is one of the best-known contemporary American composers. His music occupies an important place in the repertoire of 20th-century vocal music. Lauridsen has received numerous international awards and he is a five-time Grammy Award nominee.

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Ticketed Events

20.00 The King's Singers Solo Concert

Arena Rīga

One of the world's most famous vocal groups – The King's Singers – will be visiting Latvia for the first time at the World Choir Games. The group was founded in 1968 and since then has already recorded more than 150 albums, two of which also received prestigious Grammy Awards. The King's Singers consist of six musicians, currently two countertenors, a tenor, two baritones and a bass, and give more than a hundred concerts each year. To sing everything written for six voices – from medieval music to contemporary jazz melodies – is what The King's Singers believe is the group's formula for success. Such musical luminaries as Krzysztof Penderecki, Luciano Berio, John Tavener and György Ligeti have dedicated compositions to them.

Free Events

11:00 Opening of the World Choir Council session

Small Guild (end: 12:30)

The World Choir Council is the highest international advisory board of INTERKULTUR and confers with INTERKULTUR basically on artistic matters. The representatives from 80 nations meet regularly every two years during the World Choir Games and report on the choral scene in their respective country.

13:30 The colourful World of Choral Music – Part 1/2

Small Guild (end: 16:30)

A symposium on the ethnic and multicultural aspects of choral singing – with reports on folk music from countries all around the globe, arranged in connection with the World Choir Council session. Hosts: Christian Ljunggren (Sweden) and André de Quadros (USA).

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18:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

20:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde – Open Air Stage

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19:00 Sacred Music Concert

Old St. Gertrude Church

World-famous Latvian conductor Māris Sirmāis, artistic director of the State Academic Choir Latvija came up with the concept for the concert. The concert will be performed by Latvia's best mixed choirs, State Academic Choir Latvija, the Rīga Doms Cathedral girls' choir Tiara, the Rīga Doms Cathedral Boys Choir and organist Kristīne Adamaite. The programme features sacred music works by wellknown Latvian composers including Pēteris Vasks, Ēriks Ešenvalds, Uģis Prauliņš, Rihards Dubra, Romualds Jermaks, Imants Ramiņš and Pēteris Butāns.

Free Events

9:30 The colourful World of Choral Music – Part 2/2

Small Guild (end: 13:00)

A symposium on the ethnic and multicultural aspects of choral singing – with reports on folk music from countries all around the globe, arranged in connection with the World Choir Council session. Hosts: Christian Ljunggren (Sweden) and André de Quadros (USA).

17:00 Parade of Nations

Centre of Rīga

Parade of Nations through the centre of Rīga.

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10:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

12:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde – Open Air Stage

14:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage



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Ticketed Events

20:00 The King's Singers, Latvian Voices & Xylem Trio concert

Latvian National Opera

Legendary British vocal group The King's Singers and local stars Latvian Voices (7th World Choir Games Champion 2012 title holders) and Xylem Trio (piano, saxophone and marimba/percussion) have been preparing for this special joint concert at the Latvian National Opera since 2013. The highlight promises to be a premiere of a new work by Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds, specially written for these artists.

WORKSHOPS

09:30 Singspiration

Nicol Matt (Germany) - "The Choir Project"

This workshop is open to all participants who are interested in the development of the international music industry. Conductors and choirs learn about the realization of a CD project (funding, production, distributions, recording contracts, royalties), composers and songwriters will learn about saving copyrights, finding a publisher, intellectual property rights, founding a publishing company, and running a music business. Furthermore, Nicol Matt will introduce the new choral series "The Choir Project", published by Hännsler-Classics and Schott-Music in collaboration with INTERKULTUR.

11:30 Headliners

The King's Singers (Great Britain) - The Art of The King's Singers

This lecture demo will focus on the specific techniques and intricacies of A Cappella singing that has made The King's Singers one of the finest vocal ensembles in the world for over four decades. Designed for choir and ensemble tutors as well as music educators of all levels, the workshop explores some of the key skills to reach the pinnacle of vocal ensemble performance.

14:00 Cultural Showcase

Hongnian Yang (China) - Chinese Choral Music

Do you know what is special about Chinese choirs? Learn about the difference between Chinese and western choirs and how the Chinese choral conductors train the voices of their children. Yang Hongnian and his team will not only illustrate and interpret 8-12 Chinese choral pieces, but also lead audiences to sing together 2-3 Chinese songs. The song "Double Echoes" will make you experience the splendid acoustics of people's voice passing from this mountain to another.

Through this workshop, you will understand the distinctiveness of the choral training in China.

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WORKSHOPS

16:00 Modern Times

Ady Ariwodo & Aljonna Bartnik - (African-) Gospel: An unforgettable singing experience!

Ady Ariwodo is a professional gospel singer born in Nigeria, Africa. He won the gold medal at the World Choir Games in Germany (2004) and China (2006). He is a popular soloist in different groups as well as director of various choir formations within Germany and other countries of Europe. His African background filled with gospel music right from his childhood has created his authentic singing personality. His gospel workshops are full of power and special singing qualities. They are suitable for people of all ages, both for beginners as well as experienced choral singers. To take part in the workshops, knowledge of musical notes is not required. Themes of the workshop are traditional and modern gospel songs, African influences, call and response, improvisation, clapping & rhythmical training.

Free Events

COMPETITIONS

12:30 Mixed Chamber Choirs – Block 1/2

(The Open Competition)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Mixed Choir Monēta of BA School of Business and Finance, Latvia; Intro Mixed Choir, Latvia; Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir, Australia; Youth Chamber Choir SALVE, Latvia; Mixed Choir "Imera", Latvia; Midland Center for the Arts Center Stage Choirs, USA; Gaustas, Lithuania; Collegiate A Cappella Choir of MSLU "Musica Linguae", Russia; Mixed Choir "Muklājs", Latvia; Chongqing Xinghai Choir, China; Mixed Chamber Choir DZIESMA, Latvia; Fria roster, Sweden.

13:30 Folklore – Block 1/2

(The Open Competition – Cat. 028)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Corul Mixt "Nașterea Domnului", Romania; Beijing Wenhui Middle School Choir, China; Chamber Choir of Carnikava Municipality "Vēja balss", Latvia; Indonesia Raksamahiva Camudresu Choir, Indonesia; Male Vocal Ensemble "Stende", Latvia; NCA North West Youth Choir, South Africa; Mixed Choir Medera, Latvia; Keila Mixed Choir la&Do, Estonia; Cgals Chamber Choir, Namibia; Choir "Ogre", Latvia.

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COMPETITIONS

13:30 Female Chamber Choirs (The Open Competition – Cat. 011)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating choirs: Mood-In Chorus, China; Golden Bell Chorus Chongqing, China; Kekava House of Culture Female Choir "Daugaviete", Latvia; Varavīksne, Latvia; Female Choir "Balgale", Latvia; Helsingborgs Vokalensemble, Sweden; Youth Chamber Choir "Laudamus", Russia; Female Choir LATVE of LU, Latvia; Talsi Folk House Female Choir "Vaiva", Latvia; Hangzhou No. 4 High School "The Sound of Orioles" Choir of Girls, China.

13:30 Musica Sacra a cappella – Block 1/4 (The Champions Competition – Cat. C17)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Sinyaya Ptitsa, Russia; The Sunday Night Singers, USA; Camerata Carolina Heidelberg, Germany; Shenzhen Senior High School Lily Children's Choir, China; Rumpkulla Vokalensemble, Sweden; Anima Delicata, Germany/Latvia; Cape Town Youth Choir, South Africa; Niños Cantores de la Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil y Camerata Larense, Venezuela; Zhensky Kameron Khor "Sv. Zlata Meglenska", Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; The Orthodox Male Choir "Armonia", Romania.

14:00 Young Children's Choirs (The Open Competition – Cat. 01)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating Choirs: Guangdong ShunDe BiDa Children's Choirs, China; Shanghai Little Star Chorus, China; Notki, Russia; TEDA Children's Art Troupe, China; Shanghai Children's Radio Chorus, China; Jiaxin Xishan Primary School Children's Choir, China; Primary School Choir of Rīga Secondary School No 25, Latvia; "Pumpuriukai" Rīga Lithuanian School 2-4 Grade Choir, Latvia; Guangzhou Tianhe Boy's Choir, China; Blossoming Flowers Choir, China; Yangin-Muse Children's Choir, Chinese Taipei; Lively, China



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COMPETITIONS

15:00 Musica Sacra a cappella – Block 1/2

(The Open Competition – Cat. 017)

Rīga St. John's Church

Participating choirs: Vlăstarele Orăștiei, Romania; Linn-Benton Community College Re-Choired Element Chamber Choir, USA; Chor Audite Nova Zug, Switzerland; Touching Nature, China; Rīga Jesus Church Choir, Latvia; Yaroslavsky Spev, Russia.

15:00 Music of Spirit and Faith

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C19)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Apelsintshik, Russia; Santos Productions Academy, Gibraltar; Guangdong Experimental High School Choir, China; Coro Fundacion Auros, Colombia; Lagos City Chorale, Nigeria; Mixed Chamber Choir "Matejs", Latvia; Stellenberg Girls Choir, South Africa; Myristica Choir Pesparawi Fakfak, Indonesia; Aba Taano, Uganda.

15:30 Jazz

(The Open Competition – Cat. 021)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: Boğaziçi University Music Club Jazz Choir, Turkey; The London School of Public Relations Choir, Indonesia.

16:00 Gospel

(The Open Competition – Cat. 022)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: Singvolution – Liederkrantz Kemnat, Germany; GG Choir, Latvia; Barnsley Youth Choir, Great Britain; Vlăstarele Orăștiei, Romania; The London School of Public Relations Choir, Indonesia; Mosaic Singers, USA.



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Free Events

COMPETITIONS

18:30 Female Vocal Ensembles (The Champions Competition – Cat. C10)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating choirs: Chorus of the Opera Society of Hong Kong, China/Hong Kong SAR; A cappella FM, Russia; Anima Solla, Latvia; Vocal Ensemble Fantazia, Russia; Rumpkulla Vokalensemble, Sweden; Female Chamber Choir of the Far Eastern Federal University, Russia.

19:00 Musica Contemporanea (The Open Competition – Cat. O20)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Rīga Technical University Mixed Choir VIVERE, Latvia; Linn-Benton Community College Concert Choir, USA; Cantilena, Lithuania; Taichung Artist Chamber Choir, Chinese Taipei; Chor Audite Nova Zug, Switzerland; Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir, Australia; Boğaziçi University Music Club Jazz Choir, Turkey; RTU Female Choir "Delta", Latvia; DE³ (Dee Eee Three); "Cantabile" Vocal Ensemble, Latvia.

19:00 Folklore – Block 2/2 (The Open Competition – Cat. O28)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Mixed Choir "Mozaika" of Kekava Culture Centre, Latvia; Mixed Choir "Mezotne", Latvia; People's Amateur Choir of the Rural House of Culture "Rodina", Ukraine; Shanghai Little Star Chorus, China; Valmiera City Cultural Center Male Choir IMANTA, Latvia; Tsing-Hua University Chorus, Chinese Taipei; Vlăstarele Orăștiei, Romania; Vanajan Laulu, Finland; The London School of Public Relations Choir, Indonesia.

19:00 Mixed Chamber Choirs - Part 1/4 (The Champions Competition – Cat. C8)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Guangzhou Panyu Xinghai Choir, China; Chamber Choir Austrums, Latvia; The Chamber Choir of the Moscow Conservatory, Russia; The Greener's Sound, China/Hong Kong SAR; The Sunday Night Singers, USA; Qoro Quando, Finland; Iyakoko Patea Choir, Indonesia; Tehran Vocal Ensemble, Iran.



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COMPETITIONS

19:00 Musica Sacra a cappella – Block 2/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C17)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: The Paros Chamber Choir, Armenia; Ateneo Chamber Singers, Philippines; Kamerniy Khor Kolledzha Imeni Gnesinikh, Russia; The National University of Singapore Choir, Singapore; Omnia, Slovakia; Rīga Orthodox Chamber Choir "Blagovest", Latvia.

19:30 Jazz

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C21)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: Jazz Island, Lithuania; Sea Blue United Children's Choir, China; Maytree, Republic of Korea; Dekoor Close Harmony, Netherlands; Skanderborg Girls Choir, Denmark; Mini Jazz, Lithuania; Čarobna Frula, Croatia; Volve Vokal, Norway; Fontys Jazz Choir, Netherlands; Fabulous Fridays, Germany.

20:00 Musica Sacra a cappella – Block 2/2

(The Open Competition – Cat. O17)

Rīga St. John's Church

Participating choirs: Chamber Choir "Moskovskie Pevtchie", Russia; Mixed Choir Skanupe, Latvia; Helsingborgs Vokalensemble, Sweden; Youth Chamber Choir "Laudamus", Russia; Chamber Choir of Carnikava Municipality "Vēja balss", Latvia.

21:00 Female Chamber Choirs – Block 1/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C11)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating choirs: Coro Femminile Multifariam, Italy; Shenzhen Senior High School Lily Children's Choir, China; Kantilena, Russia; Guangdong Experimental Middle School SS; China; Guangzhou Panyu Xinghai Chorus Girls Ministry, China.

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Botanical Garden – Open Air Stage

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Esplanāde – Open Air Stage



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Ticketed Events

20:00 Celebration Concert

Sigulda Castle Open Air Stage

Participating choirs: Beijing Philharmonic Children's Choir, China; Cape Town Youth Choir, South Africa; Ateneo Chamber Singers, Philippines.

21:00 Stars of the World Choir Games Concert II

Arena Rīga

Concert performances by: world-famous vocal group The King's Singers, Great Britain; living legend & composer Morten Lauridsen, USA; Rīga Chamber Choir Ave Sol, Latvia; World Choir Games participant Dekoor Close Harmony, Netherlands; World Choir Games participant Voices of Unity, USA; Latvia's much-admired ensemble Instrumenti in a cooperation project with the Sōla Choir, Latvia.

WORKSHOPS

09:30 Singspiration

Henry Leck (USA) - Creating Artistry through Visualization

Learning theorists contend that singers learn in three basic ways: visual, aural and kinesthetic. We will discuss those methods of learning, developing "anchors" for our rehearsal and classroom. This session will include specific techniques used to develop artistry through visualization, kinesthetic motion and color. Mr. Leck will be working with a demonstration choir demonstrating various approaches to creating artistry with a children's choir.

11:30 Headliners

Morten Lauridsen (USA) - A conversation with Morten Lauridsen

In 2006, Morten Lauridsen was named an "American Choral Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2007 he was awarded the National Medal of Arts, the highest artistic award in the United States, by the President in a White House ceremony "for his composition of radiant choral works combining musical beauty, power, and spiritual depth." Morten Lauridsen is the most frequently performed American choral composer. In an open and informal dialogue and workshop, he will not only hold a discourse on his music but the Latvian Chamber Choir "Ave Sol" will also present some of his compositions.



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WORKSHOPS

14:00 Cultural Showcase

Aida Swenson (Indonesia) - Singing with the soul: Nature versus nurture. "Ethnic music and dance from Papua and Bali"

This workshop will show how Indonesian choral music reflects multicultural influences. Video presentation and interactive participation to demonstrate how Indonesian FolkSongs incorporate traditional dance and movements. Performance by Iyakoko Choir from Papua.

16:00 Modern Times

Johan Rooze (Netherlands) - Improvisation in the choir

Not many choirs work on improvisation; most singers think it is a bit "scary~!".

That's a pity because it can bring a lot of fun into rehearsals and concerts. Feeling free to try out your own musical idea's is important to develop for a singer and a choir. Through careful listening to each other you can find the rules to improve your music.

In this workshop we will experiment and sing together, using easy exercises, that will develop your listening skills, your sense for rhythm, melody and phrasing and will get you into a dialogue with other singers.

Using your voice and your body, it can greatly improve your awareness for music, in yourself and others; and that's what a choir is, group of people who bring their own emotions an music and put it together in to a happy party of collective music making.

For all kinds of singers, old young, classic or pop/jazz. - You will see: It is more fun than scary. Join and try it out!

Free Events

COMPETITIONS

11:00 Female Chamber Choirs – Block 2/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C11)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating choirs: Zhensky Kameren Khor "Sv. Zlata Meglenska", Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Chamber Choir Tonika, Latvia; Peiyang Chorus of Tianjin University, China; Female Chamber Choir ANIMA, Russia; Korallerna, Sweden; Musical Originals Singers, Channel Islands; Turun Tuomiokirkon Nuorisokuoro, Finland.

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COMPETITIONS

13:30 Musica Sacra a cappella – Block 3/4
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C17)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: The Chamber Choir of the Moscow Conservatory, Russia; Haga Motettkör, Sweden; Academic Choir of the Petrozavodsk State University, Russia; Vokalensemble Hohes C, Austria; North-West University PUK Choir, South Africa; Coro Femminile Multifariam, Italy; Male Choir of the Petrozavodsk State University, Russia; Latvian Publishers Mixed Choir "Burtnieks", Latvia; Korallerna, Sweden; Nizhny Novgorod State University Choir, Russia; Gdansk University Choir, Poland; Yonsei University Concert Choir, Republic of Korea.

14:00 Musica Contemporanea – Block 1/3
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C20)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Choir "Bel Canto", Mixed Choir Pa Saulei, Latvia; Shenzhen Senior High School Lily Children's Choir, China; Stellenberg Girls Choir, South Africa.

14:00 Mixed Chamber Choirs – Block 2/2
(The Open Competition – Cat. O8)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Jerusalem A-Cappella Singers, Israel; PES Mixed Choir Anima, Latvia; Camerata Carolina Heidelberg, Germany; VEF Kultūras Pils Jauktais Koris "Dzīne", Latvia; Linn-Benton Community College Re-Choired Element Chamber Choir, USA; Academic Choir of Moscow State University of Printing Arts, Russia; Aiyi Chorus, China; Hangzhou No. 4 High School "The Sound of Orioles" Choir, China; Vanajan Laulu, Finland; Tsing-Hua University Chorus, Chinese Taipei.

14:00 Gospel
(The Champions Competition – Cat. O22)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: Mazmur Chorale, Indonesia; Santos Productions Academy, Gibraltar; Singout GOSPEL MASS CHOIR, Germany; Youtefa Male Choir, Indonesia; Voices of Unity, USA; Rīga Gospel Choir, Latvia.

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COMPETITIONS

14:00 Young Children's Choirs
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C1)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Young Children's Choir of Estonian Radio, Estonia; Beijing International Children's Choir, China; Wen De Chorus, China; Andong Boys and Girls Choir, Republic of Korea; Flying Childlike Innocence Children's Choir; China; Spirit of Music Chorus, China; Golden Warbler Treble Choir, China; Diocesan Girls' Junior School Choir, China/Hong Kong SAR; Guangzhou Tianhe Children's Chorus, China; Jelgavas 4. Vidusskolas Bērnu Koris, Latvia; Children's Choir "Echo", Russia.

15:00 Female Chamber Choirs – Block 3/3
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C11)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating choirs: Female Choir ATBALSS of Liepaja's University, Latvia; Philomela, Finland; Female Choir ViVa, Lithuania; Volve Vokal, Norway; Carolinae Damkör, Sweden; Hainan Women's Philharmonic Chorus China, China; Hunan Zhiqing Art Troupe Female Choir, China.

15:30 Folklore – Block 1/4
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C28)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Niños Cantores de la Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil y Camerata Larense, Venezuela; Emīla Dārziņa Jauktais Koris, Latvia; Young Male Choir "Gloria", Russia; The National University of Singapore Choir, Singapore; Chamber Choir of Astana State Philharmony, Kazakhstan; Little Skylark Children's Choir, China; Kammerchor Konservatorium Winterthur, Switzerland; Suanplu Chorus, Thailand; Chamber Choir of the Far Eastern Federal University, Russia.

18:30 Mixed Vocal Ensembles
(The Champions Competition – Cat. C7)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating choirs: Vocal Ensemble "Podlipki", Russia; Vokalensemble ThoKaWo, Austria; Early Music Group CANTO, Latvia; Ars Nova Vocal Ensemble, Hungary; Mešana Pevska Skupina Dr. France Prešeren Žirovnica, Slovenia.

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19:00 Popular Choral Music (The Open Competition – Cat. O26)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating Choirs: Avihayil, Israel; Singvolution – Liederkrantz Kemnat, Germany; Cgals Chamber Choir, Namibia; Barnsley Youth Choir, Great Britain; Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir, Australia; Female Vocal Group "Incanto", Kazakhstan; Rīga Latvian Society's Seniors' Choir "eReLBe", Latvia; NCA North West Youth Choir, South Africa; Fria röster, Sweden; Vox, USA; The "Rosh Tov" Choir, Israel; The London School of Public Relations Choir, Indonesia; Mosaic Singers, USA.

19:00 Musica Contemporanea – Block 2/3 (The Champions Competition – Cat. C20)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: Detski Khor Gosudarstvennoy Opery Yekaterinburg, Russia; Peking University Students Choir, China; The Sunday Night Singers, USA; Peiyang Chorus of Tianjin University, China; The National University of Singapore Choir, Singapore; Emīla Dārziņa Jauktais Koris, Latvia.

19:00 Musica Sacra a cappella – Block 4/4 (The Champions Competition – Cat. C17)

Rīga St. Peter's Church

Participating choirs: Iyakoko Patea Choir, Indonesia; Musical Originals Singers, Channel Islands; Kórus Spontánusz, Hungary; Myristica Choir Pesparawi Fakfak, Indonesia; Qoro Quando, Finland; Kantilena, Russia; Children's Choir "Improvizatsia", Russia; Latvian Music Academy Womens Choir, Latvia; Chamber Choir Austrums, Latvia.

19:00 Mixed Chamber Choirs – Block 2/4 (The Champions Competition – Cat. C8)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: The Paros Chamber Choir, Armenia; Haga Motettkör, Sweden; Kamerniy Khor Kolledzha Imeni Gnesinikh, Russia; Omnia, Slovakia; Chamber Choir of the Lomonosov Moscow State University of Fine Chemical Technologies, Russia; Rīga Orthodox Chamber Choir "Blagovest", Latvia; Niños Cantores de la Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil y Camerata Larense, Venezuela.

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COMPETITIONS

19:30 Folklore – Block 2/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C28)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating Choirs: Mazmur Chorale, Indonesia; Girl's Choir Spīgo, Latvia; Iriga City Singing Ambassadors, Philippines; Lagos City Chorale, Nigeria; Yonsei University Concert Choir, Republic of Korea; Čarobna frula, Croatia; Hunan Zhiqing Art Troupe, China; Belaya Rusiya, Belarus.

20:30 Male Vocal Ensembles

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C13)

Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Participating Choirs: Vocalix, Austria; Vokalensemble Hohes C, Austria; Tianjin Good Brothers Quartet, China; Gestern und Heut', Austria; Male Ensemble of National Research University - Highers School of Economics "Force MAJOR", Russia.

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

10:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

12:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde – Open Air Stage

14:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

16:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde – Open Air Stage



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17:30 Friendship Concert

Botanical Garden – Open Air Stage

18:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

19:00 Friendship Concert

Salaspils Culture Centre “Rīgava”

20:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde - Open Air Stage



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20:00 Awards Ceremony Part II-I

Arena Rīga

During the ceremony the following categories will be awarded:

The Open Competition & The Champions Competition

Young Children's Choirs (Cat. 1); Mixed Vocal Ensembles (Cat. 7); Female Vocal Ensembles (Cat. 10); Female Chamber Choirs (Cat. 11); Male Vocal Ensembles (Cat. 13); Musica Sacra a cappella (Cat. 17); Music of Spirit and Faith (Cat. 19); Jazz (Cat. 21); Gospel (Cat. 22).

WORKSHOPS

09:30 Singspiration

Robert Sund (Sweden) - Sing for Fun - without scores!

In this workshop we will concentrate on things that you normally do not do in a choir rehearsal: improvisations, ostinati, small canons, fun songs with choreography, various amusing intonation exercises and small fragments of this and that. The idea is to relax with music without pressure and to have a good time together with a lot of laughing.

11:30 Headliners

The King's Singers - An audience with The King's Singers

An informal discussion with world renowned vocal ensemble, The King's Singers. Hear them talking candidly about their work and experiences since the late Sixties with sound bites to whet your appetite. This is suitable for all attendees, whether singers, tutors or observers, and shares examples of the group's work as well as exploring life on the road as a member of a world class ensemble.

14:00 Cultural Showcase

Cristian Grases (Venezuela) - A Latin American Fiesta

Come and experience the rhythms and dances of Latin America and the Caribbean in a fun session of choral singing. From the Andes to the Amazon, from Argentina to Mexico, and around all the Caribbean; let's explore together the vast richness of diverse musical cultures in this interactive and energetic session. Bring a friend, abandon your doubts, and get ready to connect with lands and cultures as diverse and exotic as their traditional songs.



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16:00 Modern Times

Kirby Shaw (USA) - Dr. Shaw's Instant Soul Clinic

Dr. Kirby Shaw has been empowering people of all ages to sing more soulfully for more than 40 years. Now his no-fail techniques can be yours in this fun workshop. No music theory is required...just your ears, a song to sing and giving yourself permission to play with the melody.

Free Events

COMPETITIONS

10:00 Musica Contemporanea – Block 3/3

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C20)

Great Guild

Participating choirs: The Chamber Choir of the Moscow Conservatory, Russia; Musical Originals Singers, Channel Islands; Ars Nova Vocal Ensemble, Hungary; Skanderborg Girls Choir, Denmark; Female Choir ViVa, Lithuania; Haga Motettkör, Sweden; Rīga Chamber Choir, Latvia; North-West University PUK Choir, South Africa.

10:00 Mixed Chamber Choirs – Block 3/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C8)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Suanplu Chorus, Thailand; Kammerchor Konservatorium Winterthur, Switzerland; Cape Town Youth Choir, South Africa; Chamber Choir of the Far Eastern Federal University, Russia; Iriga City Singing Ambassadors, Philippines; Chamber Choir of Astana State Philharmony, Kazakhstan; Lagos City Chorale, Nigeria.

11:00 Popular Choral Music – Block 1/2

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C26)

Rīga Congress Centre

Participating choirs: Saring Himig Choir KSA, Saudi Arabia; Vocal Ensemble "Podlipki", Russia; Fabulous Fridays, Germany; Maytree, Republic of Korea; Čarobna Frula, Croatia; Sea Blue United Children's Choir, China; Tehran Vocal Ensemble, Iran.



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COMPETITIONS

13:30 Folklore – Block 3/4

(The Champions Competition) – Cat. C28

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Peiyang Chorus of Tianjin University, China; Philomela, Finland; Female Choir "Venda", Latvia; Vokalensemble Hohes C, Austria; Mešana Pevska Skupina Dr. France Prešeren Žirovnica, Slovenia; Myristica Choir Pesparawi Fakfak, Indonesia; Vocalix, Austria; Zhensky Kameren Khor "Sv. Zlata Meglenska", Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Gestern und Heut', Austria; Fabulous Fridays, Germany; Sinyaya Ptitsa, Russia; Tehran Vocal Ensemble, Iran; Iyakoko Patea Choir, Indonesia.

14:00 Mixed Chamber Choirs – Block 4/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C8)

Great Hall of University of Latvia

Participating choirs: Mazmur Chorale, Indonesia; Peking University Students Choir, China; Kórus Spontánusz, Hungary; Ateneo Chamber Singers, Philippines; Yonsei University Concert Choir, Republic of Korea; Kaunas Mixed Choir KAMERTONAS, Lithuania; Vokalnyi Ansambl "Kantabile", Russia; Mixed Choir "Sonore", Latvia.

14:30 Popular Choral Music – Block 2/2

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C26)

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Participating choirs: Vox Singers – Chór POKIS, Poland; Rumpkulla Vokalensemble, Sweden; Voices of Unity, USA; Fontys Jazz Choir, Netherlands; Dekoor Close Harmony, Netherlands; Nizhny Novgorod State University Choir, Russia; Iriga City Singing Ambassadors, Philippines; Stellenberg Girls Choir, South Africa; St. Mary's College of California Glee Club, USA; Santos Productions Academy, Gibraltar.

16:00 Male Chamber Choirs

(The Open Competition – Cat. O14)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Yaroslavsky Spev, Russia; Limbažu Culture Centre Men's Choir "Ziedonis", Latvia; Vox, USA.

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17:00 Male Chamber Choirs

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C14)

Culture Palace "Ziemeļblāzma"

Participating choirs: Male Choir of the Petrozavodsk State University, Russia; Hunan Zhiqing Art Troupe, China; DelicaTon Freigericht e.V., Germany; Youtefa Male Choir, Indonesia; Forte, Latvia.

19:00 Folklore – Block 4/4

(The Champions Competition – Cat. C28)

Great Hall of Rīga Stradiņš University

Participating choirs: Hainan Women's Philharmonic Chorus China, China; Jauniesu Koris MASKA, Latvia; Folk Song Group "Jane", Croatia; Saring Himig Choir KSA, Saudi Arabia; Choir of East China Normal University, China; Female Chamber Choir "Banjalucanke", Bosnia and Herzegovina.

FRIENDSHIP CONCERTS

10:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

12:00 Friendship Concert

Esplanāde – Open Air Stage

14:00 Friendship Concert

Vērmanes Garden – Open Air Stage

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9:00 Awards Ceremony Part II-II

Arena Rīga

During the ceremony the following categories will be awarded:

The Open Competition & The Champions Competition

Mixed Chamber Choirs (Cat. 8), Male Chamber Choirs (Cat. 14), Musica Contemporanea (Cat. 20), Popular Choral Music (Cat. 26), Folklore (cat. 28).

15:00 Champions Concert II-I

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15:00 Champions Concert II-II

Rīga Congress Centre

The Champions concerts at the Rīga Congress Centre's Great Hall will feature the competition-winning choirs in each category, recipients of the World Choir Games Champion 2014 title. A great opportunity to see the best choir in each category demonstrating their great skills; at the Champions concerts we will hear the best of the best!

20:00 Closing Ceremony of the 8th World Choir Games

Arena Rīga

The 8th World Choir Games will say its goodbyes to participants, audiences, Rīga and Latvia. The formal ceremony will be opened by the World Choir Games combined youth choir conducted by Arvīds Platpers, together with soloists performing the music of different nations. Renārs Kaupers, the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mārtiņš Ozoliņš and the combined World Choir Games' choir conducted by WCG Artistic Director Romāns Vanags will relive the Games in all their glory and musical diversity.

