

Africa Cantat Festival 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya



A project of the African Confederation of Choral Music (ACCM), hosted by M-Pesa Academy in cooperation with the Nairobi Chamber Chorus and Afrikiyo! with the advisory support of the Kenya Choral Directors Trust, the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat, A Coeur Joie International and the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)



Looking for an intern for Africa Cantat, July 2019 to October 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya with all costs covered plus pocket money – apply until May 26th 2019

The organisers of the first ever Africa Cantat Festival are looking for a young manager who would be interested in getting the unique experience of working in Kenya for 16 months, with accommodation and full Board, as well as 2 return flights covered and additional pocket money paid out.

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The M-Pesa Foundation Academy, which will be hosting the festival (with accommodation, meals, workshops and most concerts taking place in their premises), has offered to also host (with accommodation and full Board covered) a young manager who has worked at a similar festival before. Ideally, we are looking for somebody who has participated in the Young Event Management Programme (YEMP) at one of the last EUROPA CANTAT Festivals or has been a member of the staff or a volunteer, maybe a member of the Youth Committee of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat. The position could also be interesting for somebody with working experience at other “Cantat type festivals” such as Choralies, Zimriya or Nordklang, also centred around workshops for conductors.

Tasks of the young manager will include:

- Communicating with (potential) participants
- Helping to set up a simple registration system and managing registrations
- Keeping track of the numbers of registered applicants and invited guests, ensuring their wishes and needs concerning accommodation, meals and public transportation are met locally
- Communicating with the local organisers and the international advisory committee
- Communicating with a telier conductors in cooperation with members of the international advisory committee
- Communicating with some of the sponsors
- Helping prepare all logistics for the festival such as technical needs in rehearsal and concert halls, rehearsal and transportation schedules, preparing the material for the participants etc.
- Introducing local volunteers to their needs and coordinating volunteers with the help of members of the international advisory committee during the festival
- Supporting M-Pesa Foundation Academy in meeting the requirements of the Culture at Work Africa Programme to which an application for funding has been submitted, preparing the interim report and the final report with the support of members of the international advisory committee
- Supporting M-Pesa Foundation with other tasks not directly related to the festival (more at the beginning, less in times in which the festival will require a lot of attention)

Skills needed

- Excellent command of English, orally and in writing
- Good command of French, orally and in writing (since participants will come from French-speaking as well as English African countries)
- Good communication skills
- Very good knowledge of basic computer programmes such as Office, basic data management
- Experience as YEMPer, volunteer or staff member at EUROPA CANTAT, Choralies or another “Cantat” festival

Conditions

- Moving to Kenya from beginning of July 2019 to end of October 2020
- 2 return flights to Kenya covered (so that it will be possible to fly home for Christmas)
- Accommodation and meals in M-Pesa Foundation Academy covered
- 300 USD pocket money per month paid out in addition

Applications

- To be sent to SecretaryGeneral@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org by May 26th 2019
- With a letter of motivation and CV (showing experience with Cantat festivals)