

## The Leading Voices

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I want to share my experience at The Leading Voices event. The gathering of leaders of choirs and ensembles in Utrecht was a great and memorable experience for me as a young choir conductor. With five days of intensive schedule of workshops, LABs and concerts it was my big pleasure to be able to attend all of these events.

The best memory and most valuable experience of The Leading Voices was a LAB of Basilio Astulez which I attended as an active participant. During this LAB I have gained not only new knowledge but most important it has changed my understanding of a choir and choir music itself. This new approach of creating choir performances has made me realize that choir could not only perform while standing with the notes, but with creativity and simple tools one can make a new way of performing choir music.



Moreover, it was my great pleasure to attend all the concerts of The Leading Voices. Again, it caught me by surprise the new and modern way of presenting choir music.

Finally, The Leading Voices event was a great chance to meet choir conductors and vocal leaders from all over the world to share and discuss different experiences, ways of learning and teaching; to create new connections and make the network of choral community stronger.

As a recipient of Noel Minet Fund scholarship I am delighted and thankful for this amazing privilege and opportunity to attend The Leading Voices in Utrecht, Netherlands.

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