

## Press Release – May 2023

### Events of the European Choral Association and under its label in 2024

In July 2023 the European Choral Association will publish its programme of events in 2024. Even though we have been able to organize a Europa Cantat festival every three years since 1961 (with a “pandemic version” in Ljubljana in 2021) and 2024 would be a “Europa Cantat year”, there will be no major festival next year. Due to the pandemic and other crisis situations of the past years, it has not been possible to find a host and funding for a major festival of this kind.

However, there will be a number of events of the European Choral Association and under its label for choirs and singers as well as for conductors and composers in 2024. The following events have been confirmed\*:

Name of event	city, country	Dates	aim group
Walter Strauss Choral Conducting Masterclass	Ankara, Turkey	21-27 January	Conductors
Festival di Primavera	Montecatini Terme, Italy	11-20 April	Choirs (youth), choirs (children), conductors
Festival Jeunes Voix Mêlées	Thuir, France	8-12 May	Choirs (youth), choirs (children), conductors
Study Tour to 100th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Song Celebration	Vilnius, Lithuania	2-7 July	Conductors, composers, cultural managers
International Choral Festival Barcelona	Barcelona, Spain	8-14 July	Choirs (adults), choirs (youth), choirs (children), individual singers
European Seminar for choral composer	Aosta, Italy	14-21 July	Composers
Singing Bridges Festival	Novi Sad, Serbia	22-27 July	Choirs(adults), choirs(youth), choirs (children), individual singers, conductors, composers, cultural managers
World Youth Choir summer session 2024 with German National Youth Orchestra	Germany and Italy	18 August-8 September	Individual singers
International Congress for Choral Conductors	Puteaux, France	13-15 September	Conductors, composers, cultural managers
Study Tour to Armenia and Georgia	Georgia & Armenia	14-26 September	Conductors, composers, cultural managers

*\*This overview may be subject to changes. Please make sure to check our brochure with the 2024 programme of events for final confirmation of the dates and the programme. The brochure will be published in printed format and online in July 2024.*

Concerning the future, the board of the European Choral Association is fully aware of the fact that especially many young singers are waiting for new opportunities for them to meet other like-minded people and sing together with them. We can assure all singers and choirs that we have not forgotten them and they are very much in our minds when we will be talking about the plans for the coming years. While calls have already gone out for Leading Voices in 2025 and Europa Cantat junior in 2026, the board will work on a strategy concerning events for choirs and singers in the coming years.

This strategy will partly be based on the results of surveys for event organisers and choirs launched by the European Choral Association, the Choral Festival Network and the International Chamber Choir Competition Marktoberdorf in April 2023. Those who have not filled those surveys, yet, can still do so and help us get a picture of what are the challenges event organisers are facing and what are the wishes and needs of choirs concerning international events:

See survey for organisers of festivals and competitions across the world -> [here](#)

See survey for choirs and vocal ensembles as potential participants in these events -> [here](#)

(the surveys can also be accessed through [www.kammerchorwettbewerb.org/en/survey](http://www.kammerchorwettbewerb.org/en/survey))

On Sunday, May 28th from 17.30 - 19.00 CEST (German time), the Chamber Choir Competition Marktoberdorf will host a panel, moderated by our Secretary General Sonja Greiner, where first results of the surveys will be presented and further input will be collected from panellists and participants. All those filling in the surveys will be invited to this hybrid event.

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