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INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL PARIS 2025

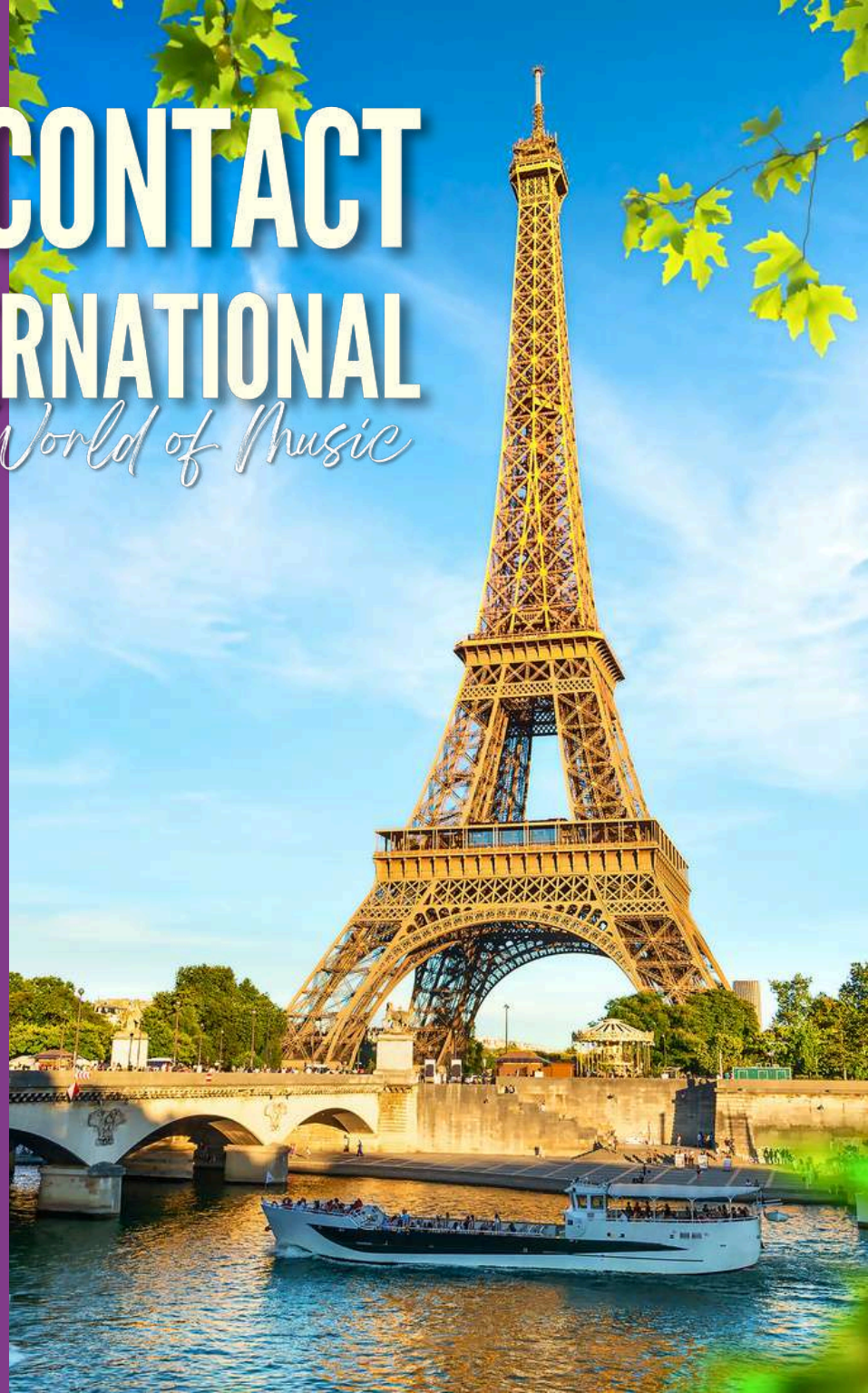
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PARIS

Paris has been a major attraction for several decades. No other city offers such an intense contrast between beautiful old and audacious new buildings.

In Paris, entertainment is non-stop whatever time of day or year, and the list of cultural events taking place there seems to be infinite.



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ITINERARY



DAY 1

Arrival in Paris in the afternoon or evening.
Greeting by your tour-leader and check-in at the hotel.
Dinner at your hotel or in a restaurant.
Night at the hotel.

DAY 2

Breakfast.
Half day guided tour of Paris.
Sight-seeing cruise on the Seine (except in case of flood)
In the evening: a friendship concert will be organised with other choirs. These cultural and musical exchanges will be followed by a friendship drink.
Return to the hotel.

DAY 3

Breakfast.
Free time at your own leisure in Paris in the morning.
To finish off this festival with verve a final concert will be organised at La Madeleine church. It will take place in the afternoon or in the evening and will gather all the choirs. Each choir will perform for a few minutes.
Then, all the choirs will sing the final song together.
After the concert, a dinner or cocktail party will bring together all participants (optional).
Return to the hotel.

DAY 4

Breakfast.
check-out and departure.



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Friendship Concerts

A choir from Paris or Ile-de-France will welcome 2 or 3 foreign choirs. Attending a friendship concert is a great opportunity for the choirs to meet and share their mutual musical interest. These concerts take place in theatres, town halls, concert halls, conservatories or churches, in Paris or the Ile-de-France region.

Each choir will perform a few songs. The choice of the repertoire is free, traditional songs from the different countries are however very much appreciated. The concerts will be followed by a friendship drink.

Date: Friday evening

Duration: Decided unanimously between participating choirs - usually 30 minutes per choir

Repertoire: Free choice

Rehearsal: At the hotel in some cases or if possible and by mutual agreement with the "host" choir before and on the site of e concert

Farewell Evening

At the end of the concert a dinner or cocktail party will be arranged. The setting of this event will depend on the number of participants.

This valuable moment will allow the participants to enjoy a little longer the feeling of sharing a good mood of the final concert and especially to make contacts with other French and foreign choirs in a friendly and festive atmosphere.



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Concert at La Madeleine Church

La Madeleine church has given its name to the surrounding neighbourhood; it is located in the 8th arrondissement of Paris, nearby the Faubourg St Honoré and the Grands Boulevards, and in perspective with the Place de la Concorde and the National Assembly. The area is lively and ideal for shopping.

The first plans of the church "St. Mary Magdalene" were designed under the reign of Louis XV. During the Revolution, only the foundations were built. Napoleon decided then to turn it into a temple paying tribute to French armies; this is the reason why the building is shaped as an ancient temple. Later Louis XVIII decided to give back its original purpose to the building and the church was consecrated in 1842.

If these 52 Corinthian columns make the church uncommon, it also is inside. At first sight, indeed, we do not find the features that other luxurious Parisian churches may have: few paintings, no chapel, no bell tower or cross on the outside and a semi-darkened nave. However, visitors will notice very quickly how sumptuous the church is: its interior design, the rare aesthetic unity due to the rapid construction of the building.

According to the will of the architect, the church is a magnificent setting for large gatherings. International spiritual centre, it also plays a very important role in the Parisian cultural life, especially in the world of music and it has been for a long time. The imposing organ contributes to the reputation of La Madeleine as a concert hall of excellence. Indeed Gabriel Fauré and Camille Saint-Saens themselves were titular organists of this organ, a Cavaille-Coll. Today, the concerts of La Madeleine are still widely known and esteemed; music enthusiasts come from everywhere to attend them.



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Concert at La Madeleine Church

The closing concert in honour of all participating choirs will take place at La Madeleine Church, which can accommodate a large audience (up to 800 seats). Each choir will perform successively. The concert's grand finale is a song performed jointly by all participating choirs. The musical score will be sent to the choir a few months before the festival.

Date: Saturday in the afternoon

Duration of concert: Approximately 2 hours

Duration of the performance: 5 minutes by choir

Repertoire: Sacred or classical only (the directory should be sent before in order to be supervised by La Madeleine church representatives)

Rehearsal: at the hotel or on board the bus depending on possibilities but is it not possible on site!

Piano: a piano - type Yamaha C3 - will be at your disposal.



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PARTICIPANTS OF PREVIOUS FESTIVALS

Austria



- Chorvereinigung Salzburg-Aigen
- Feldkircher Liedertafel
- Kindergesangstudio DO RE MI

Brasil



- Coral Canto do Encontro
- Coral Estudantil da Bahia
- Coral Tom Sobre Tom

Canada



- Orangeville Chorus

China



- Choir A la Shanghai
- Choir University of Beijing
- Shanghai Xin Yin

Croatia



- Varazdinski Stigleci

Great Britain



- Schola Cantorum Tunbridge Wells

Czech Republic



- Dobrovan

France



- Aurélia Ensemble Polyphonique d'Orly
- Chœur Claye Vocale
- Chœur Lyrique de Paris
- Chœur Sainte Cécile de l'Eglise Suédoise de Paris
- Chorale de l'Est Parisien
- Chorale des Abesses
- Chorale du Conservatoire de Chevilly-Larue
- Chorale Neskatchena
- Chorale Otsailan
- Eh, si on chantait
- Ensemble Vocal Cantus Firmus
- Expression Gospel
- Groupe Vocal Harmonie
- Incognito
- La Ronde du Theille
- Les chanteurs de Villepinte
- Les choeurs de l'Abbaye de Montmartre
- Les Troubadours des Ponts
- Maîtrise Gabriel Faure
- Mériel Academy
- Musiques et Choeurs à Sevran
- OPUS 92
- Vocalia
- Chœur Salvé
- Chœur franco-chinois
- Chorale Les Baladines
- Cap Coeur

Germany



- Bürgerschaftschor Essen
- Der andere Chor Herdecke
- Franz-Schubert-Chor Eisenach
- G.-Hauptmann-Gymnasium Zwickau
- Gesangverein Schmalförden
- Humboldt Chor der Universität Berlin
- Kath. Kirchenchor St Wolfgang
- Kirchenchor Heiningen
- Kirchenchor St Georg Steinbild
- Liederkranz Hochdorf - MPC 2000
- Liederkranz Walddorf
- MGV Sängerbund Sieglar
- Popchor'N
- Schola Cantorum Leipzig
- Shanty Chor Blänke
- Shanty-Chor Carolinensiel
- Sound&Soul Frauengospelchor
- Voices im Reutlinger Liederkranz
- Chorus Delicti

Latvia



- Mes Lidosim
- Moneta

Turkey



- Ilev Özel 125. Yil İlk-Ortaokulu Korosu



PARTICIPANTS OF PREVIOUS FESTIVALS

Italy

- Associazione Culturale Musicale
- « Planargia » SS Cosma e Damiano Suni Cantores Dei
- Corale Polifonica Angelicus
- Corale Polifonica Sacro Cuore di Gesu
- Corale San Gaudenzio
- Corale Santa Cecilia di Battipaglia
- Corale Tasso
- Coro Armonia Salemo
- Coro C.A.I. Mariotti
- Coro Cima Verde
- Coro Citta di Trestre
- Coro Eres Al Plan
- Coro Gia Quinto
- Coro le Voci del Tempo
- Coro Liceo San Benedetto del Tronto
- Coro Montegiogo
- Coro Nuovo Cacciucco
- Coro Novo Roma
- Coro Polifonico Cantum Novum
- Coro Polifonico di Bracciano
- Coro Polifonico La Piana
- Coro san Riccardo
- Corale Santa Rita
- Coro Serenissima di Vigonza
- Coro Teresina Unfer
- Coro Universita Insubria di Varese
- Coro Voci dell' Alpe
- Dolci Armonie
- Ensemble vocale "Le Voci di Vico"
- Gruppo Corale Padro Angelo Mutterle
- Gruppo Polifonico Citta'di Frosinone
- Piccolo Grande CoroOschirese
- Schola Cantorum Voci di Bianche di Calcio
- Solquair

Vietnam

- Hop Ca Quê Huong

Madagascar

- Fiderana

Netherlands

- The Rhine Singers

Norway

- Absolutt Gospel
- Octo Chordos
- Ullern Kirkekör
- Volvene

Sweden

- Belladonna
- Hagförsören
- Torsåker Kyrkokör
- Tyresö kammarkör
- Vilhelmina Dorotea Kyrkokör
- Vox Alma

Switzerland

- Choermixte de Villaz-Saint-Pierre
- Joy Singers

Spain

- Alzaga Abesbatza
- Antxieta Abesbatza
- Aula Coral San Ivo
- Coral Amatza
- Coral de Fraga
- Coral Encina de Mata
- Coral Jove El Gavia
- Coral La Gavella-Estel
- Coral Polifonica Albricias de Maceda
- Coral Polifonica Estradense
- Coral Polifonica Lliçanenca
- Coral Sant Jaume
- Coral Som
- Coro de las Aulas de Tercera Edad
- Coro Ezoziko Ama Abesbatza
- Coro Universidad de Granada
- Ekidazu Abesbatza
- Orquesta de Camara y Coro de la Union de Actores
- Universidad de Sevilla

United States

- Cathedral Singers of Camden
- Coro Hispano Fraternidad
- Komitas Choir
- New All Saints Roman Catholic Church
- Saint Rose of Lima Church Choir
- Saint Aloysius Parish Choir
- Sts Joseph & Michael Spanish choir
- The Thatcher Chamber School
- Rubidoux High School Chamber



WHAT THEY SAID...



We had a fantastic weekend of performing with choirs from around the world and visiting parts of Paris. We were well looked after by the festival organisers and loved meeting singers from different countries. It was a very happy and enjoyable weekend.

Schola Cantorum Turnbridge Wells - Great Britain

I would like to thank you very much for this wonderful choir festival. It was the first time that my singers had the opportunity to sing in such a venue, they are all delighted. The organisation was perfect, the posters and certificate were also very appreciated.

Hop Ca QuêHuong - Vietnam / France

We were delighted and honoured to participate to this festival.
We would gladly repeat the experience!

Fiderana - Madagascar / France

An outstanding experience!

Doroteakören - Sweden

We were delighted to live such an experience! Both venues were so beautiful! Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to sing in such beautiful places!

Choir Moneta - France

We were delighted and honoured to participate in this event.
It is with pleasure that we will renew the experience!

Choir Fiderana - Madagascar / France



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