

# China International Chorus Festival & IFCM World Choral Summit

## April 2012 Newsletter

Through the combined efforts of the China Arts and Entertainment Group (CAEG), the International Federation for Choral Music and the China Choral Association, great progress has been made in planning the 11<sup>th</sup> China International Chorus Festival & IFCM World Choral Summit.

### **A festival of ten thousand music lovers from all around the globe**

By now, there are 162 choirs registered for the festival, among which 32 are overseas choirs from 23 different countries and districts (including Chinese Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan), and 130 are choirs from mainland China, covering 25 provinces. The total number of music lovers participating in the Festival has reached 10,000.

### **High-profile venues**

All the festival venues have been carefully chosen by the Organizing Committee and include:

Opening Ceremony: MasterCard Center (formerly the Wukesong Arena)

Closing Ceremony: New Tsinghua Music Hall, Tsinghua University

Competition: Meng Minwei Music Hall, Tsinghua University

Master Class & Workshop: Music Hall, Beihang University

Concert for participating choirs: Guoyin Tang, China Conservatory

Concert for participating choirs: Zhongshan Music Hall

Guest concert: Music Hall, Beihang University

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### **An authoritative and impartial board of judges**

There will be three groups of adjudicators, each consisting of seven members (five IFCM Summit Delegates and two Chinese experts). The names of the international adjudicators are:

Group 1 (Children/Ensemble): Jennifer Tham (Singapore), Josep Vila i Casañas (Spain), Tim Sharp (America), Lynn Williams (Australia), Kaie Tanner (Estonia)

Group 2 (Adult): Guy Jansen (New Zealand), Leon Shiu-wai Tong (Hong Kong, China), Edusei Derkyi (West Africa), Alina Orraca (Cuba)

Group 3 (Senior): Theodora Pavlovitch (Bulgaria), Maria Guinand (Venezuela), Andre de Quadros (Indonesia/India/Middle East), Hakan Wickstrom (Finland), Michael J Anderson (America)

### **High-level workshop and master-class**

World-famous choral experts will be invited as master-class speakers to talk about topics of great interest, such as conducting, teaching methods and selecting music. The six performing choirs will demonstrate the most advanced training techniques and will give the audience a great opportunity to learn the most advanced choral concepts.

### **Time for China, time for music!**

Government officials, choral experts, choir members, conductors and directors: thousands of music lovers from all round the globe will come together in Beijing in the Summer of 2012 to sing, to share, and to communicate their love for Choral music and the joy it brings. It's a time for China. It's a time for music. Join us! Feel the passion, wisdom and love! Join us! Sing for the future, peace and friendship!

Information: [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net)

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