



WORLD CHOIR GAMES

SHAOXING / CHINA

15 – 26 July 2010

ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR

YOUTH DANCE GROUPS AND FOLKLORE ENSEMBLES

Dancing - Singing - Making Music

Addition to the announcement for youth dance groups and folklore ensembles

Extraordinary performances at an extraordinary venue

The appeal to the choirs and orchestras of the world to come to the 6th World Choir Games to Shaoxing (China) and to create one of the most beautiful and largest music festivals has caused an immense approval in many countries. A lot of groups prepare themselves to take part in Shaoxing from the 15 – 26 July to present their abilities to a wide international public. However the organisers received again and again requests to open up this festival for dance groups and folklore ensembles as well.

Due to these requests the organisers decided to announce a dance project in addition to the World Choir Games and to arrange a respective programme part for dance and folklore groups of any kind. Thereby it doesn't matter if the groups cultivate folklore dances of their home country or jazz and pop dance.

Dancing, singing and making music together brings people and nations together and helps to develop mutual understanding. Present your dances to Shaoxing! Delight thousands of visitors from China and all over the world with your performance of folklore and modern dances.

Come to Shaoxing and experience the World Choir Games with its motto

The youth of the world is dancing, singing and making music

Shaoxing, a Chinese city close to Shanghai with a 2500 year old tradition, which is historically significant and at the same time modern and future-oriented, invites you to an extraordinary music festival which is going to unite thousands of singers, dancers and musicians for a peaceful music and dance event in July 2010. Shaoxing, also named Venice of the East due to the numerous rivers running through it, will change into the centre for musicians, dancers and singers from all continents and demonstrate peaceful interaction of nations.

The festival welcomes all kinds of dance groups regardless of the musical genre they represent or the artistic standard they have. The festival offers an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know each other in order to encourage and convey a creative musical exchange. Above all this festival is supposed to be a huge celebration of music and dance.

Programme modules

Depending on the length of stay and individual ambitions each dance group may take a choice out of the following artistic options for their stay:

1. Performances and concerts in Shaoxing

Shaoxing has modern concert halls and venues with a capacity for 500 – 3000 visitors. Depending on the weather impressive open-air events can also be organised in the wonderful parks of the city.

2. Performances within the world exhibition EXPO Shanghai 2010

In accordance with the artistic committee selected dance groups will be offered the opportunity to participate in events during the world exhibition EXPO. Accordant programmes and dates will be coordinated in time.

3. Participation in World Choir Games events

Applicable dance groups have the possibility to participate in different central World Choir Games events (opening and closing events, gala concerts, encounter concerts and award ceremonies).

4. Participation in TV shows

The 6th World Choir Games and the 1st World Youth Orchestra Festival are local, national and international media events. The organisers provide the possibility to participate in different kinds of TV shows.

Notes to the programme

The topics 1 - 2 can be chosen freely by the groups together or separate. The ordinary application including the sending of the required material suffices. The participation in all performance possibilities mentioned in topic 3 - 4 will be decided after the application and check by the artistic committee in coordination with the partner organisers and will be arranged with each group in detail. An application for these topics will only be accepted together with a detailed presentation kit (artistic vita of the dance group, CD, DVD, if so references) added to the application.

Conditions of participation

All non-professional dance and folklore groups of any formation and artistic standard are called on to participate:

- International, national and regional dance ensembles
- Dance groups of cities and municipalities
- Ensembles of universities and colleges
- Independent dance ensembles

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1. Application Fee:

Participation as Festival Ensemble

Each ensemble applying for participation in the World Choir Games without taking part in the competition (see "Possibilities of Participation") must pay an **application fee** of 150 €.

Members of INTERKULTUR Foundation will be given a once-off discount of 50 €. If an ensemble is not approved, the application fee will be refunded in full. If festival ensemble cancels its participation in the World Choir Games of its own accord, it will have no right to a refund.

The application fee must be made payable in full to INTERKULTUR Foundation and is due immediately on registration. Any banking costs that arise must be paid by the applicant.

Bank Details

The bank details for registration are as follows:

Account holder:	INTERKULTUR
Name of bank:	Sparkasse Wetzlar
Address of bank:	Seibertstr. 10, D-35576 Wetzlar
Bank code:	51550035
Account number:	53000592
BIC / SWIFT:	HELADEF1WET / HELADEF1
IBAN:	DE35 5155 0035 0053 0005 92
Purpose:	C-10 + name of the festival ensemble (Please state name in full!)

2. World Choir Games Event Package

2.1. Participation Fee

A festival ensemble taking part in the World Choir Games must pay a participation fee for each member of its party (dancers, conductors, soloists and accompanying persons). The fee covers the following:

- organisational costs,
- multipart comprehensive programme books (at least one copy per ten persons),
- programme summary, one copy per person,
- sheet music for open singing and joint performances,
- free entry to all events except certain special events and gala concerts,
- opportunity to take part in encounter concerts

The obligatory participation fee will be collected by an authorized agent in the name and for account of the organiser in conjunction with payment for tour services as part of a "World Choir Games Event Package" and passed on to the organisers by that agent.

Participation fees vary; whereby the organisers take into account the different financial conditions and situations faced by different ensembles.

2.2. Travel, Length of Stay and Accommodation

2.2.1. Travel

Participants (members and any accompanying persons) must organise their own travel at their own expense.

2.2.2. Length of Stay and Accommodation

In order to guarantee the best possible conditions for participation in the World Choir Games events a minimum stay of at least five nights in Shaoxing is required.

Event packages can be provided in the following categories: **Economy 1, Economy 2, Standard, First and Deluxe Class**

The option dates stated in each individual offer of the authorized agencies are valid for the booking of accommodation. If your binding booking for accommodation is received at a later date you can only obtain accommodation categories which are still available.

2.2.3. Travel Services, Accommodation and Exclusivity Clause

a) The general travel services for the participants (and accompanying persons) in the World Choir Games 2010, especially in terms of accommodation, will be provided not by INTERKULTUR Foundation, rather by the travel agents and tour operators authorized by the organiser. These agents and operators have at their disposal the

necessary hotel room allocations in Shaoxing, as well as the legally required insurance cover, liability protection and other conditions. These agents and operators have the exclusive right to make individual tour offers to ensembles in the form of a "World Choir Games Event Package". These agents and operators are available on request.

Participants will be issued with an "Information and Announcement" brochure. At the same time, the organiser will pass on the ensemble's details to the respective travel agent, who will then issue customised travel service offers for the World Choir Games.

b) Due to local conditions and important organisational reasons, participation in the World Choir Games will only be possible if accommodation during the event in Shaoxing is booked through the selected and authorized travel agents. This is an exclusive condition and as such is part of the general conditions for participation

c) Registration for the World Choir Games 2010 is legally binding for the participant in terms of obligations to the authorized travel agents as well. A travel agreement becomes legally binding once the travel agent confirms the registration.

d) We expressly draw your attention to the following: participation in the World Choir Games will only be possible if the application fee and the World Choir Games Event Package (including participation fee and agency costs for tourism services) have been paid in full and without deductions before the participants embark on their travels. Otherwise the organiser will be obliged to refuse permission to participate in the World Choir Games Shaoxing 2010. Costs arising out of any such situations will be at the respective participants' expense.

3. Liability of the Organiser

INTERKULTUR Foundation, as a registered association, supports the World Choir Games 2010 in its function as official organiser and is responsible for the artistic and musical design and the execution of the events. Its liability comprises all organisational matters of the festival, the concerts and special events. Any liability with regard to the organiser's liability is expressly excluded. Any liability of such kind would be that of the authorized agencies and/or the management of the respective congress or concert halls, catering and transport companies. As travel operators, the authorized travel agents are liable in accordance with the corresponding travel laws and on the basis of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" (ARB) ("General Travelling Terms and Conditions"). With his/her signature on the application for registration at the World Choir Games 2010, the signatory accepts the terms of the "Allgemeinen Reisebedingungen" (ARB) and the organiser's liability for him/herself and for all persons registered.

4. The right to Subcontract Services to Partner Agencies

The organiser reserves the right to award contracts for services other than tourism services to carefully selected and experienced agencies. These agencies will then operate as subcontractors.

5. Pictorial and Sound Recordings

All rights to and use of pictorial and sound recordings made during or in the context of this event are the exclusive property of the organiser, INTERKULTUR Foundation Germany. The ensemble/artist grants INTERKULTUR the exclusive and transferable right to use and exploit its/his/her performance by means of the audio and/or video recordings made in the course of the show. INTERKULTUR is then especially, without limitation, entitled to reproduce the recordings using any kind of digital or analogue system and to distribute them in the form of audio or audio/video media or other data carriers, to broadcast them on radio or television via any kind of analogue or digital broadcasting system and to make them available for download and sale via electronic media such as data bases or networks (internet).

6. Languages of Correspondence and Official Languages of the World Choir Games 2010

The official languages of the World Choir Games 2010 are English and Chinese. Moderation (announcements, translations) of the events, the printed material and other publications will be carried out in these languages. Participants are asked to conduct all correspondence and communication relating to registration or organisation of artistic programmes exclusively in German and English.

7. Rejection or Failure to Accept a Festival Ensemble

The organiser reserves the right to reject applications on artistic or organisational reasons or in the event of an act or acts of God. If a choir is rejected due to one of these reasons, its application fee will be refunded.

8. Changes to the Announcement

The organiser reserves the right to make changes and amendments to the existing information material and/or the announcement in the event of unforeseen technical, organisational or artistic circumstances or act(s) of God. The organiser also reserves the right to make changes to the programme contents and schedule.

REGISTRATION

1. Closing Date

Deadline for registration to participate in the World Choir Games 2010 is 20 March 2010.

2. Registration Documents

The following documents must be provided by the closing date:

- a) a fully completed application form. All details listed on the application form must be filled out in **block capitals and Latin letters**,
- b) a **bank cheque** or proof of **bank transfer** covering the application fee. Please make sure the organiser receives the application fee in full. All banking fees must be paid by the applicants. The amount payable may also be paid with Visa or MasterCard (see registration form). Please specify in "purpose of payment": **C-10** + name of festival ensemble
- c) an authentic **recording** (video or sound file i.e. MP3, WAV, WMA, DivX or CD) with the programme of your choice, no more than two years old. (Please include also the date of the recording!)
- d) a **short biography** of the festival ensemble (a brief description will do) as computer file if possible,
- e) a **photo** of the festival ensemble in a form suitable for reproduction (oblong, minimum 12 x 7,5 cm, minimum 300 dpi for computer files), no more than two years old.

3. Contact and Responsibility

For the organisation of the World Choir Games 2010, for your registration and your correspondence, INTERKULTUR Foundation is responsible. Please contact the following address:

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