



# WORLD CHOIR GAMES

**SHAOXING / CHINA**  
**JULY 15 – 26, 2010**



# Singing together brings nations together





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# Invitation

2010 will be a fantastic year for the international choral scene and it will put the spotlight on the city of Shaoxing and the highly esteemed nation of China. This city of great economic significance and cultural tradition, which will also be celebrating the 2.500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, will host the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games – the largest choir festival worldwide, which is committed to the Olympic idea.

Shaoxing 2010 will bestow unforgettable experiences, emotional highlights and strong friendships on both, active participants and audiences. We are pleased to be able to follow up the great success of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games 2006 in Xiamen (China) with further close and friendly cooperation with our partners in China.

Günter Titsch



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President of INTERKULTUR and  
the World Choir Games

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# Shaoxing

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## Zhang Jinru

General Secretary of the Shaoxing  
committee of the CPC,

Member of the Presidium of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games 2010,  
Shaoxing, China



In July, 2010, Shaoxing will host the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games, which will be a splendid festival for the local people. The seaside city of Shaoxing is famous throughout China, not just for its long history and rich culture. It is also a modern, open city with advanced industries and flourishing markets.

Shaoxing's 4.3 million inhabitants are friendly and peaceloving people who place great value on cultural development. We extend a warm and sincere invitation to choirs from all over the world to visit Shaoxing!

Zhang Jinru

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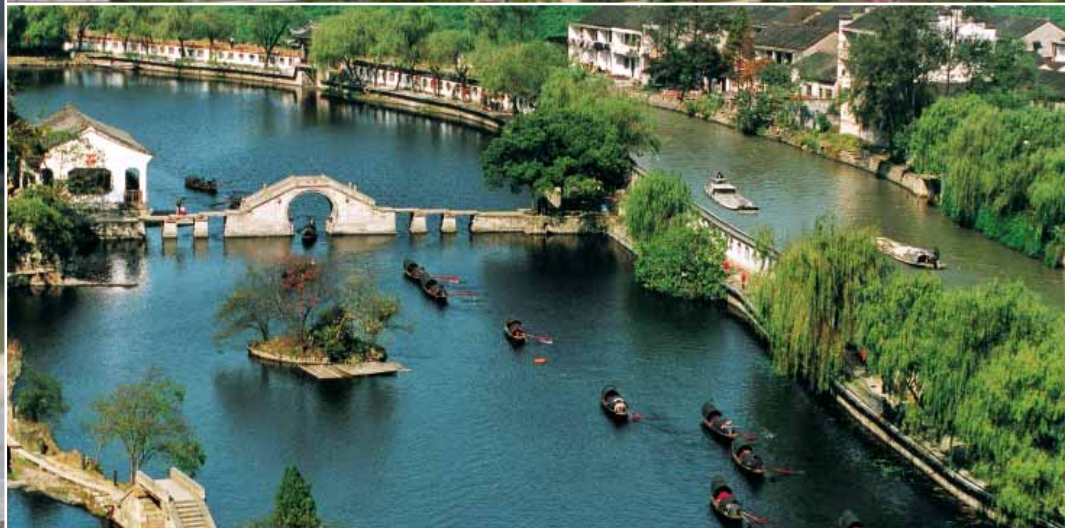
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# Welcome to Shaoxing





*Shaoxing*



## The Venice of the East

Following a spectacularly successful 2008 event in Graz, Austria, the Bell of the World Choir Games now rings out in the Chinese city of Shaoxing, calling on choirs, orchestras and dancers from all over the globe to come and celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games from 15–26 July 2010. You are cordially invited to experience the unique atmosphere of the World Choir Games in this fascinating Chinese city, which is as ancient as it is modern.

Shaoxing is located in the southern reaches of the Yangtze River Delta, around 200 km south-west of Shanghai. There are numerous tourist attractions in and around the city mirroring the flair of ancient Chinese history like the old waterways, the East Lake, the Great Mercy Pagoda, Tashan Mountain with its fantastic Yintinan Tower or the Great Buddha Temple, which was built over one thousand years ago and houses the biggest Buddha stone statue in southern China.

Shaoxing is one of China's foremost cities of history and arts. In the year 2010, Shaoxing, whose stunning beauty, countless canals and more than 4,000 stone bridges have earned it the moniker of "The Venice of the East", will celebrate the 2,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. Reason enough to host the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games – the world's largest choir competition.





## The Champions Competition

Competitions in  
20 Categories

Opening and Closing  
Ceremonies

Choir Parade

Seminars and  
Workshops

Encounter Concerts



# 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games Shaoxing – Highlights



The Open Competition

Co-operation with  
Expo Shanghai –  
"Day of Choirs"



Gala Concerts






Major Events  
and Shows

Council of the  
World Choir Games



	15 July Thursday	16 July Friday	17 July Saturday	18 July Sunday	19 July Monday	20 July Tuesday
	World Choir Games – Part I					Day off
Arrival / Departure	Arrival					Arrival,
Official Events	Choir Parade					
	Opening Event with Opening Ceremony				Closing Ceremony Part I	
Competitions	Qualification Performance Round (all categories part I)					
		WCG Open Competition				
		Categories 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16				
			Champions Competition		Award Ceremonies	
Concerts and Events				Show: Choral Fireworks We are the world	Champions Concert	
	Gala Concerts and Concerts with orchestras					
	Encounter Concerts in Shaoxing, social and community facilities,					
EXPO Shanghai				EXPO Shanghai – performance opportunities for orchestras, folkdance ensembles and choirs		
Seminars		Seminars and Workshops by international experts within				
Music Expo	Music Expo of local, national and international music					
Tourism	Sightseeing day trips					
Centre of the World Choir Games	Meetings at the Centre of the World Choir Games – encounters, talks, discussions with choral experts and					

# The Schedule of the Events

21 July Wednesday	22 July Thursday	23 July Friday	24 July Saturday	25 July Sunday	26 July Monday	27 July Tuesday
Day off	World Choir Games – Part II					
Departure or Extension of Stay						Departure
Congress of the World Choir Games Council Assembly					Announcement of the host city 2012	
	Opening Ceremony Part II				Closing Ceremony	
	Qualification Performance Round (all categories part II)					
		WCG Open Competition			Award Ceremonies	
		Categories 2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 15				
		Champions Competition				
		Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 16, 17, 18				
	Show: Choral Fireworks We are the world				Champions Concert	
as well as performances of dance ensembles						
on squares, in malls and in concert locations						
„Day of Choirs“ at EXPO Shanghai						
the framework of the MUSICA MUNDI Choral Academy						
publishers, dealers and merchandising companies						
(depending on the choirs' competition schedule)						
composers from all over the world, concerts, performances, rock concerts, dance, fun and entertainment						

Categories of WCG – The Open Competition: 1 - Children's Choirs, 2 - Youth Choirs of Equal Voices, 3 - Mixed Youth Choirs, 4 - Mixed Chamber Choirs, 5 - Mixed Choirs, 6 - Female Chamber Choirs, 7 - Female Choirs, 8 - Male Chamber Choirs, 9 - Male Choirs, 10 - Musica Sacra, 11 - Music of Religions, 12 - Musica Contemporanea, 13 - Jazz, 14 - Gospel & Spiritual, 15 - Popular Choral Music, 16 - Folklore

# The new Artistic Concept



## The new artistic concept for the WORLD CHOIR GAMES

In the course of the five successful events since 2000, the artistic committee and the Council of the World Choir Games have received large numbers of ideas and suggestions on how to improve the competition. Now, organisers of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games in Shaoxing, China, aim to implement and realise some of these proposals. The core change is that in future, the World Choir Games will consist of two separate and discrete competitions, which will better reflect the broad spectrum of the choirs' levels of accomplishment and give every choir the opportunity to express its abilities in the right kind of competition.

The competitions are called World Choir Games – Champions Competition and World Choir Games – Open Competition. When a choir's application is confirmed by the artistic committee, it will also be informed which competition it will be participating in. If the choir does not agree with the decision or if a choir taking part for the first time is not sure which competition suits best, it will get the opportunity to put on a qualification performance and let a competent jury decide.



## Conditions of Participation



### A World Choir Games – The Champions Competition

Choirs can apply for this competition, submit qualifications or be delegated. This competition is targeting choirs which have corresponding international competitive experience and have already proven their ability in concerts and international choral competitions.

#### Recommended for:

all lay or amateur choirs which have already had sufficient national and international competitive experience and have proven their level of achievement there, or offer proof of a comparable artistic level.

### B World Choir Games – The Open Competition

Any lay or amateur choir of any kind may take part. In the spirit of the idea of the World Choir Games, “Participation is the highest honour“, all choirs, regardless of their present artistic level of achievement, have the opportunity to engage in the World Choir Games – The Open Competition and gather valuable experience in international competition.

#### Recommended for:

all lay or amateur choirs from all over the world, even with limited experience at national and international choral competitions or those taking their first step into this direction

### Q World Choir Games – Qualification Performance

All choirs may participate in a qualification performance prior to the competitions. They have the opportunity of being evaluated by a competent jury and of receiving advice as to which of the competitions will be the best one for the choir to present its current level of artistic achievement.

The choirs will perform the same programme as in the competition.

#### Recommended for:

- all choirs wishing to obtain a decision by an international specialists’ jury, on the spot, in which competition they may participate
- all choirs which have not previously obtained a satisfying decision concerning participation in the competition

### F World Choir Games – A Festival of Music, too!

Within the framework of the World Choir Games, choirs as well as orchestras and dance ensembles can perform in encounter concerts.

#### Recommended for:

choirs that did not yet participate in international choir competitions, but which are interested in performing together with other choirs and in the atmosphere, the concerts of choirs adequate in style or type of choirs, orchestras and dance ensembles – professionals and amateurs – looking for international music-loving audiences and the encounter with choirs from all over the world.



# World Choir Games – The Champions Competition with 20 different categories



Category	Part	Age limit	Number of singers	Programme Details
1 Young Children's Choirs S(S)A(A), girls and boys	I	6 – 12 years	no limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ one piece by a composer from the country, language area or cultural environment of the participating choir</li> <li>■ one piece by a composer who does not come from the country or language area or cultural environment of the participating choir</li> <li>■ one piece by a composer who is alive at the time of application</li> <li>■ one piece of the choir's own choice</li> </ul>
2 Children's Choirs S(S)A(A), girls and boys	I	10 – 16 years		
3 Youth Choirs of Equal Voices S(S)A(A), (girls and boys)	II	12 – 21 years		
4 Young Male Choirs T(T)B(B)	II	14 – 24 years		
5 Mixed Boys' Choirs SA(T)B, (boys and young men)	II	8 – 24 years		
6 Mixed Youth Choirs SA(T)B, (girls, boys and young men)	II	12 – 24 years		
7 Mixed Chamber Choirs	I	18 years and older	max. 30 singers	
8 Mixed Choirs	I		min. 31 singers	
9 Female Chamber Choirs	I		max. 25 singers	
10 Female Choirs	I		min. 26 singers	
11 Male Chamber Choirs (CT)T(T)B(B)	I		max. 25 singers	
12 Male Choirs T(T)B(B)	I		min. 26 singers	
13 Musica Sacra	II	no age limit	no limit	Christian sacred music: For details please see the original announcement
14 Music of the Religions	I			Music of all different religions, churches and denominations
15 Musica Contemporanea (contemporary music)	I			For details please see the original announcement
16 Jazz	II			Jazz pieces of the choir's own choice of different character
17 Gospel & Spiritual	II			Gospel & Spiritual pieces of the choir's own choice
18 Popular Choral Music	II			Titles of pop, rock and light entertainment music as well as popular music genres
19 Folklore	I			Four original pieces composed in the spirit of folksongs or arrangements of folksongs
20 Folklore – with choreography	I			Folklore of the choir's own choice. Choreographies have to be included

S – Soprano, A – Alto, CT – Countertenor, T – Tenor, B – Bass



## World Choir Games – The Open Competition with 16 different categories

Category	Part	Age limit	Number of singers	Programme Details
1 Children's Choirs S(S)A(A), girls and boys	I	6 – 16 years	no limit	Pieces of the choir's own choice
2 Youth Choirs of Equal Voices S(S)A(A), (girls and boys) or young men T(T)B(B)	II	12 – 21 years (14 – 14 years)		
3 Mixed Youth Choirs SA(T)B, (girls, boys and young men) or SA(T)B, (boys and young men 8-24)	II	12 – 24 years (8 – 24 years)		
4 Mixed Chamber Choirs	I	18 years and older	max. 30 singers	
5 Mixed Choirs	I		min. 31 singers	
6 Female Chamber Choirs	I		max. 25 singers	
7 Female Choirs	I		min. 26 singers	
8 Male Chamber Choirs (CT)T(T)B(B)	I		max. 25 singers	
9 Male Choirs T(T)B(B)	I		min. 26 singers	
10 Musica Sacra	II	no age limit	no limit	Freely chosen pieces of Christian sacred music
11 Music of the Religions	I			Music of all different religions, churches and denominations
12 Musica Contemporanea (contemporary music)	I			The composition work of the 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> century and the immediate present
13 Jazz	II			Jazz pieces of the choir's own choice of different character
14 Gospel & Spiritual	II			Gospel & Spiritual pieces of the choir's own choice
15 Popular Choral Music	II			Titles of pop, rock and light entertainment music as well as popular music genres
16 Folklore	I			Folklore of the choir's own choice

S – Soprano, A – Alto, CT – Countertenor, T – Tenor, B – Bass





## World Choir Games – Qualification Performance

### Participants

■ All choirs may participate in a qualification performance prior to the competitions.

### The Qualification Performance is recommended for:

■ all choirs wishing to obtain a decision by an international specialists' jury, on the spot, in which competition they may participate (World Choir Games – The Champions Competition or World Choir Games – The Open Competition)

■ all choirs which have not previously obtained a satisfying decision concerning participation in the competition (World Choir Games – The Champions Competition or World Choir Games – The Open Competition)

### Categories

The same as in the Champions Competition.

### Programme

The choirs have to choose the same category and to perform the same programme as they prepared for the World Choir Games – The Champions Competition.

### Jury

A jury of five international music experts will evaluate the qualification performance. The decision of the Jury is only either to send the choir in the Champions Competition or in the Open Competition. The jury's evaluation is final; diplomas or points are not presented.





Festival

## World Choir Games – A Festival of Music, too!

### **World Youth Orchestra Festival**

The 1<sup>st</sup> World Youth Orchestra Festival, as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games should inspire people to experience, through the power of playing and singing together, the strength of interaction which is able to challenge personality and community equally. The 1<sup>st</sup> World Youth Orchestra Festival will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. All non-professional youth orchestras are welcome to take part. Every orchestra/institution has the opportunity to present itself through conferences, promoting its activities and strengths to international and Chinese audiences. For further information please visit: [www.wyof.net](http://www.wyof.net)

### **For Orchestras, Dance Ensembles and all kinds of Music Groups**

The World Choir Games are not only the largest choir competition in the world but they also represent a gathering of orchestras, dance ensembles and music groups of any kind. Numerous concerts, performances and other events are being planned in Shaoxing and the surrounding region, presenting world music in the true sense of the term. All sorts of music ensembles from all over the world are welcome to join in and perform their programmes in encounter concerts, gala evenings and many other special events.

### **For all choirs who don't want to take part in the competitions**

Aside from the competitions, choirs of all kind, professional or amateur choirs, may take part in the World Choir Games 2010. They are cordially invited to participate in encounter concerts and to present their programmes. If the decision of the Artistic Committee is favourable and the corresponding artistic quality is sufficient, such ensembles may also participate in gala concerts and /or be placed in central events.



## A performance at the World Expo 2010 Shanghai – an artistic highlight for every choir, dance group and orchestra

There will also be special festival programmes which will be organised in cooperation with EXPO 2010 Shanghai and the delegations of the individual countries. In addition to the concerts held by the host city, extra concerts and performances, which will add to the attraction of the World Choir Games, will be held at the EXPO.

The Exposition runs under the theme “Better City, better Life” representing the common wish of the whole humankind for a better living in future urban environments. The World Expo is aiming at 200 official participants and experts as well as around 70 million visitors from May to October 2010. INTERKULTUR, Shaoxing and EXPO have established a cooperation leading into a number of performances of choirs, folk-dancers, orchestras and other music-groups throughout the entire period of the EXPO. This is a great chance for many groups to perform on a world event under a huge audience.



# Taking part is the highest honour



**Arielle De Souza (Brooklyn College Academy)\***  
there were so many choruses. I felt like I went around the world in 6 days



**Jasmine Chan (St. Paul's Co-educational College)\***  
It is the first time I participate in the World Choir Games and I think it was amazing!!! We got a silver medal, WOW!!!



**Ada Hero (Croatia)\***

Hey...this was my first time that I was on world choir games and it was perfect... I really enjoyed every second being in graz and meeting soo much different people that love singing just like me....



**Dalit Leder (IDC Herzliya)\***

This year, it was the best choir olympics ever!!!!!!

**Felix Chung (Malaysia)\***

Its a really memorable trip for me to participate in this competition~ Fun!!! Looking forward to the next choir games!

**Marko Zduni (Croatia)\***

bronze and silver medal in the pocket! We'll have to wait for China to take the gold... :) It was amazing. No words can describe this.





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**Myra Sinka (Chenderit School)\***  
It was amazing this year!

**Matt Owen (Mansfield)\***  
Friends, thank you for making the WCG the best experience  
of my life.

**Rachel Tng (Hwa Chong Institution)\***  
I loved WCG 2008 :) It was terrific exposure to other cultures  
and also provided opportunities to shine in the categories  
we participated.



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