



**SINGING TOGETHER
BRINGS NATIONS TOGETHER**
THE OLYMPICS FOR CHOIRS



WELCOME TO GRAZ!

From 9th – 19th July 2008 the capital of the Austrian province Styria will be host to the 5th World Choir Games.

Tens of thousands of singers from all over the world will turn Graz, the "Cultural Capital of Europe 2003", into a singing city.



The World Choir Games are not a mere competition for diplomas and medals. The unforgettable atmosphere can be felt in a multitude of small and big events, during gala concerts at the highest stage, in seminars and workshops with honoured choral experts, at hundreds of encounter concerts throughout the town and in the concert halls and the churches of Graz.



28 CATEGORIES

CHOIR OLYMPIC COMPETITIONS

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| 1 Children's Choirs | 16 Musica Sacra |
| 2 Youth Choirs of Equal Voices | 17 Musica Sacra – Open Category |
| 3 Young Male Choirs | 18 Music of the Religions – Open Category |
| 4 Mixed Boys' Choirs | 19 Musica Contemporanea |
| 5 Mixed Youth Choirs | 20 Musica Contemporanea – Open Category |
| 6 Mixed Vocal Ensembles | 21 Jazz Vocal Ensembles a cappella |
| 7 Mixed Chamber Choirs | 22 Jazz – Open Category |
| 8 Mixed Choirs | 23 Gospel & Spiritual – Vocal Ensembles |
| 9 Female Vocal Ensembles | 24 Gospel & Spiritual – Open Category |
| 10 Female Chamber Choirs | 25 Popular Choral Music – Vocal Ensembles |
| 11 Female Choirs | 26 Popular Choral Music – Open Category |
| 12 Male Vocal Ensembles | 27 Folklore |
| 13 Male Chamber Choirs | 28 Folklore – Open Category |
| 14 Male Choirs | |
| 15 Large Male Choirs | |

 At Part I of the World Choir Games (9th – 13th July 2008)
 At Part II of the World Choir Games (15th – 19th July 2008)



GALA CONCERTS — ENCOUNTER CONCERTS — COMPETITIONS — WORKSHOPS — MUSIC EXPO

Welcome!

**5th WORLD CHOIR GAMES
GRAZ / AUSTRIA 9th—19th JULY 2008**

HIGHLIGHTS

WE 09th July Choir Parade through Graz
Opening Ceremony of the 5th World Choir Games

TH 10th July Choir Olympic Qualifying Competition (1st Round)
Gala Concerts, Workshops, Encounter Concerts

FR 11th July Choir Olympic Qualifying Competition (1st Round)
Choir Olympic Competition (2nd Round)
Gala Concerts, Workshops, Encounter Concerts

SA 12th July Choir Olympic Competition (2nd Round)
Choral Fireworks
Workshops, Encounter Concerts

SU 13th July **Award Ceremony**
Concert of the Champions
Closing Ceremony Part I

MO 14th July World Choir Games – Assembly Choir Olympic Council
Jazz & Pop Gala

TU 15th July World Choir Games – Assembly Choir Olympic Council
Encounter Concerts
Choral Fireworks, Opening Ceremony Part II

WE 16th July Choir Olympic Qualifying Competition (1st Round)
Gala Concerts, Workshops, Encounter Concerts

TH 17th July Choir Olympic Qualifying Competition (1st Round)
Choir Olympic Competition (2nd Round)
Gala Concerts, Workshops, Encounter Concerts

FR 18th July Choir Olympic Competition (2nd Round)
Gala Concerts, Workshops, Encounter Concerts

SA 19th July **Award Ceremony**
Concert of the Champions
Closing Ceremony of the 5th World Choir Games

Subject to change!

**GRAZ / AUSTRIA
CULTURAL CAPITAL OF EUROPE**



Graz has been an intersection of several European cultures for centuries. Their influence is still visible throughout the town. One of the highlights is without doubt the picturesque old town centre, which became UNESCO world cultural heritage site.

The character of Austria's second largest city is to this day formed by multicultural traditions, to which Graz attaches a great importance as the fundament for its cultural and political identity.

In 2008, the World Choir Games will transform the Cultural Capital of Europe into the world's capital of choral singing.



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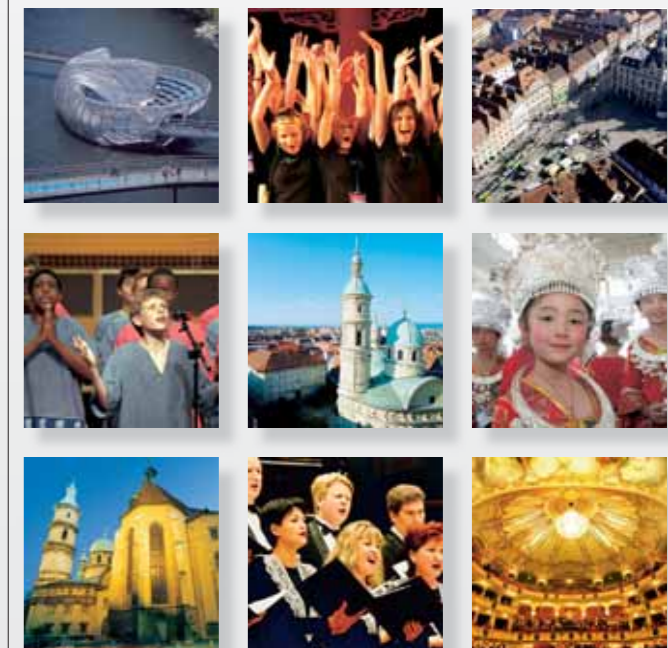
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