

5th WORLD CHOIR GAMES
GRAZ 2008

GRAZ RESOLUTION

“SINGING WITH CHILDREN“

For the INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL
of UNESCO

This resolution is the message of the 20,000 singers from 441 choirs from 93 nations participating in the **5th World Choir Games Graz 2008** through their representatives in the World Choir Games Assembly.

Like our former resolutions, this resolution is directed to the world of choral music in general and in particular to the INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL of UNESCO for their sincere consideration.

Among UNESCO's "Millennium-Aims" is the decision to achieve by the year 2015, the establishment of elementary schools in every country in the world. Today our attention focuses on a new problem. It is the problem of the early influence on young people by the electronic media. The important task is to show the youth in the elementary school system that there is still a way to a door wherein they will find music of a more traditional nature.

We therefore recommend that in elementary schools not only cognitive procedures be instituted but also the introduction of musical activities of this more serious nature as well.

Unfortunately the institution of music is not only a problem of the developing countries. In order to have sufficient teachers of technical and scientific positions, the fine arts in many places in the world are reduced and even cancelled. In the interest of cultural development as a whole and choral music in particular, we ask the INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL not to reduce its helpful efforts for music but rather to make even further efforts to achieve the aforementioned "Millennium Aim".

In our former resolutions to the INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL we mainly mentioned the wonderful development of choir music in the last decades and

especially referred to the wonderful development of youth choirs and the role they play in the worldwide cultural network.

It is therefore not only in the interest of UNESCO but in the interest of the general development of mankind to keep alive and to strengthen the peacemaking and unifying power of music which our children and youth choirs can bring into the world.

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