

## STATEMENT FOR PEACE

For INTERKULTUR and its worldwide choral family, the unifying power of choral music has been a mission for over 30 years, in the belief that the universal language of music can bring peace to the world.

In our worldwide choral events which follow the Olympic idea, and together with our World Choir Council including representatives from over 90 countries and regions, we unite people from all continents and aim peace and for better mutual understanding through singing together.

For more than two years, we all have been experiencing an attack on our health and lives by invisible viruses. At the same time, natural disasters are increasing significantly, depriving many people of their homes.

These are unprecedented calamities for both our generation and history.

At the moment we are faced with a new catastrophe - a terrible war in Europe! Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering the devastating consequences of this war, especially with everyone in Ukraine.

In the spirit of our motto "Singing Together Brings Nations Together" we also stand with all singers and people in the world, who also share our mission and desire for peace.

We strongly stand against wars that cause great harm to humanity. Therefore, in the name of all peacemaking people, we call for an immediate end to this aggressive war on Ukrainian soil. At the same time, we call for reason, to follow the path of mutual understanding and back towards a humane coexistence!

The world of choirs will stand together in solidarity and fraternity, working for humanitarian aid aimed at all people affected by the war.

Come together in your communities and sing for peace, for peace all over the world!

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