



### 5th International Istanbul Choir Days Festival Schedule

14 November 2012	: Arrival of the participant choirs
15 November 2012	: Opening ceremony of the festival
15-16-17-18 November 2012	: Concerts
14-15-16-17-18 November 2012	: Sightseeing tours
15-16-17-18 November 2012	: Seminars & Workshops
18 November 2012	: Closing ceremony & party
19 November 2012	: Departure of the choirs

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14-19 NOVEMBER 2012



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6th International Istanbul Choir Days:  
13 November 2013 – 18 November 2013

7th International Istanbul Choir Days:  
5 November 2014 – 10 November 2014

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International Istanbul Choir Days festival has been growing each year, reached to the participation of 1100 choristers in the last edition, 2011. Matchless Istanbul and our festival are more than ready to welcome your choir with its new concert venues, squares, historical and natural beauty.

*All the choirs in the world! Lets meet & sing together, share our cultures in the Capital of Civilizations*

# Istanbul Koro Günleri

### About the Festival

The International Istanbul Choir Days is not intended to be a competition and welcomes every kind of choirs and repertoires. The festival aims to enable choirs from various regions of the world to introduce their cultures through their music to the audience and other choirs.

### Concerts

Each concert will consist of three choirs, with a 20-minute-long performance apiece. The choirs will give two (max. three upon request) 20-minute-long concerts on two (max. three upon request) different days and two (max. three upon request) different venues. Two more choirs will perform at the same concert. Thus, each choir will have the opportunity to listen to the other two participating choirs on the day of its own performance. Concert venues are the best concert halls in downtown Istanbul chosen especially for this unique organization. Each concert venue provides a piano. The concerts will typically take place in the afternoon & evening.

### Seminars & Workshops

The International Istanbul Choir Days will also host informative and educational seminars and workshops as well as concerts. Seminars & Workshops will typically be held in the morning and will be in English.

At the seminar entitled **Ottoman-Turkish Music, Journey from Past to Present**, the attendees will be informed about the basic characteristics of Ottoman-Turkish music and its historical evolution. Traditional Turkish musical instruments and examples of the enduring pieces from Turkish Classical Music will be introduced live.

The subject matter of the seminar entitled **Istanbul, The Last Capital** is music and entertainment life during the years 1870-1920, which mark the final 50 years of the 1600 years, when Istanbul was capital to two great empires, and the participants will be provided with the opportunity to hear the enduring pieces that exemplify the polyphonic cultural legacy of Istanbul. The pieces will be performed by piano live.

**The Choral Singing & Training** entitled workshop will be held by world famous Dutch conductor, Maestro Wim van Herk. The choral singing problems in the choirs will be pointed out and the participants will rehearse on breathing, posture, articulation, resonance, registers and singing with the body.

**The Choral Conducting Masterclass** entitled workshop will be held by world famous Dutch conductor, Maestro Wim van Herk for the participant choirs' conductors. For a limited number of conductors a pre-prepared choir will be ready for the masterclass.



### Opening and closing nights

The festival, which will open with an opening ceremony and concert on November 15, 2012, will end with a closing night on November 18, 2012, after all these concerts, musical activities, special tours, new friendships made and music. On this special night, all the choirs will be presented with participation certificates and gifts, followed by surprises by choirs and songs to be sung together. The night will come to a close with a marvellous party that will be coloured with concerts by guest choirs. The choirs will head home on November 19, with the hope to meet again next year.

### Sightseeing

Today's Istanbul is counted among the rare cities in the world because of not only its population and geopolitical importance but also its cultural variety and richness of life. It is also one of the most attractive cities in the world due to its natural beauty and rich history as well as high potential for international tourism. In addition, it is possible to see various historical works dating as far back as Byzantium and Ottoman Empire. Upon request, the festival organization will help organizing special sightseeing tours for groups so that they can enjoy all the sights of this matchless city.

### Organization...

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