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July 17th – 20th 2025 The World Peace Choral Festival 2025

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Events and Activities

(July 17th – 21th 2025, Vienna)

Opening Ceremony in the Austria Center Vienna

Date: 17th July 2025

Location: in the Austria Center Vienna

The Austria Center Vienna (ACV), one of Europe's premier conference venues, is renowned for its cutting-edge facilities and versatile spaces that are ideal for a wide range of events, including major cultural and musical occasions. We are pleased to announce that the opening ceremony of the World Peace Choral Festival will be hosted at the ACV on July 17th, 2025. We eagerly anticipate choirs from around the world coming together in this modern, state-of-the-art venue to showcase global choral excellence and unite in a celebration of music and harmony.



Angels from all over the world singing for World Peace at The United Nations Vienna (VIC)

Date: 17th-19th July 2025

Location: in the Rotunda United Nations Headquarters in Vienna(VIC)

World peace remains our paramount concern, and the imperative to strengthen global harmony through communication and understanding among the younger generation is a matter of profound significance for our society today. Therefore, the World Peace Choral Festival was inaugurated in 2010. Over time, it has evolved into one of the world's foremost choral events, providing a unique platform for both youth and enthusiastic adult choirs from diverse countries to perform, engage in dialogue, and foster improved intercultural understanding.

With institutions such as the United Nations Office, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, among others, the Vienna International Centre (VIC) serves as a central hub for diplomacy and communication. It stands as a universal focal point for the promotion of world peace.

As part of the "World Peace Choral Festival" the VIC will be visited as a splendid opportunity to champion world peace! Thousands of children from around the world singing beautiful songs and evoking emotional melodies beneath the flags of nations create an astonishing atmosphere that resonates with audiences and media worldwide.





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Voices for Peace Concerts

Date: 17th 18th July 2025

Location: The Voices for Peace concerts will take place at various music venues and historically significant churches throughout Vienna.

The city of Vienna is globally renowned for its rich musical tradition, shaped by famous composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. The Voices for Peace concerts celebrate the diversity and beauty of Vienna's music scene, taking the audience on a musical journey.



Votivkirche

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The Votivkirche, also known as the Votive Church of the Sacred Heart, is an impressive neo-Gothic church in Vienna. With its imposing architecture and intricate decorations, it serves as a symbol of faith and spirituality. The church provides a captivating backdrop for moving musical performances.

<https://www.votivkirche.at/>

St. Peter Kirche:

St. Peter's Church, one of the oldest churches in Vienna, holds historical significance and deep religious meaning. The church exudes a tranquil and contemplative atmosphere, serving as a place for reflection and prayer. Concerts in this venerable church offer a unique opportunity to unite music and spirituality.

<https://www.peterskirche.at/>



St. Peter Kirche



MuTh

MuTh – Concert Hall of Vienna Boys' Choir:

Vienna's new venue for music and theater - the Vienna Boys' Choir Concert Hall in Augarten - opened in December 2012! An exciting new venue has emerged in the heart of Vienna, a place with a focus on young people where music and theater come together. It is also the permanent performance venue of the world-renowned Vienna Boys' Choir.

<https://muth.at/>



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Workshops

Date: 18th July 2025

Under the leadership of Univ.-Prof. Mag.art. Alois Glaßner, the artistic director of the festival and the head of the Institute for Conducting at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (mdw), conductors from MDW and other globally renowned choral conductors will provide coaching to the choirs, covering various themes and techniques.

Note: For the choirs participating in the "Workshop" category (the non-competitive category of the festival), workshops will be organized at this world-famous Palais Augarten or at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna.



Venues for Workshops – Urania

Urania is a public educational institution and observatory located in Vienna's first district, celebrated for its neo-baroque architecture. Founded in 1897 and operational since 1910, Urania has become an essential part of Vienna's cultural and educational landscape, offering a wide range of public lectures and courses. This prestigious venue, closely associated with Vienna's royal and musical heritage, will now host workshops, leveraging its rich historical ambiance to enhance the learning experience in music and other themes.

Venues for Workshops – The University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna

The University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna (German: Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien, abbreviated MDW) is an Austrian university located in Vienna. It was established in 1817 by the Society for the Friends of Music and was nationalized in 1909 as the Imperial Academy of Music and the Performing Arts. In 1998, the university assumed its current name to reflect its university status, which was achieved as part of a comprehensive 1970 reform for Austrian Arts Academies. Today, with a student population exceeding three thousand, it stands as the largest institution of its kind in Austria and one of the largest in the world. Notable musicians who have been associated with the university include Herbert von Karajan, Zubin Mehta, and Jean Sibelius.



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Donation Sales to UNICEF

Date: 17th 18th July 2025

Location: Donation Sales to UNICEF will take place at various music venues and historically significant churches throughout Vienna.

The 13th World Peace Choral Festival will continue to support the work of UNICEF next year. UNICEF Austria appreciates the charitable efforts of the choirs and will issue a certificate to each donating choir.

On the day of the Voices for Peace Concerts, choirs participating in the Festival may join the initiative and sell their souvenirs and merchandise in the lobby of various concert halls in Vienna. This way, the choirs can promote their music and contribute to children in need. The sales income will be donated to UNICEF.

Note: All choirs are welcome to participate in this event. Advance registration is required. Choirs are welcome to send their own representatives to handle the sales activities. However, in case their representatives cannot be present the entire time, Festival staff members will take care of their booth and sales items.



Music connects Generations Concerts

Date: 19th 20th July 2025

Location: The concerts will take place in various retirement homes in Vienna

The Music connects Generations Concerts are planned to take place at some social institutions and retirement homes in Vienna. This musical event aims to bring warmth and happiness to the elderly residents, bridging the gap between generations through the power of music. It is a heartwarming celebration where people of different ages come together to enjoy the beautiful melodies and harmonious voices.





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COMPETITION

Choirs participating in the "Competition" category will make their debuts in front of an international jury composed of world-renowned choral conductors and experts.

Miniworkshop

Before or after their competitive performances, each choir will have the opportunity to attend a brief workshop, led by conductors from the Vienna Boys Choir and other renowned Austrian choral conductors.

The goal of the competition is not only victory but also the promotion of the international development of choral music by allowing choirs from around the world to compete together.



Univ.–Prof. Mag.art. Alois Glaßner

President of the Artistic Committee of the World Peace Choral Festival

Head of the Institute for Music Conducting at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (mdw)

Alois Glaßner is one of Austria's most distinguished choral conductors. He received his musical training at the former University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, where he studied organ, church music, composition, conducting and vocal pedagogy. Guest studies took him to Stockholm with Eric Ericson and to London. While still a student, he founded the Hugo Distler Choir Vienna and made this ensemble one of the country's outstanding concert choirs in the ten years of its existence. From 1992 to 2005, he was church music director at the Augustinerkirche church in Vienna, which is renowned for its church music tradition. From 2003 to 2020, Alois Glaßner directed the Salzburg Bach Choir, which he helped to achieve international renown through his consistent musical work. Under his direction, the choir became a permanent artistic partner of the major Salzburg festivals, where it celebrated successes in numerous concerts as well as in a number of staged productions.

As a conductor, Alois Glaßner has conducted the Vienna Volksoper Symphony Orchestra, the Mozarteum Orchestra and the Camerata Salzburg, among others. Guest conducting engagements have taken him to numerous European countries and overseas. He is also internationally active as a juror and lecturer at various masterclasses.

Glaßner has been teaching at the mdw since 1991, initially as part of the music education programme. In 2004, he was appointed Professor of Conducting at the mdw's Anton Bruckner Institute, and in 2018 he moved to the Department of Music Conducting, where he took over the teaching of choral conducting and currently also heads the department.

Alois Glaßner also conducts the mdw's Webern Chamber Choir, with which he has a busy concert schedule and seeks encounters and exchanges with partner universities and their choirs from all over the world in the "Choral Bridges" series.



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Gala Concert at the Famous Golden Hall of Musikverein

Date: 20th July 2025

Location: The concerts will take place in the Famous Golden Hall of Musikverein

The rehearsals and gala concert will take place in the afternoon and evening at the famous Golden Hall of Musikverein, where the renowned New Year's Concert of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra is broadcasted to the world every year.

<https://www.musikverein.at>



Each choir will have the opportunity to perform on this magnificent stage individually and impress Austrian and international guests.

The gala concert will be one of the highlights of the festival, providing choir members with an unforgettable memory. Having the chance to showcase their music in such a top-tier music hall worldwide will also boost the choir's performance confidence, making it a truly remarkable experience.

Echoes of Harmony: Complimentary Access to a Vienna Boys' Choir Concert

Date: 20th July 2025

Location: The concerts will take place in the Famous Golden Hall of Musikverein

The World Peace Choral Festival proudly presents an exclusive concert featuring the Vienna Boys' Choir in the Golden Hall. This special event offers attendees a deep dive into the history and musical compositions that have shaped the Vienna Boys' Choir over its 525-year legacy. An unforgettable experience awaits, providing a unique chance to delve into the captivating world of this renowned choir.



Vienna Boys' Choir - Wiener Sängerknaben:

The Vienna Boys' Choir, known as Wiener Sängerknaben, is one of the oldest and most prestigious boys' choirs in the world. With an impressive 525-year history, they are a living icon of Austrian musical culture. Their remarkable choral tradition has been recognized by UNESCO as intangible cultural heritage. Comprising talented boys aged 9 to 14, the members of this choir impress with their angelic voices and have captured the hearts of audiences worldwide.



About the World Peace Choral Festival

Coming together to sing, singing for a better future!

As one of the most important choral events in the world, the World Peace Choral Festival aims to provide a platform for the young generation as well as enthusiastic adult choirs of different countries to perform, to learn, to compete, to communicate and to create better intercultural understanding.

Workshops held by experts of the Vienna Boys Choir and other renowned musicians give the participants good chances to get in touch with the world top music educators and learn valued methods and superb performance skills which build solid bases for their further development.

Even competition is not the ultimate goal of the World Peace Choral Festival, but to encourage further development of the choirs and their members, the festival provides an open and fair chance for choirs, on their free will and in front of world renowned musicians and music educators, to present themselves in a way of competition. Prizes will be awarded to excellent choirs, conductors and choral members.

Performance on great stages plays an important role for the choirs and its members. The World Peace Choral Festival provides a series of concert halls and historical venues for the participants to unfold their talents and to present their music.

The World Peace Choral Festival was born in Vienna in July 2010 and has been supported by the Austrian federal government authorities, the city government of Vienna, the Vienna Boys Choir, the United Nations Headquarters in Vienna, NGOs, enterprises and many choral experts around the world. During past years, choirs from more than 60 countries, for example: Armenia, Austria (under them also the famous Vienna Boys Choir), Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Georgia, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Ukrainian, USA have participated at the festival and brought beautiful memories and new friendships back home.

The World Peace Choral Festival welcomes you!

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