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## Press Release

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### Official registration documents for the 7th World Choir Games available to choirs worldwide

INTERKULTUR, the International Organizing Committee of the World Choir Games, announced today that the registration documents for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games in Cincinnati USA are now available to all amateur choirs worldwide. For the first time in the history of the World Choir Games, the competition will be held in a U.S. city (July 4-14, 2012).

The World Choir Games is the largest international choral competition in the world, taking place every two years. The event is expected to attract 400 choirs from 70 countries.

“This is the first time we are bringing the Games to the United States, and there is great joy for us in reaching out to all the singers in the host country and all over the world to come and sing together in Cincinnati USA,” INTERKULTUR president Günter Titsch said. “For the 2012 Games we will add two new categories popular in the United States – Barbershop and Show Choirs. We are confident that every choir will find an opportunity to participate in Cincinnati.”

INTERKULTUR, the founder of the World Choir Games, is based in Pohlheim, Germany. The foundation organizes choral competitions and festivals all over the world.

The registration documents can be found by going to the newly launched 2012 Games website, [www.2012worldchoirgames.com](http://www.2012worldchoirgames.com).

The documents offer an overview of the competition, qualifications for participation and the method of adjudication. Participants have ranged in age from 6 to 96. There are multiple opportunities for participation, including International Friendship concerts and non-competitive evaluations for choirs that prefer not to compete but would like to participate. The Champions Competition and the Open Competition are two separate and distinct competitions, each with its own awards system.

The Champions Competition is for choirs that meet qualification standards that can be found in the “Competition Information.” The Open Competition is for any choir – regardless of artistic achievement – wishing to participate, pending approval from INTERKULTUR.

In 2012, there will be 23 musical categories: Children’s Choirs, Young Children’s Choirs, Youth Choirs of Equal Voices, Mixed Youth Choirs, Male Choirs, Male Chamber Choirs, Young Male Choirs, Mixed Boys Choirs, Female Choirs, Female Chamber Choirs, Mixed Choirs, Mixed Chamber Choirs, Musica Sacra, Music of Religions, Contemporary Music, Popular Choral Music, Folklore, Scenic Folklore (with choreography), Show Choirs, Jazz, Gospel, Spiritual and Barbershop.

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“We have been contacted for several months by choirs from all over the United States excited about participating in the 2012 Games in Cincinnati USA,” said Dan Lincoln, president & CEO of the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau and director of the Cincinnati Organizing Committee for the 2012 World Choir Games. “The availability of the registration documents is the first step in bringing choirs from around the world to Cincinnati, and we are excited to continue to the process of welcoming them to our country and community in less than 17 months.”

INTERKULTUR has ties to 120,000 choirs made up of 4.8 million choral singers around the world. In more than 20 years since INTERKULTUR was established, more than 5,500 choirs and some 250,000 singers from 100 nations have taken part in the World Choir Games and INTERKULTUR's regional choir competitions. The World Choir Games are dedicated to the Olympic ideal that participation is the highest honor. Previous World Choir Games have taken place in Austria, China, Germany and the Republic of Korea.

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