

World Choir Games names fundraising team

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Some of Cincinnati's top corporate heavyweights have been selected to help raise millions to put on the World Choir Games coming to town in 2012.

A corporate team will help raise money from regional businesses.

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Its vice chairs are:

* John F. Barrett , chairman and CEO, Western & Southern Financial Group

* Richard A. Boehne, president and CEO, E. W. Scripps Co.

* Kevin W. Canafax, vice president public affairs, Fidelity Investments

* Julie S. Janson, president, Duke Energy Ohio, Duke Energy Kentucky

* Ralph S. Michael III, president and CEO,

Fifth Third Bank, Greater Cincinnati

* Maribeth S. Rahe, president and CEO, Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc.

Another team will raise money from foundations and philanthropists. Its vice chairs are:

* J. Wickliffe and Marlin Ach. Ach is CEO of Hixson Architects Engineers Interiors and his wife is a philanthropist and former teacher.

* Robert and Deanna Castellini. Castellini is senior vice president of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and trustee of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens and other organizations, while his wife is founder of UGive and a trustee of the Anthony Munoz Foundation.

* L. Thomas and Francie Hiltz. Both are trustees of the Harold C. Schott Foundation and Joseph J. Schott Foundation and other organizations including Cincinnati Art Museum and the Cincinnati Museum

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* William and Arlene Katz. Katz is co-owner of S P Agency and former president of the board of Mayerson Jewish Community Center. His wife, retired from the Hamilton County Juvenile Court, is a trustee of 4C and Friends of College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

Each team has agreed to raise \$2 million to support the international choral festival, which is scheduled to come to Cincinnati in July 2012.

The global co-chairs of the event are Procter & Gamble vice chairman Werner G eissler and his wife, Sabine. The U.S. co-chairs are Lee and Shannon Carter and Lillian and Judge Nathaniel Jones.

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