

2023
台北國際
合唱音樂節
Taipei International
Choral Festival

Jul. 28 - Aug. 6

NATIONAL CONCERT HALL, TAIPEI
AND OTHER CITIES IN TAIWAN

THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS & EXTENSIVE CHORAL FESTIVAL & WORKSHOP IN ASIA.

Jul.29-Aug.06 Sat.-Sun. FESTIVAL CHOIR

Mendelssohn: *Elias*, op. 70 (Highlights)

Festival Conductor | Gábor Hollerung (Hungary)



Jul.29-Aug.05 Sat.-Sat. MASTER CLASS

Rossini: *Petite messe solennelle* (Highlights)

Master Teacher | Gábor Hollerung (Hungary)



Jul.30-Aug.05 Sun.-Sat. CONDUCTING CLASS

Clinician | Fred Sjöberg (Sweden)

Jul.31-Aug.04 Mon.-Fri.

Lecture Series



Yu-Chen Liu (Taiwan)



Fidel Calalang Jr. (The Philippines)



Ambrož Čoplj (Slovenia)



Rasmus Kristgröm (Sweden)



Ai Hool Lim (Singapore)

Jul.30 Sun. 19:30 OPENING CONCERT

Brahms: *Schicksalslied*, op. 54

Dvorák: *Te Deum*, op. 103

Conductor | Heng-Yi Pao (Taiwan)

Taipei Philharmonic Chorus, Taipei Philharmonic Youth Orchestra



Aug.06 Sun. 14:30 FINAL CONCERT

Mendelssohn: *Elias*, op. 70 (Highlights)

Festival Conductor | Gábor Hollerung (Hungary)

Festival Choir, KGBL Chamber Choir, Taipei Philharmonic Chorus, Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra

Jul.30-Aug.06 Sun.-Sun. PREMIUM CONCERTS



KGBL Chamber Choir (Slovenia)
Ambrož Čoplj, conductor



ZEROS (Sweden)
Rasmus Kristgröm, conductor



UST Singers (The Philippines)
Fidel Calalang Jr., conductor

A Capella Boğaziçi (Turkey)

2023
台北國際
合唱大賽
TICS
TAIPEI International
Choral Competition

Aug. 2~Aug. 4

INTERNATIONAL JURY



Brady Allred (USA)



Andrea Angelini (Italy)



Ai Hool Lim (Singapore)



Yu-Wen Pan (Taiwan)



Jo-Michael Scheibe (USA)



Jonathan Velasco (The Philippines)



Chia-Fen Weng (Taiwan)

TOTAL PRIZE
UP TO
TWD
\$360,000

CATEGORIES

A By AGES

A1 Children Choir

A2 Youth Choir

A3 Senior Choir

B By VOICING

B1 Male Choir

B2 Female Choir

B3 Mixed Choir

C By MUSIC TYPE

C1 Musica Sacra

C2 Ethnic / Traditional Music

C3 Contemporary Music

TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION
Jul.31 - Aug.2, 2024

TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL
Jul.26 - Aug.4, 2024

台北愛樂文教基金會
Taipei Philharmonic Education Foundation

Dirk DuHei, Artistic Director

Yu-Chung John Ku, Music Director

Ferdinand Ta-Ming Ting, Executive Director



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TAIPEI PHILHARMONIC
CHAMBER CHOIR

杜黑 Dirk DuHei Artistic Director
藝術總監

古育仲 YuChung Johnny KU Music Director & Conductor
音樂總監兼指揮

謝斯韻 SzuYun Swing HSIEH Associate Conductor
副指揮

TAIWAN



Dirk DuHei artistic director

Dirk DuHei, who won the National Culture and Art Prize in 1997, is devoted to music education his entire life. Mr. DuHei became the Music Director and Conductor of the Taipei Philharmonic Chorus since 1983. In 1988, he launched the Taipei Philharmonic Foundation for Culture and Education to promote choral and other musical activities in Taiwan. This foundation has over these years been involved in presenting hundreds of famous artists and ensembles, both local and foreign; and the foundation has successfully promoted several international cultural exchange events. Mr. DuHei is currently the Artistic Director of the Taipei Philharmonic Foundation for Culture and Education, and the Artistic Director of the Taipei International Choral Festival and Competition.



Dr. YuChung Johnny KU music director & conductor

Dr. YuChung Johnny Ku is the Music Director of Taipei Philharmonic Chorus and Chamber Choir, the Music Director of Taipei International Choral Festival and Competition, the conductor of Dream Lotus Chorus, an executive board member of Taiwan Choral Association, an assistant professor in the National Taiwan University of Arts, a member of the World Choral Council, a member of the Asia-Pacific working committee in the International Federation for Choral Music, co-founder of the World Choral Championship, one of the founding directors of the Asian Choral Association, and a founding member of the International Choral Conductors' Federation.

Dr. Ku has conducted concerts, masterclasses, workshops, and lectures in more than 20 countries around the world, including Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Russia, Singapore, USA, among others. He works with not only choirs, but also orchestras, operas, musical theaters, and serves as the Chorus Master for more than 50 operas and choral-symphonic productions. He and the Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir have been invited to several prestigious international music festivals, including the ACDA national convention, the Next Wave Festival of BAM, Melbourne Festival, and the 2023 World Symposium on Choral Music in Türkiye, to name a few. In addition, Dr. Ku has been an adjudicator in international competitions, including the World Choir Games, World Choral Festival, Busan Choral Festival and Competition, and several others.

Dr. YuChung Johnny Ku received his D.M.A. from the College-Conservatory of Music in University of Cincinnati, and holds a master degree from Temple University.



SzuYun Swing HSIEH associate conductor

Szu-Yun Swing Hsieh is the Associate-Conductor of Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Music Director of The Juvenis Group, and Conductor for the Taipei Philharmonic Civic Chorale, Taipei Women's Singing Society and Consolation Choir.

Ms. Hsieh has conducted Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir in concert tours in Taiwan, China, Hungary, and Japan. She was also the Chorus Master for many productions with NSO, NTSO, and Taipei Philharmonic Foundation. Ms. Hsieh attended Maestro Gabor Hollerung's and Maestro ShaoChia Lü's conducting master class. In April, 2018, she won the second prize of the Boris Tevin

Competition for Choral Conductors in Moscow (with the first prize absence). The same year, she received full scholarship to attend the conducting masterclass in Dohnányi Academy, Hungary and conducted Budafoki Dohnányi orchestra in concerts.

Ms. Hsieh holds a BA degree in voice, and a master degree in conducting, from Taipei National University of Art.

Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir (TPCC) is a 30-voice chamber choir from Taiwan. It was established in 1993, out of the 150-voice Taipei Philharmonic Chorus (founded in 1972).

TPCC has an impressive history of performing internationally. They have been to all continents of the world, performed in major performance venues in more than 40 cities. The choir has participated in various International Choral Festivals, such as International Chamber Choir Festival in Latvia in 1995, the 4th World Symposium on Choral Music in Sydney, Australia in 1996, Festival Vancouver in 2000 & 2009, Asia-South-Pacific Symposium on Choral Music in Singapore in 2001, the 6th World Symposium on Choral Music in Minneapolis/St. Paul, U.S.A. in 2002, Oregon Bach Festival in Eugene, U.S.A. in 2006, Zempléni Fesztivál and Cantemus Festival in Hungary in 2007 & 2014, ACDA National Convention in Chicago in 2011, Polyfolia Festival in Saint Lo, France in 2013, Melbourne Festival in Australia and the Next Wave Festival in New York, U.S.A. in 2017, among others. In 2016, TPCC was invited to perform in the "Holy Mass and Canonization of Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta" in Vatican. In 2023, TPCC was invited to be one of the 10 international choirs featuring in the World Symposium on Choral Music in Türkiye.

The current Music Director of TPCC is Dr. YuChung Johnny Ku, with Professor Dirk DuHei, the founder of this choir, as the Artistic Director. In addition to working with Dr. Ku, TPCC also invites internationally renowned conductors to Taiwan as guest-conductors frequently. The choir has worked with Helmuth Rilling, Maria Guinand, Gábor Hollerung, Jonathan Velasco, Theodora Pavlovitch, Fred Sjöberg, André Thomas, Jānis Liepiņš, Alexander Solovyev, Ambrož Čopi, among others.

The repertoire of TPCC ranges from renaissance to contemporary, from European classics to Asian countries, and the compositions with Taiwanese and Chinese heritage. On top of these choral treasures, TPCC has also been commissioning and premiering more than 200 new works from Taiwanese composers and composers around the world since 1993. TPCC's albums have constantly been nominated for "Golden Melody Award", and have won "Best Album" award and "Best Singing Performance" awards several times.



Listen to Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir's award winning album "Image Taiwan II"



More Info



2016 Sofia, Bulgaria



2011 Carnegie Hall, USA

2011 ACDA, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, USA

2013 Polyfolia Festival, France



2014 Cantemus International Choral Festival, Hungary

2015 Hong Kong City Hall, China

2015 Zhuhai Huafa & CPAA Grand Theatre, China



2016 St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican

2017 Melbourne Festival, Australia

2017 Moscow P. I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory, Russia



2017 Next Wave Festival, USA

2018 Warsaw, Poland

2019 National Centre for the Performing Arts, China



2019 Seoul Arts Center, South Korea

2023 Suntory Hall Blue Rose, Japan

