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World Choir for Peace presents:

# INTERNATIONAL WEEK FOR PEACE HANNOVER

Join us and become part of the largest  
choral community in the world!  
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## "A CONCERT FOR PEACE"

Huge Come & Sing Concert

**John Rutter with the World Orchestra for Peace**  
and participants from over 30 countries worldwide

### PRESENTATIONS

Health | Peace

### MASTERCLASSES

Stage presence | Singing | Conducting

### WORKSHOPS

Singing | Health

# 4-7 AUGUST 2022

**Hannover Congress Centrum**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS INTERNATIONAL EVENT?



Secure your ticket:  
tickets are now available!

[www.internationalweekforpeace.org](http://www.internationalweekforpeace.org)

## LET OUR VOICES RING FOR PEACE!

On August 4th, 2022 Hannover will open the gates of the big HCC Domed Hall for choir enthusiasts from all over the world. Be part of the very first **International Week For Peace!**

The idea behind this extraordinary event came from Nicol Matt. The renowned German choral director founded the **World Choir for Peace** under the patronage of the German UNESCO Commission in 2018. This marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War with their first concert in Berlin. 2,000 singers from more than 30 countries came together to sing for peace, performing Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*, conducted by the composer himself. Following the outstanding success of the event, the World Choir for Peace became committed to being a musical ambassador for peace worldwide.

Their mission is clear. By bringing together singers from all over the world, the World Choir for Peace contributes to **cultural understanding among all people.**

**Hannover** has been the home to the World Choir for Peace since 2020 - a city that is both musical and cosmopolitan. Nicol Matt and its singers created a strong partnership for their mission in the city's administration, the cultural offices, UNESCO City of Music and the Region of Hannover. The first International Week for Peace is under the patronage of the Lord Mayor of the State Capital Hannover, Belit Onay and the German Commission for UNESCO. In addition, the German Music Council, the Federal Commissioner for Culture and the Media and the Cultural Office of the State capital Hannover are supporting the project.

Now is your chance to become part of the World Choir for Peace. Come to Hannover and join our mission!

### HUGE DISCOUNTS FOR CHOIR SINGERS:

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If your choir is a member of a national or international choral association you are entitled to a 40% discount on a regular ticket price.

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The proceeds from the Concert for Peace will be going to charities that support Ukraine.



Landeshauptstadt Hannover Kulturbüro





John Rutter



# SINGING FOR PEACE: COME & SING EVENT

## A CONCERT FOR PEACE

At the very heart of our first International Week for Peace is our Concert for Peace. Join us on August 6th when we will perform **John Rutter's** moving **Requiem**, conducted by the composer himself with the World Orchestra for Peace.

Why August 6th? This is the anniversary of the **Hiroshima** atomic bombing. Hannover and Hiroshima are twinned cities and both are members of the International network Mayors for Peace. For many years, the Hiroshima Memorial Day has taken place in Hannover on August 6th.

Be there this year when **choral singers from over 30 countries worldwide** unite and send a message of peace! Right now, with another terrible war raging in Europe, this is more important than ever. All over the world people will join the gigantic Peace Choir from the comfort of their own homes, connected by modern technology. Goosebumps are guaranteed!

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**TICKETS FOR SINGERS  
& CONCERT VISITORS**

[www.internationalweekforpeace.org](http://www.internationalweekforpeace.org)

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## REHEARSALS AND CONCERT

On July 30th and 31st, **virtual rehearsals** with the Stay At Home Choir will take place and composer John Rutter will be taking part ([www.stayathomechoir.com](http://www.stayathomechoir.com)).

For the **Hannover region** there will also be two face-to-face rehearsals with Keno Weber by the Lower Saxony Choir Association on July 9th and 10th, 2022.

From August 4th you will rehearse with **John Rutter** himself, the World Choir for Peace and the **World Orchestra for Peace** in the beautiful Kuppelsaal of the HCC.

And finally, on the evening of **August 6th**, it will be show-time!

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All choral enthusiasts are welcome to take part in this stunning musical work. Feel free to register individually or bring your choir with you! It would help to come well prepared, so feel free to join the pre-rehearsals. The rehearsals with the Stay At Home Choir and those at the HCC will be held in English.



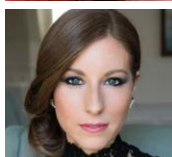
## Singing is Life: **our** **WORKSHOPS**

Various workshops will be held around the rehearsals and the Come & Sing concert. Together with our collaboration partners (the Stay At Home Choir, the Singing Hospitals and the Hörregion Hannover), you will:

- learn many new skills
- meet interesting people
- explore the possibilities of your own voice

The program includes events and lectures related to the topics of musical peace work, voice and hearing health as well as the healing power of singing.

Among the speakers are singers **Angelica Goers** and **Vera Kimmig**, brain researcher **Prof. Stefan Kölsch**, music medicine specialist **Prof. André Lee**, music therapists **Katharina** and **Wolfgang Bossinger**, **Elke Wunnenberg** from the *Singing Hospitals* and **Julia Lagahuzère** from the Initiative *Opera for Peace*.



## Learn from the best: **our** **MASTERCLASSES**

Our very first International Peace Week offers you countless opportunities. You can take part in exciting masterclasses with renowned artists - deepen your knowledge and be inspired.

### FOR SINGERS ...



Tenor **David Lee Brewer** works with you on opera and musical repertoire and gives you tips on technique, expression and stage presence.



Baritone **Thomas Hampson** will use Lied interpretation to show you how to bring body and soul into harmony through your singing. In collaboration with Opera for Peace



International performance coach **Kirsten Schötteldreier** gives you individual tips on how to find your true and authentic voice.

### ... AND CONDUCTORS

**Oksana Sukhetska** (Ukrainian folk song arrangements), **Michael Barrett** (Where Africa meets West), **Bengt Ollén** (Scandinavian choral repertoire) and **Thomas Caplin** (Feel the Groove) will give an insight into their respective working methods. Also a must for singers!

All conducting coaches are part of the ICCF (International Choral Conductors Federation). We'd like to thank the Hannover Music School for their collaboration in our conducting masterclasses.

**i** The following applies to all masterclasses: Firstly, please register as a passive participant. If you would like to actively participate, send an additional email to [info@worldchoirforpeace.org](mailto:info@worldchoirforpeace.org). This email should include a short biography and two video links.

# Bringing all generations together: **our** **FAMILY SINGING DAY**

August 7th (Sunday) is our day for the whole family. We invite young and old, with or without previous experience, to **sing together** in the Kuppelsaal of the HCC.

Together with Katharina and Wolfgang Bossinger from the *Singing Hospitals*, you and your loved ones will go on a journey of discovery together through the fascinating world of the human voice. Feel the healing power of singing! In the second part of the family singing day, Suli Puschban and her live band will lead you.

From the late afternoon, you will rehearse your own contribution to the big **Gala Concert**, which will be the closing event of the first International Week for Peace. You will learn the **Peace Song** composed during the event and other Peace related songs. At the Gala Concert you will then sing your musical message of peace to Hannover and the whole world, together with all participants and our celebrity surprise guest.



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