

MEDIA RELEASE

The World Alliance of Children's Choirs launches 1 August 2021



(Above: WACC Logo)

1 AUGUST 2021 - The World Alliance of Children's Choirs will be launched across seven countries and three continents at 2100hrs Singapore Time (GMT+8) on Sunday. This global alliance of seven children's choirs aims to mould, nurture, unite and inspire children of the world through singing. The WACC will be providing accessible global opportunities for alliance choirs starting with upcoming virtual workshops, followed by potential festivals and international choral exchange opportunities for both choristers, conductors and choirs that are currently in development.



(Above: Zoom Meeting of the WACC Board)

The alliance is overseen by eight founding board members and their choirs:

- Darius Lim (Chairperson, WACC Board) & Voices of Singapore Children's Choir (Singapore),
- Basilio Astulez Duque & Leioa Kantika Korala (Spain),
- Kathy Fok & Hong Kong Children's Choir (Hong Kong),
- Marouska Attard & Schola Cantorum Jubilate Children's Choir (Malta),
- Susanna Saw / Chi Hoe Mak & Young Choral Academy (Malaysia),
- Vinzenz Weissenburger & Staatsoper Unter den Linden Children's Choir (Germany),
- Zimfira Poloz & Hamilton Children's Choir (Canada).

Darius Lim, Artistic Director of Voices of Singapore Children's Choir and Chairperson of the WACC Board said: "When we were children we dreamt about travelling the world, making music with new friends, and experiencing cultures from places around the world. The World Alliance of Children's Choirs is here to do just that. In this time of change, let us come together to unite, to learn, to strengthen, to share and to inspire."

The WACC invites children's choirs around the globe to join as Global Alliance Members or Country Representatives, to open a world of new choral opportunities. Registrations are now open on the WACC website, with free membership until 31 January 2023 available for choirs who register before 31 December 2021.

For further information, please contact:

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About Voices of Singapore:

Voices of Singapore is a not-for-profit arts organisation with a vision of promoting and building a Singing Singapore. Its mission is to empower and inspire Singaporeans to sing, create and learn through choral participation. The Voices of Singapore has a range of active performance ensembles, an education wing that provides top-quality singing education through the VOS Workshop series and the children's choir. It also has a research wing that, in partnership with NUS, looks into preventing dementia through choral music. The Voices of Singapore Festival, Singapore's largest non-competitive choral competition began in 2016 and now brings together large communities of choral music enthusiasts. Its network spreads its reach from school choirs, to alumni groups, festivals and classes participants, and broader circles of singers.



About Darius Lim:

Singaporean Composer-Conductor Darius Lim is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Voices of Singapore. He has risen to prominence in the national and international music scene with more than 40 national and international awards in choral and composition competitions. An internationally published composer (Edition Peters, Walton Music, Pana Musica) and established conductor, he is most known for his unique infusion of lyrical, dramatic, instrumental, and theatrical elements in both the choirs he directs as well as his choral music.

Darius has adjudicated choral competitions, given lectures on choral conducting as well as conducted choral masterclasses in Asia, America, and Europe.

He has held former posts as President of the Choral Directors' Association of Singapore, Associate Choirmaster of the Singapore Symphony Children's Choir, Music Director of Singapore Eurasian Association Choir, and Music Director of the National University of Singapore Society Choir.

A former student of BBC Chorus Director Neil Ferris and Dr. Sarah Tenant-Flowers, Darius Lim graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama (UK) with a Masters in Choral Conducting (with Distinction). He currently holds multiple hats in the music industry including Deputy General-Secretary of the National Instructors & Coaches Association as well as the nominated Singapore representative on the board of the Asia Pacific Choral Council.

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