



## THE INTERNATIONAL CHOIR ACADEMY

Four Continents – One Sound

The International Choir Academy (till June 2021 known as “The International Choir Academy Lübeck”) brings together selected young singers from about 25 different nations into one unique vocal ensemble. Founded in 2002 by its artistic director Rolf Beck, in that time as a Choir Academy of Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival/SHMF, the Academy has since stood for choral singing at the highest level with energy, enthusiasm, and joy of singing.

Innovative and exceptional programs as well as the great choral works in the classical repertoire are presented by the International Choir Academy in Germany as well as on worldwide tours to Japan, China, Brazil or Korea, among others.

The high quality of the choir is guaranteed by the intensive Academy working phases with the final concerts. Generally three weeks in length, the working phases are taking place in different countries, for example 2017 in Luslawice/Poland, 2018 in Aldersbach/Germany, 2019 in the Castle Smolenice/Slovakia, 2022 Castle Hallenburg in Schlitz/Germany. During these working phases singers not only develop their choral singing skills, but they also train their voices in individual master classes with world famous vocal coaches, such as Margreet Honig, Marcel Boone, Valerie Guillorit, Simona Šturová, Marcin Koziel, David Bollen to name a few. This enables the International Choir Academy to fill the solo parts in the concerts with singers from its own ranks. Highlights include participation in the Rheingau Music Festival, the Usedom Music Festival, as well as the Chinese premiere of Arnold Schönberg’s “Gurrelieder” in Shanghai, Chinese premiere of Tan Dun’s “Water Passion” in Shanghai, tour to South Korea with Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio”, participation on concert version and in a CD production of Wagner’s “Götterdämmerung” under the direction of Jaap van Zweden in Hong Kong, World Premiere of Tan Dun’s Buddha Passion on Dresden Music Festival 2018 connected with first Asian performance of that work beginning of November 2018 in Hong Kong and 3 weeks - tour through China in June 2019.

On the 1st of September 2019 was International Choir Academy honoured to perform The Polish Requiem by Krzysztof Penderecki on the special event in National Opera Warsaw to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of World War II Outbreak.

Repertory of the International Choir Academy includes various classical choir and symphonic works, a cappella music, opera, cross-over choir music but also projects with soloistic cast by choir members.

From 2015 is International Choir Academy partner of Canto em Trancoso/Canto Mozarteum, Brasil, which started in 2015 with pilot project in cooperation with Choir Academy singers and continues successfully.

The first CD with works from Brahms, Schumann and Dvořák appeared in 2016 on EUROIMMUN Records. The second CD **Joy to the World** with international Christmas songs released in November 2019.

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