

Music & Fun – Limerick Sings INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

LIMERICK, IRELAND :: June 5–10, 2018

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THE FESTIVAL

Limerick Sings hosts both Irish and International choirs for three days of non-competitive music and song. Participating in this unique event will give choirs the opportunity to present **Informal Performances** in various venues across Limerick City such as **Redemptorist Church**, and take part in a **Gala Concert Performance** with a **Professional Irish Orchestra** at the University of Limerick Concert Hall under the direction of **Dr. Jeffery Redding**. The program also includes plenty of time to **Exchange with Irish and European Choristers** and a fun welcome BBQ that will include Irish Music, dance and food.



UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

Limerick is a historic riverside city with a welcoming people and a vibrant civic pride. An ancient city, with a charter predating that of London, it epitomizes Ireland's industrial and cultural renaissance. Known as a haven for Irish traditional music the city also has a rich choral tradition with a multitude of local choirs and stunning venues such as St. Mary's Cathedral that host visiting choirs on a regular basis.

Festival rehearsals and the finale performance will be at the University of Limerick. Set on a magnificent parkland campus, beside the river Shannon, the University of Limerick is the home of the Irish World Academy of Music & Dance, the Association of Irish Choirs and the Irish Chamber Orchestra. Accommodations for festival choirs are available in charming residential villages offering en suite 2/4 and 6 bedded apartment style rooms. Each village has its own distinct character and is located in an attractive landscaped environment.



THE ORGANIZERS :: Perform International

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Jeffery Redding, Director of Choral Activities at West Orange High School, Winter Garden, Florida, has led his choirs in performances at State, Regional, and National conventions of the American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA). West Orange choirs have earned first place awards at Heritage Festivals of Gold in California, Chicago, New York and at the Festival of Spirituals in Washington D.C. While

participating in the International Music Festival, in Verona, Italy, West Orange received the Gold Award for best choir, with Dr. Redding honored as top director.

While Director of Choral Activities at West Virginia University (WVU), he led his choir on college recruitment tours - the Southern tour culminating in a performance at Florida ACDA. On the Eastern tour, the WVU choir was featured in concert at Lincoln Center, and was joined by choirs from across the country in a performance of Schubert's Mass in G with members of the New York Philharmonic under Dr. Redding's direction.

Nationally, Dr. Redding is in demand as a guest conductor and lecturer. He has conducted the ACDA National High School Honor Choir, the Central Division ACDA Honor Choir, the North Central Division ACDA Honor Choir, the Eastern Division ACDA Honor Choir and All-State and Honor choirs in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, South Dakota, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. In 2014, he was the only American adjudicator at the International Choral Festival, Verona, Italy. He has guest conducted Disney's Candlelight Processional at Epcot.

Dr. Redding directed the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for their 2005 spring broadcast. He has been featured as guest conductor at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Kennedy Center, and Orchestra Hall on numerous occasions. He has also been honored to give the prestigious TEDx Talk.

Dr. Redding was awarded the R. Wayne Hogoboom Distinguished Service Award for dedicated service, leadership, and excellence by the Florida Chapter of ACDA in November 2015.

Dr. Redding is founder and Artistic Director of the Garden Community Choir in Winter Garden, Florida. Formerly with the Moses Hogan Singers, he is now a member of the professional male singing group, "Brethren."

The Jeffery Redding Passion and Purpose Choral Series is a compilation of new choral music by various composers, published by Cola Voce Music, Inc.

Dr. Redding holds a Ph.D. in Choral Conducting/Music Education and an M.M.E., both from Florida State University, and a B.S. in Music Education from Florida A&M University. He is a member of ACDA, NAFME, FVA, NATS, and Chorus America. In the Florida Vocal Association (FVA) he has served as District 8 Chairperson. In the Florida ACDA, he has served as State R&S Chair for Ethnic Music/Multicultural Affairs, Co-Chair for the High School Mixed Honor Choir, and Youth/Student Activities. Currently, he is the State R&S Chair for High School Mixed Choir for Florida ACDA.

FESTIVAL PROGRAM OPTIONS



LIMERICK SINGS CHORAL FESTIVAL PROGRAM JUNE 5-10, 2018

June 5 – DEPARTURE USA

The journey to Ireland begins by boarding an international flight to Dublin, Ireland.

June 6 – LIMERICK

Upon arrival in Dublin, meet your Perform International tour manager and transfer to Limerick. Tonight meet the other festival participants for a welcome BBQ with Irish music and dancing. Overnight at the University of Limerick..

June 7 – BUNRATTY CASTLE

Morning rehearsal with Dr. Redding followed by a sightseeing tour of Limerick and a visit to Bunratty Castle. Late afternoon sound check at Redemptorist Church followed by dinner and a 2nd rehearsal with Dr. Redding. Overnight at the University of Limerick.

June 8 – CLIFFS OF MOHER & BURREN

Start the day with a third rehearsal followed by an excursion to the Cliffs of Moher and a visit to the Burren. Big Sing at the Cliffs of Moher. This evening short individual performances by each participating choir at Redemptorist Church (or similar) followed by dinner and overnight at the University of Limerick.

June 9 – FESTIVAL CONCERT

Morning at leisure in Limerick. Afternoon dress rehearsal followed by the Gala Festival Concert at the University of Limerick Concert Hall. Dinner and overnight at the University of Limerick.

June 10 – START POST FESTIVAL TOUR PROGRAMS

Depart Limerick for your customized post festival tour or your return flight to the USA.

POST FESTIVAL TOUR PROGRAMS

TOUR B - June 10 - 12, 2018 - Extension to Dublin

Leaving Limerick, you travel to Dublin for a 2-night stay in Ireland's capital city. En-route visit the Rock of Cashel with its amazing collection of Celtic art. A guided tour of Dublin includes a visit to Trinity College to view the Book of Kells. Individual concert opportunities are available in Dublin as well.

TOUR C - June 10 - 13, 2018 - Extension to Killarney & Dublin

From Limerick head south to Killarney and the famous Ring of Kerry which showcases Ireland's beautiful coast line, mountains and cliffs. After a night Killarney transfer to Dublin via the Rock of Cashel. The program includes a guided city tour of Dublin including a visit to the Book of Kells exhibit. Individual concert opportunities are available in Killarney and Dublin.

TOUR D - June 10 - 14, 2018 - Extension to Galway & Dublin

Head north to visit Ireland's music capital of Galway as well as visits to the spectacular Connemara area and Kylemore Abbey. After two nights in Galway transfer to Dublin. Along the way visit an Irish farm for some for some "hands-on" training. During a two night stay in Dublin visit the Book of Kells exhibit and many other sights. Individual concert opportunities are available in Galway and Dublin.