

# Limerick Sings International Choral Festival

Limerick, Ireland :: June 5-10, 2019

## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



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## THE ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

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 the **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. Cameron LaBarr**. 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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- We empower music directors, music ensembles and individual musicians to share and grow in their artistic expression and understanding of people and cultures.
- We design and create rewarding performances as well as educational and cultural immersion opportunities by building and maintaining relationships with domestic and international musicians and music education organizations.
- We partner with concert venues, publicity teams, airlines, hotels, and tour guides to plan and implement operational methods that enhance rather than distract from the artistic experience.
- We provide meaningful and life-changing performance tour experiences that are personal, thoughtful, and efficient in the processes of conceptual artistic and educational development.





## DR. CAMERON F. LABARR :: Artistic Director

Cameron F. LaBarr is director of choral studies at Missouri State University where he leads a comprehensive choral program including over 200 singers in five choirs. He has previously held university choral positions at Lee University (Cleveland, Tennessee) and the University of North Texas. He holds a Bachelor of Music from Missouri State University, where he studied with Dr. Guy B. Webb, and he earned a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of North Texas, where he studied choral and orchestral conducting with Dr. Jerry McCoy, Dr. Richard Sparks, and Maestro David Itkin.



Dr. LaBarr has been awarded conducting fellowships at the Yale International Choral Festival, the Sarteano (Italy) Chamber Choir Workshop, and was named a Salzburg Fellow in April 2014, where he participated in the Salzburg Seminar: Conflict Transformation through Peace-Building and the Arts. Choirs under his direction have been selected for performance at the Tennessee Music Education Association Conference, Tennessee ACDA Conference, Missouri Music Educators Association Conference, Piccolo Spoleto Festival, and the Intercollegiate Men's Choruses National Seminar.

Dr. LaBarr has worked as guest conductor and clinician for various institutions and international festivals across the United States, Europe, South Africa and China, including two fellowships with the International Conductors Exchange Program. Engagements this year include residencies in South Africa and Finland, serving on the jury panel for the 13th China International Chorus Festival in Beijing, conducting a festival concert at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, and a performance at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.



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## FESTIVAL TOUR ITINERARY

### Wednesday, June 5, 2019 – DEPARTURE USA

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

### Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 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.

### Friday, June 7, 2019 – BUNRATTY CASTLE

Morning rehearsal with Dr. LaBarr followed by a sightseeing tour of Limerick and a visit to Bunratty Castle. Late afternoon Spotlight Performances at the Redemptorist Church followed by dinner. Overnight at the University of Limerick.

### Saturday, June 8, 2019 – CLIFFS OF MOHER & BURREN

Start the day with a second rehearsal followed by an excursion to the Cliffs of Moher and a visit to the Burren as part of the festival's Chorale Trail. This evening a third rehearsal with Dr. LaBarr. Dinner and overnight at the University of Limerick.

### Sunday, June 9, 2019 – 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.

### Monday, June 10, 2019 – 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, 2019 - 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, 2019 - 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, 2019 - 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 "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.

