

# Madrid Choral Festival

Madrid, Spain :: June 28 - July 3, 2020

## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Dr. Derrick Fox  
Director of Choirs  
University of Nebraska Omaha





## THE ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

The Madrid Choral Festival will bring together ensembles of many generations under the inspired and able leadership of Dr. Derrick Fox. Singers will rehearse and perform repertoire by historic and contemporary composers of Spain, an extended work, and music from America including spirituals, gospel, folk and contemporary compositions. This festival will certainly be a total immersion experience into Spanish culture from music to architecture, history, food and language.

## MADRID, SPAIN

Madrid has a rich cultural life with an abundance of performances taking place year round. Opera, symphonic concerts, chamber music, recitals, and choral music are all to be found. Madrid boasts three full-time major symphony orchestras, which is impressive for a city of 3 million people. The music of Spain has a long history and played an important role in the development of Western and Latin American music especially from the 15th through the early 17th century. Spanish music is often associated with traditional styles such as flamenco and classical guitar. While these forms of music are common, there are many different traditional music and dance styles across the regions. For example, music from the north-west is heavily reliant on bagpipes, the jota is widespread in the center and north of the country, and flamenco originated in the south. The breadth of musical innovation can be seen in composers like Tomás Luis de Victoria, styles like the zarzuela of Spanish opera, the ballet of Manuel de Falla, and the classical guitar music of Francisco Tárrega.



## THE ORGANIZERS :: Perform International

*“Building Bridges and Transforming Lives through the Power of Music”*

Boldly informed by the belief that music inherently speaks as an expression of the human spirit beyond borders and in all cultures, **Perform International** seeks to empower music directors and ensembles to realize meaningful and life-changing immersion experiences and performances around the world.

- 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.



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## DR. DERRICK FOX :: Artistic Director

Dr. Derrick Fox is the Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He earned a BME from Arkansas State University, a MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a DMA in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, where he was awarded the prestigious University Enrichment Graduate Fellowship. Dr. Fox has conducted all state choirs, honor choirs and led professional development workshops across the United States and internationally. His recent engagements included and teaching residencies at the Latvian Academy of Music and Syracuse University, performance tours through Lithuania and Estonia as well as conducting the 2018 Texas All State MS/JH Honor Choir and the SWACDA 7 – 10 Men’s Honor choir. Highlights from his upcoming engagements include presentations at Nebraska ACDA, Kansas ACDA, Kentucky ACDA, South Carolina MEA and North Dakota MEA as well as conducting the Hawaii All State Festival Choir, Alabama All State Choir, New York All State MS/JH Choir, and the National ACDA Middle School/Junior High Mixed Honor Choir.



As a baritone soloist, Dr. Fox has collaborated with various organizations; among them are the Arkansas Symphony, Lansing Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Columbia Chorale, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Missouri, Michigan State University, Webster University and the Espaço Cultural (Brasilia, Brazil). He can be heard singing selections from Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess on the compact disc *In This Hid Clearing*, available on the Naxos Classical Music label. Dr. Fox is delighted to sing Elijah this season at the University of Missouri Columbia and with the Omaha Symphonic Choir. Dr. Fox serves on the National ACDA Diversity Subcommittee, the Missouri Music Educators Association Diversity Council and is the Collegiate Coordinator for Student Activities for Nebraska Choral Directors Association. As an author, he has written articles for many organizations and was a contributing author in the Hal Leonard/McGraw Hill choral textbook *Voices in Concert*. His compositions and arrangements are published by Hal Leonard Sacred Music Series, G. Schirmer Andrea Ramsey Choral Series and BriLee Music. His newest book, “Yes You Can: A Band Director’s Guide to Teaching Choirs” will be published by Brilee/Carl Fischer.





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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Sunday, June 28, 2020 – DEPARTURE USA

The journey to Spain begins with boarding an international flight to Madrid

### Monday, June 29, 2020 – ARRIVE MADRID

Arrive today in Madrid and meet your tour manager at the airport. Time permitting, take a panoramic tour of the city en-route to the hotel. Welcome dinner & overnight in Madrid.

### Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – MADRID

The day starts with a first rehearsal with Dr. Fox followed by a guided sightseeing tour of Madrid including visits to the Royal Palace and the famous Prado Museum. Tonight take part in a second rehearsal of the festival choir. Dinner & overnight Madrid.

### Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – TOLEDO

This morning travel south to the medieval city of Toledo. A guided tour will include the Santo Tome Church which houses El Greco's most famous painting, "The Burial of Count Orgaz". Today, you will also perform during Mass at the majestic Toledo Cathedral under the baton of Dr. Fox. Return to Madrid for dinner & overnight.

### Thursday, July 2, 2020 – EL ESCORIAL & GALA CONCERT

Today, take a half-day excursion to the royal monastery of El Escorial. A local expert will guide you through this magnificent building. In the afternoon, take part in the Dress Rehearsal for tonight's concert followed by dinner. The highlight of your journey to Madrid will be the Gala Concert directed by Dr. Derrick Fox. Overnight Madrid.

### Friday, July 3, 2020 – START POST FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

Following breakfast either transfer to Madrid airport to return back to the U.S. or start your custom post festival concert tour.



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## POST TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour B – 6 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

Two night extension in the vibrant coastal metropolis of Barcelona. This post tour also includes a visit to Zaragoza, a guided tour of Barcelona incl. a visit to the famous Sagrada Familia Basilica and the option for an individual concert in Barcelona.

### Tour C – 8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS

Add four additional nights in Seville and Lisbon. Explore the unique Mosque-Cathedral in Cordoba, the stunning Cathedral in Seville, the charming town of Evora in the Portuguese countryside as well as the magnificent St. Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower in Lisbon. There will be an opportunity for an individual concert in either Seville or Lisbon and a possible recital at St. Jeronimos.

*\*during all post tour programs performances for your individual ensembles can be arranged.*