Festival for Women’s & Treble Voices

San Sebastian, Spain :: June 17 - 22, 2020

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Dr. Andrea Ramsey
Composer, Conductor

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE
Ms. Eva Ugalde
Composer

CHOIR-IN-RESIDENCE
Mr. Javier Busto
Composer, Conductor
Aquam Lauda Korua
THE ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Join women’s and treble choral ensembles from across the U.S. under the direction of Dr. Andrea Ramsey in San Sebastian, Spain for a musical tapas from both continents. San Sebastian, famous for its beaches and gastronomy, is also home to some of Spain’s most respected choral composers and conductors. Dr. Ramsey will be joined by esteemed Basque Composers, Eva Ugalde and world-renowned Javier Busto. Collaborating with a Spanish Choir-in-Residence “Aquam Lauda Korua,” participating ensembles will have the opportunity for meaningful, educational and cultural immersion. Culminating with a gala concert in San Sebastian, this festival tour will challenge and engage the hearts and minds of every participant and create profound memories to last a lifetime.

SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN

San Sebastian is a resort town on the Bay of Biscay in Spain’s beautiful, mountainous Basque Country. While the surrounding area is lush and picturesque, this area is most loved for its beaches. At the heart of the city is Constitution Square, the original setting for San Sebastian’s bull fighting. The balconies surrounding the square are numbered as they used to be rented to spectators.

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.
Dr. Andrea Ramsey enjoys an international presence as a composer, conductor, scholar, and music educator. Her teaching experiences range from work with adolescent and children’s voices to high school and collegiate voices. She enjoys regular opportunities to conduct all-state and divisional level honor choirs, festival events at Carnegie Hall, and serves as a principal conductor for the Pacific International Young Women’s Choral Festival in Eugene, Oregon. Before leaping into full time composing and guest conducting, Andrea held positions in music education and conducting at The Ohio State University and the University of Colorado, respectively.

An ASCAPPlus award-winning composer, Andrea believes strongly in the creation of new works. Her compositions are available with traditional publishers and also through MusicSpoke, a digital sheetmusic marketplace. She enjoys residency collaborations with ensembles and festival choirs, some of which have included: the Allegro Choirs of Kansas City, Ithaca College, and the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans.

As a scholar, she has presented for state, divisional, and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association, the 6th Annual Symposium on Sociology in Music Education, as well as The Phenomenon Singing Symposium in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. She has co-authored articles published in the Choral Journal, as well as the Journal of Research in Music Education. A native of Arkansas, she has experienced in her own life the power of music to provide a sense of community, better understanding of our humanity, and rich opportunities for self-discovery.
FESTIVAL TOUR ITINERARY

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – USA to SPAIN
Board an international flight across the Atlantic to Bilbao, Spain.

Thursday, June 18, 2020 – ARRIVAL BILBAO / SAN SEBASTIAN
Arrive in Bilbao and transfer to San Sebastian, a resort town on the Bay of Biscay in Spain’s beautiful, mountainous Basque Country. Welcome Dinner and rehearsal with Dr. Andrea Ramsey. Overnight in San Sebastian.

Friday, June 19, 2020 – SAN SEBASTIAN
Breakfast followed by a morning rehearsal. Afternoon sightseeing tour of the old town with photo opportunities at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Chorus, St. Vincent’s Church, and The Plaza de la Constitucion. Dinner on your own will be followed by an evening rehearsal with Dr. Ramsey. Overnight in San Sebastian.

Saturday, June 20, 2020 – SAN SEBASTIAN
Enjoy independent sightseeing of San Sebastian this morning followed by early afternoon rehearsals with Dr. Ramsey. Later in the afternoon, you’ll be joined by Ms. Eva Ugalde, a well-known Spanish Composer, and the Spanish Choir Aquam Lauda Korua. Both U.S. and Spanish choirs will enjoy a composer’s clinic and shared rehearsal. This evening choirs will enjoy dining together in the area. Overnight in San Sebastian.

Sunday, June 21, 2020 – SAN SEBASTIAN
This morning will be free to enjoy San Sebastian on your own. In the afternoon there will be a Dress Rehearsal for all choirs. Dinner will be on your own before the Gala Festival Concert at a beautiful church venue in San Sebastian. Overnight in San Sebastian.

Monday, June 22, 2020 – START POST FESTIVAL TOUR PROGRAMS
Depart from San Sebastian today to return to the USA or begin a post festival tour.

PRE/POST FESTIVAL TOUR PROGRAMS

TOUR B - June 17-24, 2020 - Post-Festival Extension to Madrid
Extension to Madrid includes a stop in Burgos to visit the Cathedral. Accommodation in Madrid for 2 nights. You will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Madrid including a visit to the Prado Museum and the opportunity for your own ensemble to perform in concert.

TOUR C - June 14-22, 2020 - Pre-Festival Tour of Barcelona and Zaragoza
Pre-festival tour to Barcelona and Zaragoza includes a visit to the Sagrada Familia, stop in Montserrat to hear the Escolania Choir sing and see El Pilar in Zaragoza. There will also be an opportunity for your own ensemble to perform in concert.