

# The International A Cappella Festival: Spain

## Baluarte Theatre

Pamplona, Spain :: June 16-23, 2019

### ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



#### DR. J.D. FRIZZELL

Composer, Conductor  
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School in Memphis, TN





## THE ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Join A Cappella ensembles from across the USA for the Inaugural International A Cappella Festival in Pamplona, Spain. This week long non-competitive event will allow ensembles an opportunity to perform for each other and local enthusiasts in charming small towns around the Navarre region. The tour will culminate with a Gala Concert at the stunning Baluarte Theatre under the leadership of J.D. Frizzell, an innovator in contemporary a cappella education. This festival tour will challenge and engage the hearts and minds of every participant and create profound memories to last a lifetime.



## PAMPLONA AND THE BALUARTE THEATRE

In geographical terms, Pamplona in the Navarra region is the most diverse province in Spain as it encompasses three different bio-geographical areas and two official languages, Spanish and Basque.

Music is a fundamental part of cultural heritage in this part of Spain, in a large part due to the regions love for fiesta's and also to give locals access to rich and diverse music activities. Major investment has been made in the past several years to improve and enrich cultural infrastructure with the opening of El Baluarte auditorium and congress center. El Baluarte and its impressive main stage is one of Pamplona's top venues for theater, dance and music performances.



## 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. J.D. FRIZZELL :: Artistic Director

J.D. Frizzell, a composer, conductor, and baritone, is the Director of Fine Arts and Director of Vocal Music at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, TN. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Choral Conducting degree from The University of Kentucky. Dr. Frizzell earned the double Master's in Music Theory/Composition and Conducting from The University of Southern Mississippi, where he also earned the bachelor's degree in Music History and Literature.



Dr. Frizzell, winner of the 2007 Intégrales ComposiKon Contest, writes music for choir, orchestra, symphonic band, voice, handbells, chamber ensembles, and solo instruments. With music published by many major publishing houses, he has had best sellers throughout the world. Frizzell was chosen by the board of the Tennessee Music Educators Association as the 2011 Outstanding Young Music Educator. Additionally, he was awarded the Dr. Clair E. Cox Award for Teaching Excellence.

As the Director of Fine Arts at Briarcrest, Dr. Frizzell leads a faculty of twelve full time faculty-artists and is responsible for coordinating curriculum, instruction, and budgets for all of the fine arts programs (K2- 12th grade). He also serves as an advocate and school liaison for all of the visual art, instrumental music, vocal music, dance, theatre, and technical production programs. As the Director of Vocal Music, he teaches the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and OneVoice. Additionally, Dr. Frizzell works with the middle and elementary school choirs when needed.

A leader in the contemporary a cappella movement, he is the co-founder and President of The A Cappella Education Association, a nonprofit dedicated to helping groups around the world. His high school a cappella group, OneVoice, is a SONY Recording Artist. They were the winners of the Macy's A Cappella Challenge judged by Pentatonix and contestants on America's Got Talent. Frizzell is also the Director of Education and Marketing for Camp A Cappella.

Dr. Frizzell is active as a presenter, adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor. As an active member of TNMEA, NATS, ACDA, and WTVMEA, he has served in multiple volunteer capacities, including two-time Chairperson of All-West Honor Choir Auditions and Performances and Choral Festival. He is also the Southern Division ACDA R & S Chair for Men's Choirs. The board of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation named him one of "Memphis' Finest" for his philanthropic efforts. He lives in Memphis, TN with his wife, Emily, son, Henry, and dogs, Sally and Ari.





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## FESTIVAL TOUR ITINERARY

### Sunday, June 16, 2019 - DEPARTURE USA

USA to Madrid, Spain.



### Monday, June 17, 2019 – ARRIVAL MADRID / PAMPLONA

Arrive in Madrid and transfer to Pamplona, stopping in Burgos en route for panoramic sightseeing and lunch on own. Welcome dinner in Pamplona. Overnight.

### Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – PAMPLONA / BURLADA

Breakfast at your hotel followed by the Opening of the International A Cappella Festival. Excursion to the nearby town of Burlada where there will be an opportunity to perform for a local audience. Dinner and overnight in Pamplona.



### Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – PAMPLONA / ESTELLA

This morning following breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Pamplona with a local guide. Afternoon visit to the nearby town of Estella or Tafalla. Perform in concert and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Pamplona.

### Thursday, June 20, 2019 – PAMPLONA / TUDELA

This morning you'll take your songs to the streets of Pamplona where there will be an opportunity for several impromptu performances. Afternoon visit to the nearby town of Tudela where there will be an opportunity to perform in concert. Dinner in Tudela. Overnight in Pamplona.



### Friday, June 21, 2019 – GALA CONCERT

Breakfast at your hotel followed by dress rehearsal at the Baluarte Theatre. Evening gala concert at the Baluarte Theatre. Festive closing dinner following tonight's concert.

### Saturday, June 22, 2019 – MADRID

Depart Pamplona for Madrid today. Late afternoon visit to the Prado Museum. Evening farewell dinner at a local Flamenco restaurant. Overnight in Madrid.



### Sunday, June 23, 2019 – DEPART MADRID

Transfer to the airport today for return flight back to the US.

