



# Building Bridges *and* Transforming Lives *through the* Power of Music

San Sebastian, Spain | June 23-28, 2023

Festival for Women's & Treble Voices  
*Featuring "Aquam Lauda Korua" as our Guest  
Choir-in-Residence*



Artistic Director

**Dr. Andrea Ramsey**  
Composer, Conductor



Composer-In-Residence

**Ms. Eva Ugalde**  
Composer

# The Setting



## 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 Composer, Eva Ugalde. 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

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Music and travel are a powerful combination. That is why Perform International has curated a team with a passion and expertise in both. We desire to bring the transformative power of international travel and performance to your program and your ensemble.

We see every trip and festival as an opportunity to celebrate the unique character of each musician while building a sense of unity and belonging through the universal language of music.

Your passion is our priority. Whether you've begun planning or are still dreaming, **our expertise will make your ideal performance and travel experience a reality.** From our first call until you return home, we will be your proactive partner, allowing you to focus on what matters most—your people and your program.

We look forward to working alongside you to create a memorable, meaningful, and cost effective tour for your choir, band, or orchestra.

# Faculty



**Dr. Andrea  
Ramsey**

*Artistic Director*

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.



**Ms. Eva  
Ugalde**

*Composer-in-  
Residence*

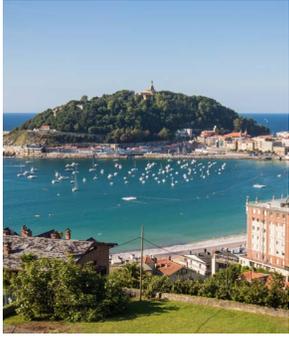
Born in San Sebastian (Basque Country, Spain), Ugalde completed her studies in piano, composition, choral conducting and pedagogy at the Conservatory of San Sebastián. Encouraged and mentored by the conductor and composer Javier Busto, she began writing music for women voices.

Eva Ugalde is regularly invited to be part of the jury in International competitions such as European Award for Choral Composers, Concorso Internazionale di Composizione "Guido d'Arezzo" (Firenze), Festival Internazionale "Leonardo da Vinci" as well as countless others.

In recent years she has held master-classes throughout Europe and South America and lectured at the conference "Composition from a feminine perspective" for the University of Valencia. As a director, she has been invited to Hungary to conduct her works with the female choir "Cantemus" from the Kodaly Institute, one of the main centers in the world for the discipline.

Winner of several composition awards, her music receives special attention in the United States, Canada, Japan and Sweden.





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### Tour Itinerary

#### **Friday, June 23, 2023 - Departure USA**

Board an international flight across the Atlantic to Bilbao, Spain.

#### **Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 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.

#### **Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 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.

#### **Monday, June 26, 2023 - 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.

#### **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 - Gala Festival Concert, 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.

#### **Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - Depart San Sebastian / 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

Optional pre- and post-tours for groups of 20 and more passengers are available including additional individual performance opportunities for balanced ensembles. All of PI's pre/post tours are fully customized to each choir's specific needs. Following are some examples:

#### **Tour B - June 23-30, 2023 - 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 20-28, 2023 - 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.