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Music

San Juan, Argentina | June 19-24, 2025

San Juan Canta
Choral Competition
and Festival



The Setting



The Artistic Experience

The International Choir Festival and Choral Competition SAN JUAN CANTA will take place in San Juan (Western Argentina) in June 2025. The event offers a non-competitive track which includes multiple performances in different venues around San Juan as well as a final concert in the beautiful Auditorio Juan Victoria. The San Juan Canta Choral Competition offers two categories – Universal Choir Repertoire and Popular Choral Music (Folklore, Jazz, Pop, Show-choir, Gospel, others) - and is open to mixed, female, male, youth, and chamber choirs. The competition operates based on the IFCM (International Federation for Choral Music) principals and includes an international jury of renown choral conductors including Dr. Pearl Shangkuan, ACDA National President-elect.

San Juan, Argentina

San Juan is the capital and largest city of the Argentine province of San Juan located in the eastern foothills of the Andes mountain range. San Juan de la Frontera was founded in 1562, by Juan Jufre at the shore of the San Juan River. On January 15, 1944, a powerful earthquake devastated the city, killing around 10,000 people and leaving half of the population homeless. After the disaster of 1944, the city was reconstructed on concentric boulevards, with straight, well-lit, tree-lined avenues and modern housing. It has mostly lost its colonial aspect, but retains an open, sunny Mediterranean look.

A visit to San Juan can easily be combined with stops in Santiago de Chile, Mendoza, Cordoba, Buenos Aires and/or Montevideo. Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay have vibrant choral communities and amazing concert venues. Also, many of the local ensembles are eager to collaborate with visiting choirs.



The Organizers: Perform International

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

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



Prof. Maria Elina Mayorga

Creator and Artistic Director, San Juan Canta

María Elina Mayorga graduated as a Musical Education Professor from Universidad Nacional de San Juan and holds a second degree in University Teaching from the Universidad Católica de Cuyo. Maria was a Senior Professor at Universidad Nacional de San Juan. She has studied Choral Conducting with Antonio Russo and many well renowned professors in Argentina and abroad. Since 1973 Maria conducts the Coro Arturo Beruti. María Elina Mayorga is the founder and Artistic Director of the “San Juan Cantat” International Choir Competition & Festival, “Canto en Sol,” Festival for children and young choirs, and “Foro Coral Americano.” Prof. Mayorga has guest-conducted, adjudicated and lectured both in Argentina and internationally including in Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Israel, the Czech Republic, Italy, and United States. She is a Board Member of the Choral Festival Network and Member of the Circle of Advisors of The Singing Network (Canada).

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Gala de Clausura - “Sanctus, de la ‘Missa Festiva’” - John Leavitt



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Gala de Clausura - “My Song” - Ēriks Ešņvalds





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Tour Itinerary

Day 1 - Wednesday, June 18, 2025 - Departure USA

Take an overnight flight from the U.S. to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Day 2 - Thursday, June 19, 2025 - Arrival Argentina

Connect in Buenos Aires to Mendoza in the heart of the Andes Mountain range. Upon arrival drive north to San Juan and take part in the opening Ceremony of San Juan Canta. Dinner and overnight San Juan.

Day 3 - Friday, June 20, 2025 - Sightseeing & Rehearsals

Breakfast followed by rehearsals and workshops. Individual concert performance opportunities in San Juan. Dinner and overnight in San Juan.

Day 4 - Saturday, June 21, 2025 - San Juan Canta Competition Universal Choir Repertoire

First day of choral competition activities in San Juan as well as workshops and performances. Dinner and overnight San Juan.

Day 5 - Sunday, June 22, 2025 - San Juan Canta Competition Popular Choir Repertoire

Second day of choral competition activities in San Juan as well as workshops and performances. Dinner and overnight San Juan.

Day 6 - Monday, June 23, 2025 - San Juan Canta Gala Concert and Closing Ceremony

Gala Concert of the winning choirs at the Auditorio Juan Victoria as well as joint performance of all participating singers. Farewell dinner and overnight San Juan.

Day 7 - Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - Return to the U.S. / Start Post Festival Tour Programs

Transfer to the airport in Mendoza to begin your journey back to the U.S. or start your customized 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 24-28, 2025

June 24: Transfer to Mendoza Airport and fly to Montevideo, Uruguay for dinner & overnight.
June 25: Sightseeing of Montevideo incl. the Rambla, Independence Plaza, and the Solis Theater. Evening individual concert for fully balance choirs. Dinner & overnight Montevideo.
June 26: Transfer by coach to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival guided sightseeing tour including a visit to the Teatro Colon. Dinner & overnight Buenos Aires.
June 27: Morning visit to the Recoleta Cemetery, Casa Rosada and continued sightseeing – afternoon at leisure – farewell dinner & overnight Buenos Aires.
June 28: Transfer to Buenos Aires airport for the return flight to the U.S.

Tour C - June 24-27, 2025

June 24: Transfer to Mendoza Airport and fly to Santiago de Chile for dinner & overnight.
June 25: Start the day with a Santiago sightseeing tour including Casa de la Moneda, Cathedral, and funicular at Cerro San Cristóbal. Evening individual concert for fully balance choirs. Dinner & overnight Santiago de Chile.
June 26: Day excursion to Valparaiso, Viña del Mar. Farewell dinner & overnight.
June 27: Return flight from Santiago de Chile to the U.S.