













Choral Festival

Artistic Director Z. Randall Stroope



About The Festival

The Windy City Choral Festival will take place April 9-12, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois.

Mixed (SATB) choirs will join together to sing in one of the world's great concert halls – Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

World-renowned choral conductor and composer Z. Randall Stroope will serve as Artistic Director. Dr. Stroope will offer optional one-on-one workshops with participating choirs during the festival for choirs that extend their stay in Chicago by arriving on April 8.

Concert and tour production will be provided by Music Celebrations International.







Festival Itinerary

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Arrive in Chicago and meet your Tour Manager. Take a panoramic city tour of Historic Downtown and the Loop. Hotel check-in at the Palmer House Hilton. Festival Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. Each Director, plus one guest, if desired, will have a round-table dinner with the other directors and the Artistic Director. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Friday, April 10, 2015

Breakfast. Take a morning guided tour of Chicago's historic downtown and the Loop, including a visit to the Field Museum of Natural History. Lunch, on own. Afternoon Festival Chorus Rehearsal. Dinner at a local restaurant. Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Breakfast. Morning Dress Rehearsal at Orchestra Hall. Lunch, on own. Afternoon Dress Rehearsal at Orchestra Hall. Windy City Choral Festival Finale Concert at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center. Following the performance, enjoy a festival reception and dinner. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Breakfast. Check out of hotel. As schedule permits, time for last minute sightseeing and/or shopping. Depart for home.





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For nearly the first fourteen years of its history, the Chicago Orchestra performed at the Auditorium Theatre (completed in 1889). Orchestra Hall – the long-standing dream of Theodore Thomas – was designed by CSO trustee and Chicago architect Daniel H. Burnham and completed in 1904, at a cost of \$750,000. The dedicatory concert, led by Thomas, was held on December 14 of that year.

Orchestra Hall has been host for a variety of performances and presentations since its dedication in 1904. During its first fifty years, Orchestra Hall was the regular home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as the Apollo Musical Club, the Mendelssohn Club of Chicago, the Chicago Business Men's Symphony, the Commonwealth Edison Orchestra, and the Marshall Field Choral Society. Mayors Richard M. Daley, Jr. and Harold Washington both were inaugurated during ceremonies held at Orchestra Hall. In addition, the Hall has hosted countless lectures (including Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr.); movies; commencement ceremonies; billiards tournaments, religious services; suffrage and other political rallies; and visiting orchestras, choruses, and dance companies from all over the world.

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