



# FOEDERATIO INTERNATIONALIS PUERI CANTORES

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*Welcome to our new board!*



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From 29 to 30 August, the General Assembly of the FIPC took place in Paris, France. Elisabeth von Waldstein (Sweden) was unanimously elected as the new president. Other members of the new Executive Committee are the two Vice Presidents José Martínez González (Spain) and Marco Aurelio Lischt (Brazil), as well as Alberto Veggiotti (Italy) as Secretary and Daniele Perri (Italy) as Treasurer. Former Vice President Matthias Balzer (Germany) will also remain with the FIPC in the new role of a General Manager.

The outgoing members of the board, above all President Jean Henric (France), were given a ceremonial farewell with many thanks. Jean Henric was also elected Honorary President.

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## *75th Jubilee and General Assembly in Paris*



The General Assembly of the FIPC took place in Paris, France. Present were representatives and presidents of many national federations of the Pueri Cantores. As Pueri Cantores International is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, the assembly was preceded by a jubilee celebration. After a visit of Notre-Dame Cathedral, representatives attended a reception and a Jubilee Concert with a stunning performance of the French Pueri Cantores National Choir and Les Petits Chanteurs à la Croix du Bois, the founding choir of Pueri Cantores.

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## *Pre-Festivals at the International Congress in Munich 2025*



In the run up to this year's International Choir Festival in Munich, children's and youth choirs all over Germany welcomed international partner choirs a few days before the main festival as part of a "pre-festival". Guests from Brazil, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, and the USA visited German host choirs in Berlin, Cologne, Augsburg, Freiburg, and many smaller towns – bringing with them music, culture, and their first shared concert experiences. In addition to a wide range of leisure activities, the partner choirs rehearsed together, celebrated mass, gave concerts, sang peace prayers, and came together in larger numbers for sending ceremonies. They then traveled together to the festival in Munich, where they joined around 4,400 participants in 170 choirs from 18 countries.

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News from National Federations

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*Choeur national de Pueri Cantores France*



In France a Pueri Cantores National Choir was founded. The *Choeur national de Pueri Cantores France* is composed of 40 young people aged 10 to 17, selected through auditions from among the 80 choirs of the Pueri Cantores France Federation. The young singers gave their first concert in August at Salle Gaveau in Paris in the presence of about 800 people with a stunning performance of a unique and varied program combining sacred and secular works, popular and classical.

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*First National Choir Forum in Poland*



The first Polish National Choir Forum PUERI CANTORES was held on September 11-14, 2025, in Międzyzdroje and Kamień Pomorski with fifteen choirs from all over Poland. The new "Forum" format took place at a seaside resort and included a competition, spontaneous outdoor concerts, a "Night of Choirs" evening concert, leisure activities and shared meals, workshops for conductors and choir singers, a prayer for peace as well as a Holy Mass presided by Rev. Prof. Robert Tyrała, Honorary President of the Polish and International Federation of Pueri Cantores.

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*Hungarian National Congress in Vác*



On September 21, 2025, on the closing day of the Catholic Social Days, the first Congress of the Pueri Cantores Hungarian Federation took place in Vác with the active participation of around 200 singers in eight choirs. At the heart of the meeting was the Festive Holy Mass, that started with the Peace Hymn of Szilveszter Rostetter, composed for the establishment of the Pueri Cantores Hungarian Federation. After the mass, individual choir performances showcased not only the character of each choir, but also their love for God and prayers for peace – forming a united community.

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## *2026 Festival Season in the USA*



The 2026 Festival Season of the American Federation of Pueri Cantores will include 18 festivals spread throughout the country – from Southern California

to Houston to Boston, involving more than 3000 young singers from different schools, homeschool programs, and parishes around the nation. New Festivals are being held in Columbus, Ohio, Omaha, Nebraska, Miami, Florida, and Morristown, New Jersey. The repertoire is carefully selected by the national music committee to be practical, accessible, and to be used in parish and school liturgies and concerts year-round.

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