



**CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2018**  
**(28 November -2 December)**



**International Festival for Choirs and Vocal Ensembles**  
***SYLLABUS***



# INVITATION

## ***International Festival for Choirs and Vocal Ensembles CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2017 (CA2018)***



Dear Sr.,

Every year the International Polyphony Meeting “Ciudad de Tomares” take place in Seville. The artistic quality made this Meeting an event of prime international musical relevance. This has been possible due to the excellence of the choristers and soloists participants from all over the world i.e. Argentina, Bulgaria, P.R. China, Cuba, Denmark, Estonia, France, Gibraltar, The Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Venezuela, as well as from elsewhere in Spain.

After the great success of the first edition of this festival (CA2017), this autumn 2018, in coincidence with the XI edition of the “Ciudad de Tomares”, the choirs “Polifónica Tomares” (Seville, España) and “Polifónica Isla Cristina” (Huelva, España) will organize this International Festival for Choirs and Vocal Ensembles “CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2018”.

CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA is not a competitive festival, the idea of the festival is well summarized in Gabriel Gracia Márquez cite *“singing just for feeling alive”* and this will be our reward. Nonetheless, there will be lovely surprises for all participants.

CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA will take place in auditoria and theatres in Seville and Huelva provinces and participation will be limited to 12 assembles. The festival will start on a Thursday and each group will participate in a minimum of 2 concerts depending in the final number of participants and venues. CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2018 will be closed on Saturday with a farewell party-dinner with all chorals and vocal ensembles together.

We believe that the social aspects as well as culture promotion in relation with tourism are important. In fact, Seville is “The Opera City” being central in over 150 operas, some of them universal productions by prime authors i.e. Beethoven, Bizet, Donizetti, Haendel, Mozart, Rossini, Scarlatti, Verdi. “Carmen”, “Il Barbiere di Siviglia”, “Don Giovanni”, “La Favorite”, “Fidelio”, “Le Nozze di Figaro”, “La Forza del Destino”.... are some of the operas inspired by Seville with locations, many of them real, that participants will have the opportunity to visit and enjoy.

During and between rehearsals, concerts and other activities programmed within CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA there will be enough time to enjoy Andalusia and its culture, as well as to socialize and start intercultural relations with other national and international participants.

Here we warmly invite you to participate in International Festival for Choirs and Vocal Ensembles “CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA” and to help each other in feeling alive though our sings next fall 2018. Please do not hesitate in contacting me for any question or further explanation.

Looking forward to meet and sing together next autumn,

Sincerely yours,

Vicente Sanchis Sanz  
CA2018 Chairman

## THE VENUES

CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA will take place in auditoria and theatres in Seville and Huelva. As for today confirmed venues are:

City of Seville, “Reales Alcázares de Sevilla”

Tomares, Sevilla “Auditorio Rafael de León”

Isla Cristina, Huelva “Auditorio Horacio Noguera”

## REPERTOIRE AND ARTISTIC ASPECTS

CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA is not a competitive festival. Each concert will be given by at last 4 choirs or ensembles, one will be local and 3 or more invited. The duration of the concerts is estimated in about 2 hours. Therefore we recommend that each ensemble adjust his program for a performance of no more than 30 minutes.

There is no restriction in repertoire and pieces “a cappella” or with instrumental support or interpretation are welcome.

It may be also possible that CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2018 organization propose a piece to be performed together that will be announced before the registration deadline.



## EXAMPLE OF TRAVEL PLAN

The travel plan to participate in CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2017 will last for 5 days and 4 nights, from Wednesday to Sunday\*. A typical travel organization may be as follows\*\*:

### ***Wednesday (arrival day):***

Pick up at the airport or station

Arrival to the hotel or apartments (depend on options)

### ***Thursday:***

Breakfast

Touristic visit optional (Itálica)

Lunch

Departure to CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2017 venue (Tomares/Seville)

Visit the place, rehearsal and concert

Diner at the venue place after the concert

Back to the hotel or apartments

### ***Friday:***

Breakfast

Touristic visit optional (Rocío & Doñana National Park)

Lunch

Departure to CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2017 venue (Huelva/Isla Cristina)

Visit the place, rehearsal and concert

Diner at the venue place after the concert

Back to the hotel or apartments

### ***Saturday:***

Breakfast

Touristic visit optional (Columbian places, Huelva)

Lunch

Departure to CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2017 venue (Huelva/Isla Cristina)

Visit the place, rehearsal and concert

Back to the hotel or apartments

Dinner party

### ***Sunday (departure day):***

Breakfast

Touristic visit optional (Seville)

Departure to the airport or station

\*) It is also possible to organize shorter stays of 4 days and 3 nights i.e. Thursday to Sunday.

\*\*) Other activities may be organized i.e. choral conducting master classes, singing and voice lessons, private singing sessions “just for us”, collective rehearsals, etc. These activities will be announced at a later stage, will be voluntary and may be free or have an associated small fee.

## **ACCOMMODATION FEES**

Due to logistic reasons and transport to the different Festival venues, the participant groups have to book their stay through our travel agency "**Viajes El Corte Inglés**" in the hotels and apartments selected by the organization and located close to Seville. Two possible options of accommodation are as follows:

**Option 1:** Hotel 4-star category in shared room (2 or 3 persons) with buffet breakfast included. 50 € per person and day. For a 5 day and 4 night stay the full fee will be of 250 € / person.

**Option 2:** Touristic apartments shared (3 or 4 persons) only room basis. 25 € per person and day. For a 5 day and 4 night stay the full fee will be of 125 € / person.

### **The accommodation fee includes:**

Transport from the airport or station to the hotels or apartments

Stay according to the option chosen

Transport to the concert places, CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA venues

Participation in 2 to 4 concerts, depending upon the number of participant groups

Diner at the venue together with all participants in the concert

Transport to the hotels or apartments

Saturday's Farewell dinner-party with all participants

Registration fee waive for the director of choral or vocal assemble

All taxes are included

Guided visit to Itálica

Guided visit to Seville

Visit "Sevilla de Opera"

Guided visit to the Columbian places in Huelva

Guided visit to Aldea del Rocío and Doñana National park

Other guided visits/excursions and buses

We will find the right formula to fit the travel needs of each group and we work to facilitate the participation of choirs and ensembles from all over the world. With this in mind we account with the main Spanish travel agency "**Viajes El Corte Inglés**" that is CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA official travel agency. They will be able to make the best possible offers for your visit, not only for accommodation but also (upon request) for your transport needs (plane, train, bus) and optional visits/activities to the most operatic city in the world, the beautiful city of Seville, and surroundings.

The participation application will open officially in May 2018. However, you may contact us anytime by e-mail: [info@cantaenandalucia.com](mailto:info@cantaenandalucia.com)

Attending to programmatic reasons, the participation application will close November 1<sup>ST</sup> 2018 or before if the maximum number of 12 participant groups is confirmed.

## **APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE**

To apply for participation at CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA, choirs and vocal ensembles must provide the requested documentation by completing and submitting an online application form before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. The on-line application form can be found at:

<http://www.cantaenandalucia.com/participa/solicitud-de-participacion/?lang=en>

Please note that sending the application and documentation does not guarantee the participation in the festival. A qualified board of experts will review all proposals and emit a decision only after ensuring the artistic and technical quality sufficiency to participate in the International Festival for Choirs and Vocal Ensembles “CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2018”.

The following materials should be prepared in advance of completing the online application. You will be asked to provide them as a part of the application process:

- A) A short biography of the choir, not exceeding 2000 characters.
- B) A biography of the choir's conductor, not exceeding 2000 characters.
- C) A repertoire proposal, not exceeding 1000 characters.
- D) A recent colour photo of the choir or vocal ensemble. This will be used in programmes and for publicity purposes.
- E) Recent recordings. You may include links to selections; preferably of contrasting styles (YouTube or similar video platforms are also welcome).

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

The board of experts will review the documentation and will communicate -in a short time- his decision about participation in the festival CA2018. We will also send a convenient cost proposal with different options to choose for your stay.

In any case, you will receive a decision before October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to the contact e-mail indicated in the registration form.





## CONTACT



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**All information about CANTA EN ANDALUCÍA 2018 is available at:**

<http://www.cantaenandalucia.com/>

The event FaceBook is:

<https://www.facebook.com/CantaEnAndalucia2018/>

Will appreciate very much if you share this information with your contacts.



***¡Nos vemos en Andalucía el próximo otoño!***

***See you in Andalusia next autumn!***

