



International Schools Choral Music Society

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LATEST NEWS FOR TEACHERS

1) Big Band & Orchestra Lists Confirmed

Please direct your students to the website to check the lists: www.iscms.net

2) Invoices will be sent out by Martin according to confirmed teachers & students for registration fees payment.

3) Booking your transport to Suzhou

You can arrive at any of the following ports to the festival – ISCMS will arrange return transfers.

1. Shanghai Hongqiao Airport
2. Shanghai Pudong Airport
3. Wuxi Airport
4. Suzhou Train Station
5. Suzhou North Train Station
6. Suzhou Yuanqu Train Station

PLEASE NOTE that Shanghai Hongqiao and Wuxi Airports will give you the fastest/easiest transfer times to the festival. Pudong is a little further.

4) Booking your accommodation in Suzhou

- If you have already booked the Doubletree – WELL DONE!

- If you have booked provisionally and don't need all of the rooms, PLEASE CANCEL THEM!
- If you haven't booked yet – the Doubletree do not have sufficient twin rooms left. This is because of a very high number of registrations. Martin Crozier will be in touch within a few days of this newsletter with info on a second hotel – please budget according to the rates from the Doubletree and hopefully we will keep to the same or similar prices.

5) Music Download for Rehearsals

CHOIR: Each student needs an **original copy of the score for Carmina Burana**. There is a pdf copy available for purchase at the following link. Please purchase one copy per singer and keep the receipt in case of any follow up from the publishers.

<https://en.schott-music.com/shop/carmina-burana-no223534.html>

ORCHESTRA: Carmina Burana PDF will be EMAILED to players this week once violins have been sorted into Violin 1 and Violin 2. For copyright reasons we cannot upload to the website. All other pieces will be uploaded to the website this week.

BIG BAND: Parts will be emailed out in the next couple of weeks, and also uploaded to the website.

6) FESTIVAL SCHEDULE (Provisional)

To help you plan transport bookings, please see a very basic provisional schedule below.

Wednesday 31st January 2018

AM/PM	Participating schools arrive
4pm	First Full Rehearsals Begin
6pm	Dinner
7pm	Welcome Concert
8pm	Return to Hotels

Thursday 1st February 2018

9am	Rehearsals Begin
6pm	Dinner
7pm	Return to Hotels

Friday 2nd February 2018

9am	Rehearsals Begin
6pm	Dinner

7pm	Big Band Concert
8.30pm	Return to Hotels

Saturday 3rd February 2018

9am	Students arrive at Suzhou Cultural & Arts Centre
10am	Rehearsals begin
5.30pm	Dinner
7pm	Gala Concert
9.30pm	Return to Hotels

Sunday 4th February 2018

Participating students depart from Suzhou

7) UNSUCCESSFUL AUDITIONS

For students who missed out on a place in the Orchestra or Big Band, they are automatically invited to be a part of the ISCMS Chorus so they won't be removed from the registration list. Please contact Paul West & Martin Crozier if this is not what you wish to happen.

THANK YOU for your continued support of ISCMS. We have the highest number of registrations on record for this 11th Festival so it's going to be a stunning sound in the Suzhou Cultural & Arts Festival!