



International Schools Choral Music Society

Latest News – October 29th 2017

- **REPERTOIRE UPDATE FOR ISCMS XI**

As well as the epic *Carmina Burana*, we have also confirmed Humperdinck's *Hansel & Gretel Overture*, and our commissioned work by Composer Sam Wu: 枫桥夜泊 'Feng Qiao Ye Bo'.

- **FESTIVAL FEES – What's Included?**

The registration fees for the ISCMS Festival includes:

1. All participation fees in the festival
2. All lunches and dinners from Wednesday evening to Saturday evening.
3. Return Bus transfers from airports or train stations to the festival.
4. Festival merchandise
5. Transfers from Doubletree Hotel to festival venues each day.

So basically – everything except hotel and flights/trains.

- **GETTING THERE**

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.

- **HOTEL BOOKINGS**

Please use the following link for Hotel Bookings:

http://iscms.net/Festival_2018/Hotel_Information/

Please note – all students should be accommodated in TWIN ROOMS unless you have an odd number of boys/girls, in which case you can select 3 people for a triple room. **Triples are limited (and don't save you any money!) so please only book triples out of necessity for your student numbers.**

Hotel rates: 750rmb NET (Single), 800rmb NET (Twin), 1200rmb NET (Triple). The rates you see first on the landing page are without tax.

ALL students should be registered as adults on the booking site. Only teachers bringing their own accompanying children should use the 'children' tab!

Any issues with hotel bookings please contact treasurer@iscms.net

- **PRACTITIONER UPDATE**

In addition to Bob Hasty (Artistic Director/Conductor) and Nathaniel Gao (Big Band), we are also thrilled to be welcoming David Squire as Chorusmaster. David is conductor of the Multi-Award Winning New Zealand Youth Choir, and is an inspirational choir director.

Our commission this year is by Australian-Chinese Composer Sam Wu, and is based on an Old Suzhou Poem – perfect for our Gala Concert on the shores of Suzhou's Jinji Lake!

- **CHORAL SCORE PURCHASE**

As *Carmina Burana* is still in copyright, please use the following link to purchase scores. Minimum purchase 10 copies.

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

- **ORCHESTRA & BIG BAND AUDITIONS**

Auditions should now start to be sent in. Please check the "How to Audition" document for more details.

- **UNSUCCESSFUL AUDITIONS**

For students who miss out on a place in the Orchestra or Big Band, they are automatically invited to be a part of the ISCMS Chorus. Hopefully teachers can encourage their students to take this opportunity, as singing in the chorus is a great musical experience too, and they will still get to experience this wonderful festival!

- **REGISTRATIONS**

EARLY BIRD registration is now closed – but you can still book your place at this year's festival by registering online. Go to this page:

http://iscms.net/Festival_2018/page/

or contact festival@iscms.net if you need assistance with registration.

- **FINALLY...**

Thank you to all of you, the teachers, for your continued work and support! Don't hesitate to email with any questions!