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JUNE 2020

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Dear Choir Directors

One of my favorite places to have gone with my choirs on tour has been Austria. I love the musical heritage and tradition. The scenery, the food, the people, the music... so great! So it is with extreme pleasure that we announce a KI Festival in 2020 in Vienna with possible extensions to other European destinations.

To make this even more exciting, I get to co-conduct with my buddy Elena Sharkova!! If any of you have worked with her, you know she is not only a consummate musician, but she also is a bundle of passion, energy, and has a great love of life!!

We would like to invite you to bring your choir to Austria with us in June of 2020. We are so excited to collaborate, knowing that this mix of singing, culture and historical experience will offer your singers a rich and diverse festival.

There will be options for you to perform in your own right in Salzburg and Vienna as well as in Budapest or Prague if you take up one of the extensions offerings. In Vienna we will combine as a festival choir to rehearse literature which will include American choral music and the music of Vienna, presented in one of Vienna's grand venues in front of an enthusiastic audience.

We both know that touring is something special for your community of singers. The intensity of being on tour changes the way a choir sings and enriches their perspective of the world. But perhaps best of all, touring builds camaraderie, support for the program and a life changing experience.

KIconcerts will ensure that they create a tour that reflects your specific interests and pacing. We join together for the rehearsals and the gala concert, and then you travel on your own tour and concert itinerary.

We hope you will join us in Austria to create a truly magical experience for your choristers, accompanying travelers and audiences alike.

With a passion for singing,

Elena Sharkova & Henry Leck

Co-conductors

SALZBURG & VIENNA

SUNDAY, JUNE 21: DEPART

- Depart U.S.A.
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MONDAY, JUNE 22: SALZBURG

- Arrive in Munich
 - Meet Klconcerts tour manager
 - Transfer to Salzburg
 - Introduction to Salzburg
 - Check into hotel
 - Dinner nightly
 - Overnight Salzburg
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TUESDAY, JUNE 23: SALZBURG

- Breakfast daily
 - Sightseeing tour of Salzburg including a visit to Mozart's Birthplace and seeing some of the 'Sound of Music' sites
 - **Optional individual concerts**
 - Overnight Salzburg
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24: VIENNA

- Transfer to Vienna
 - Rehearsal
 - Check in
 - Festival welcome dinner
 - Overnight Vienna
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25: VIENNA

- Rehearsal
 - Guided city tour of Vienna passing Ring Avenue, the Hofburg Palace, the Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Mozart's "Figaro House", City Hall and the Central Cemetery (housing honorary tombs of famous composers including Beethoven, Gluck, Schubert, Johann Strauss - father and son, Lanner and Brahms)
 - **Optional individual concerts**
 - Overnight Vienna
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Sound of Music



St. Stephen's Cathedral



Hofburg Palace

FRIDAY, JUNE 26: VIENNA

- Dress rehearsal
 - Time to explore Vienna
 - **Festival Gala Concert - individual and combined performances**
 - Overnight Vienna
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SATURDAY, JUNE 27: DEPART OR EXTENSION TOUR

- Transfer to airport and travel back home OR continue onto Prague or Budapest.

PRAGUE EXTENSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27: PRAGUE

- Transfer to Prague
 - Check in
 - Night time tour of Prague including the Old Town Square with Prague's Astronomical Clock and Charles Bridge
 - Overnight Prague
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SUNDAY, JUNE 28: PRAGUE

- Visit St. Vitus Cathedral and see the Prague Castle
 - Time to explore Prague for individual sightseeing and shopping
 - **Optional individual concerts**
 - Overnight Prague
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MONDAY, JUNE 29: DEPART

- Transfer to airport and travel back home



Opera House



Prague



St Vitus Cathedral & Prague Castle



Old Town Square

BUDAPEST EXTENSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27: BUDAPEST

- Transfer to Budapest
 - Tour Budapest: see Buda and Pest, the two halves of the city, the Buda Castle, the Fisherman's Bastion, the Hungarian Parliament and Heroes Square
 - Check in
 - Overnight Budapest
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SUNDAY, JUNE 28: BUDAPEST

- Continue to tour Budapest
 - Free time to explore this fascinating European city – once the seat of the Austro-Hungarian empire
 - **Optional individual concerts**
 - Overnight Budapest
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MONDAY, JUNE 29: DEPART

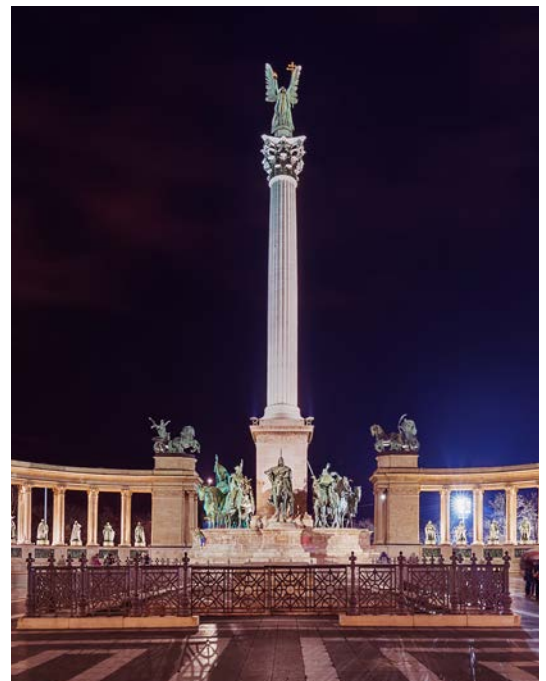
- Transfer to airport and travel back home



Budapest



Fisherman's Bastion



Heroes Square



Hungarian Parliament

Itinerary subject to change.

Confirmation of performances is dependent upon early receipt of performance information: biographies, pictures, recordings and repertoire

HENRY LECK

Founder and Conductor Laureate – Indianapolis Children’s Choir
Professor Emeritus – Choral Music Butler University



An internationally recognized choral director, Henry Leck is a professor emeritus in choral music at Butler University, where he served on the faculty for 27 years. He is the Founder and

Conductor Laureate of the Indianapolis Children’s Choir and Indianapolis Youth Chorale. His choirs have performed regularly for national ACDA, MENC, OAKE and AOSA Conferences. Mr. Leck has conducted Mixed, Men’s, Women’s, Junior High and Children’s All-State choirs and festival choirs in nearly every state. He is a frequent conductor of regional and national honor choirs, including the ACDA Southern, Southwest, North Central, Central, Western and Northwest Honors Choirs. In the spring of 2003, he conducted the ACDA National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir in New York City and in 2011, the ACDA National Children’s Honor Choir in Chicago. On three occasions he has conducted National Honor Choirs for OAKE. Mr. Leck recently arranged and conducted the national anthem for Kelly Clarkson and the Indianapolis Children’s Choir at the Super Bowl XLVI. Mr. Leck has conducted annually at Carnegie Hall for nearly 30 years and conducts internationally every year. He teaches and conducts regularly in China, Brazil, and throughout Europe. He is a member of the World Choir Council and often is on the international jury of choral events.

Mr. Leck has received many honors including the Sagamore of the Wabash and the State of Indiana Distinguished Hoosier Award from the Governor of the state of Indiana. He has received the Indiana Governor’s Arts Award which is the highest honor one can receive in the arts in Indiana. Recently Mr. Leck was named a recipient of the “Lowell Mason Fellows Award” which is the highest award given by the NAfME. He also recently received the “Indiana Living Legend” award from the Indiana Historical Society.

Mr. Leck is widely known as a specialist in choral techniques at all levels, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Laban, the child’s voice and the boy’s changing voice. He has produced four teaching DVDs titled *Vocal Techniques for the Young Singer*, *The Boy’s Expanding Voice: Take the High Road*, *Creating Artistry through Movement*, *Dalcroze Eurhythmics* and *Creating Artistry with the Male Maturing Voice*. He was a lead author for the choral textbook series published by McGraw Hill/Glencoe titled *Experiencing Choral Music* and is the lead author of a new series of textbooks entitled *Voices in Concert*. He is also the editor of two nationally known choral series published by Hal Leonard Corporation and Colla Voce, Inc. He has written a textbook titled, *Creating Artistry through Choral Excellence*. Mr. Leck received his training from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, the University of Colorado and Indiana University.

ELENA SHARKOVA

Russian-American conductor Elena Sharkova was born and raised in St. Petersburg and received her training at the famed Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatoire, alma mater to Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Schostakovich, and Balanchin, and holds a graduate degree in conducting. In 1993 Ms. Sharkova moved to the United States where she continues her varied career as a conductor, music educator, lecturer, workshop leader, and editor.

Most recent engagements have been with Britain’s foremost professional choir the BBC Singers, Grammy-winning male ensemble *Chanticleer*, Miami-based Grammy-nominated *Seraphic Fire*, and Houston Chamber Choir. Upcoming programs include a return conducting appearance with the BBC Singers and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Glasgow in 2018.

A frequent guest conductor, Elena Sharkova has had the privilege of inspiring youth and adult singers in eighteen countries across three continents. She has conducted honor choirs and festivals in NYC’s Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, Chicago’s Orchestra Hall, San Francisco’s Davies Symphony Hall and the Grace Cathedral. In 2014 and 2016 Ms. Sharkova had the privilege of leading KIconcerts’ international music festivals, conducting concerts in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican and at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Ms. Sharkova is in her nineteenth year as the chorus master for Symphony Silicon Valley (previously San Jose Symphony) and has prepared the singers for performances of over fifty major works for distinguished conductors such as George Cleve, Carlos View, Jane Glover, John Nelson and many others. Each season she leads the orchestra and chorus in a concert of choral masterpieces as well as in the annual Christmas celebration.



Elena Sharkova has been Artistic Director of the award-winning Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley since 2004. Today the organization serves over 300 youth ages 4-18 and provides unique and comprehensive choral music education curriculum that fosters deep mind-body-heart engagement, independent thinking, and community.

She has served as editor of “Elena Sharkova Choral Series” for Carl Fischer Publishing since 2011. Her series with the National Music Publishing promotes music for treble voices.

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Great concert tours require a multitude of details to combine in order for life changing magical musical moments to occur. Our mission is to facilitate your performance dreams throughout Your World of Music!

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