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JULY 2021





DUBLIN CHOIR FESTIVAL 2021



HIGHLIGHTS

Great venues
A musical people
The whimsy of the Irish
Occasional leprechauns
and 4 leaf clovers

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Inviting you and your singers to Ireland

After great festivals in Spain, Italy and Australia with our friends at Klconcerts we are headed to Ireland in early July 2021. While not hunting for 4 leaf clovers and dodging leprechauns, we will sing - together as well as individually for those choirs that wish to do so.

As a festival choir we will sing with the power, passion and spectacle that a combined choir can provide. Once again I will plan a program that will be a diverse collection of pieces and one that will be well suited to the participating singers. It is always one of my favorite parts of this process-shaping a program that fits the time, location and context and the various strengths and interests of the participating ensembles.

Ireland has it's own whimsy, proud history, language, choral traditions, stories and warmth. Our festival will radiate this and more as we unite in one voice lovingly to do our part in uniting humanity and people of goodwill everywhere!

We welcome you

Craig Hella Johnson

Artistic Director & Conductor

PROGRAM

DUBLIN ONLY

FRIDAY, JULY 2: DEPART

Depart for Ireland

SATURDAY, JULY 3: ARRIVAL | DUBLIN

- Arrival in Dublin
- Meet your Klconcerts tour manager
- Guided sightseeing tour of Dublin
- Check in
- Dinner daily
- Overnight Dublin

SUNDAY, JULY 4: DUBLIN

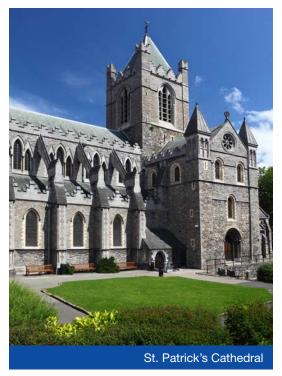
- Breakfast daily
- Tour St. Patrick's Cathedral which stands on the oldest Christian site in Dublin where it is said that the Saint baptized converts to the Christian faith
- Time to explore Dublin
- Festival rehearsal
- Welcome dinner party on Independence Day
- Overnight Dublin

MONDAY, JULY 5: DUBLIN

- Sectional rehearsals
- Lunch own arrangements in the charming seaside town of Howth
- Combined rehearsal
- Dinner with live Irish music
- Overnight Dublin

TUESDAY, JULY 6: DUBLIN

- Festival choir rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson
- Optional individual concert or visit the 'Garden of Ireland' in county Wicklow including a visit to Glendalough, a place of ancient pilgrimage, dating back to the 6th century founded by St Kevin
- Overnight Dublin





Ha'penny Bridge



WEDNESDAY, JULY 7: DUBLIN

- Festival dress rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson
- Time to explore Dublin
- Gala festival concert conducted by Craig Hella Johnson
- Overnight Dublin

THURSDAY, JULY 8: DEPART

• Transfer to airport for your return flight home









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THURSDAY, JULY 8: BRÚ NA BÓINNE & BELFAST

- Travel to Brú na Bóinne an archaeological landscape dominated by the three well-known passage tombs known as Knowth, Newgrange and Dowth built some 5,000 years ago in the Neolithic or Late Stone Age
- Continue to Belfast
- Orientation tour of Belfast including seeing St. Anne's Cathedral and Belfast City Hall as well as much of the fine Victorian and Edwardian architecture
- Visit the Titanic Experience and relive the entire story from her birth, maiden journey and discovery on the seabed
- Check in
- Overnight Belfast

FRIDAY, JULY 9: BELFAST

- Visit the Giant's Causeway and walk the Carrick-a-rede rope bridge
- Gala festival concert conducted by Craig Hella Johnson
- Overnight Belfast

SATURDAY, JULY 10: DEPART

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Brú na Bóinne







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CORK & DUBLIN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30: DEPART

Depart for Ireland

THURSDAY, JULY 1: CORK

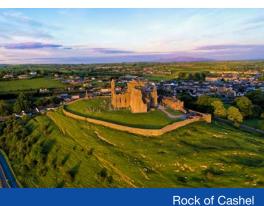
- Arrival in Dublin
- Meet your Klconcerts tour manager
- Enjoy the sights of Ireland's rolling hills and quaint towns en route to Cork
- Visit the Rock of Cashel. Dating from the 4th century, the Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most spectacular landmarks. The large cathedral, ancient round tower and the very early Romanesque Cormac's Chapel, perched on a dramatic outcrop of rock, have been witnesses to many of the stirring events of Irish history (time permitting)
- · Check in
- Dinner daily
- Overnight Cork

FRIDAY, JULY 2: COBH & CORK

- Breakfast daily
- Tour the port town of Cobh and be immersed in the history of the Titanic's fateful departure
- Visit the Blarney Castle with a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone said to impart the gift of eloquence
- Return to Cork
- Overnight Cork

SATURDAY, JULY 3: CORK

- Tour Cork seeing the magnificent River Lee, St Anne's Church, The English Market and other of Cork's sights with time to explore this vibrant 2nd city of Ireland
- Optional individual concert or time to explore more of Cork
- Overnight Cork







Blarney Castle



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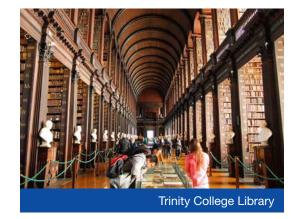
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LEADER



CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

Craig Hella Johnson brings unparalleled depth of knowledge, artistic sensitivity, and rich imagination to his programs. He has earned a reputation as one of the finest choral conductors in the United States. Beloved by audiences, lauded by critics and composers, and revered by vocal and instrumental musicians, Johnson is known for crafting musical journeys that create deep connections between

performers and listeners. Johnson is the Artistic Director and founder of Conspirare. In 2015, Johnson and Conspirare were awarded a Grammy® for Best Choral Performance for The Sacred Spirit of Russia. In 2013, Johnson was appointed Music Director of the Vocal Arts Ensemble in Cincinnati. Johnson is also Conductor Emeritus of the Victoria Bach Festival, where he previously served as conductor and Artistic Director from 1992-2015.

Johnson was Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at Austin (1990-2001) and remains an active educator, teaching and giving workshops statewide, nationally, and internationally at conferences and universities. In fall 2012 he became the first Artist in Residence at the Texas State University School of Music. As composer, arranger, and music editor, Johnson works with G. Schirmer Publishing and Alliance Music Publications; his works have sold thousands of copies.

Johnson's accomplishments have been recognized with numerous awards including Chorus America's Michael Korn Founders Award for Development of the Professional Choral Art. The Texas Legislature named him the Texas State Musician for 2013. Johnson studied at St. Olaf College, the Juilliard School, and the University of Illinois, and earned his doctorate at Yale University. Under the auspices of a National Arts Fellowship, he was a student of Helmuth Rilling at the International Bach Academy in Stuttgart, Germany.

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