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**JUNE 2021**

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Dear Friends,

A concert tour should be exhilarating, musically satisfying, and above all, memorable. I invite you to travel with me to Vietnam in June 2021 for what I guarantee will be all this and even more!

Vietnam is a truly welcoming country known for its historical significance and cultural vitality. Furthermore, there is nothing quite like Vietnamese food! Together, we will explore the markets and street culture of Hanoi, the vibrant energy in Ho Chi Minh City, and enjoy Ha Long Bay's jaw-dropping scenery aboard our luxurious overnight ship.

Vietnam is truly a 'singing country' and I have seen firsthand the enthusiasm and verve Vietnamese conductors and choristers bring to the music they make. Our concerts will surely be well-received and the friendships made through the musical collaborations will be long-lasting.

Additionally, KIconcerts has the knowledge, experience, and staff to customize a unique set of opportunities tailor-made to your needs and those of your singing community.

Music is a powerful tool to unite those from varying cultures and traditions. I hope you will join me in 2021 on this epic adventure.

Warmly,

**Jonathan Palant**

*Artistic Director & Conductor*



## ONE VOICE CHOIR FESTIVAL

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 10: DEPART

- Depart for Vietnam
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### FRIDAY, JUNE 11: ARRIVAL | HANOI

- Arrival in Hanoi
  - Meet your Klconcerts tour manager
  - Introduction of fascinating Vietnam en route to a city that is a great blend of Vietnamese and French classical architecture
  - Check in
  - Dinner daily
  - Overnight Hanoi
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### SATURDAY, JUNE 12: HANOI

- Breakfast daily
  - Enjoy a guided tour of the historic city of Hanoi, Vietnam's capital and second biggest city. Visit the One Pillar Pagoda, a historic Buddhist temple built of wood on a single stone pillar then visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, dedicated to Confucius before touring Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum as well as his former residence
  - **Festival rehearsal**
  - **Festival Welcome Dinner**
  - Overnight Hanoi
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### SUNDAY, JUNE 13: HANOI

- **Festival rehearsal**
- Visit the Museum of Ethnology to learn of the 54 ethnic groups that make up Vietnam, then travel by rickshaw through Hanoi's lively Old Quarter. This bustling area of narrow streets is home to thousands of small shops and a great place for many unique photo opportunities
- **Optional individual concert**
- Overnight Hanoi



One Pillar Pagoda



Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum



Tortoise Pagoda

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## MONDAY, JUNE 14: GALA CONCERT

- **Festival dress rehearsal with Jonathan Palant**
  - Time to explore Hanoi
  - **Gala festival concert conducted by Jonathan Palant**
  - Overnight Hanoi
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## TUESDAY, JUNE 15: HA LONG BAY

- Transfer to Ha Long Bay before boarding your comfortable cruise ship to sail the bay, one of Vietnam's natural wonders. Ha Long Bay has so many unique features including the Ba Hang floating village you glide past and the chance to tour one of the recently discovered cave systems boasting truly extraordinary sights
  - Return to the boat in time for dinner and a chance to try fishing Vietnamese style for those who want to
  - Overnight on boat
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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16: HA LONG BAY | HO CHI MINH CITY

- You are welcome to start your day with an optional Tai Chi class on the deck of your ship before breakfast
  - Continue sailing through the geographical wonders of this unique body of water especially marveling at the rock formations that have a timeless feel
  - Enjoy brunch before disembarking the boat
  - Transfer to the airport for a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City (still also known as Saigon)
  - Transfer to your city hotel and check in
  - Overnight Ho Chi Minh City
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## THURSDAY, JUNE 17: HO CHI MINH CITY | GALA CONCERT

- Enjoy a guided city tour of Ho Chi Minh City including a visit inside the Reunification Palace, a fascinating and important testament to the Vietnam War which your tour manager will bring to life as it is the experience of their parents' generation if not their own. Continue to tour HCMC with a guided stroll around the Central Post Office built by Eiffel in the neoclassical style of the early 20th century. You will also see the elegant 19th century Notre-Dame Cathedral, the City Hall built in the French colonial style and the Opera House from 1897 with an opportunity to walk through picturesque Chinatown, housing the Thien Hau Pagoda built in honor of the protective Goddess of Sailors
- **Festival dress rehearsal with Jonathan Palant**
- **Gala festival concert conducted by Jonathan Palant**
- Overnight Ho Chi Minh City



Ha Long Bay



Ba Hang



Notre-Dame Cathedral



Thien Hau Temple



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 18: MEKONG DELTA

- Today is a fascinating sightseeing day starting with a drive to Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta before embarking on a boat ride along the Mekong River marveling at the constant crisscrossing of the sampans. After disembarking the boat, you visit a traditional Southern Vietnam house made of coconut experiencing orchard farm life (tasting local tropical fruit) while watching a performance of Don Ca Tai Tu music before seeing rice paddies and experiencing the centuries old traditional rural life of Vietnam
- Enjoy your farewell dinner aboard a river cruise on Saigon's river
- Overnight Ho Chi Minh City

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 19: DEPART

- Transfer to airport for your return flight home



Binh Tay Market



Mekong Delta



Rice fields



Dinner Cruise

*Itinerary subject to change.*

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



## Jonathan Palant

Jonathan Palant is Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at Dallas and is founder and conductor of both Credo, a 115-member community choir, and the Dallas Street Choir, a musical outlet for those experiencing homelessness and disadvantage. In addition, Dr. Palant is minister of music at Kessler Park United Methodist Church and is employed by the Dallas Independent School District to mentor middle and high school vocal music teachers.

Dr. Palant has conducted all-state choirs, honor choirs, and led professional development workshops across the United States and internationally. In June 2016, Dr. Palant made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut performing with renowned artists Frederica von Stade, Harolyn Blackwell, Jake Heggie, and Broadway composer Stephen Schwartz.

From 2007-2011, he served as Artistic Director of Dallas' Turtle Creek Chorale. Prior to that, Palant held collegiate teaching positions at Western Kentucky University and Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan. He taught secondary choral music at University School, an all-boys independent school in Cleveland, Ohio, and San Pasqual High School in Escondido, California.

Dr. Palant is president of the National Association for Music in Vulnerable Communities and sits on the board of directors of the Intercollegiate Men's Choruses. He has also served on the state board of the Michigan chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and Youth First Texas where he was founder and conductor of Dallas PUMP!, a choir serving at-risk youth.

In late 2017, the Dallas Morning News named Palant one of nine "Texan of the Year" finalists, and in 2016, Musical America named him one of their "Innovators of the Year" for establishing the Dallas Street Choir.

Both Palant's book, *Brothers, Sing On! Conducting the Tenor-Bass Choir*, and his *Brothers, Sing On! Choral Series* are published by the Hal Leonard Corporation.

Dr. Palant holds degrees from Michigan State University, Temple University and the University of Michigan.



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