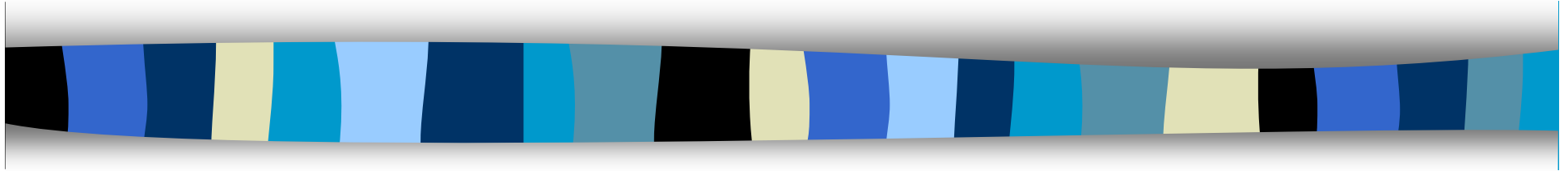


# Estonian Choral Association as one of the key players in the Song Celebration Process



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# Estonian choral scene in numbers

- Estonian Choral Association was re-founded in 1982 as a successor of Estonian Singers' Union (1921-1940).
- Today there is 47 613 choristers/brass players in Estonia.
- 1417 choirs - 61,4 % of them children's and youth:
  - 406 young children's choirs (age 6-11)
  - 392 mixed choirs
  - 283 children's choirs (age 12-16)
  - 137 boys' choirs
  - 98 female choirs
  - 57 male choirs
  - 44 girls' choirs
- 96 wind orchestras
- 705 conductors



## ECA as an information centre for Estonian choral music

- For choirs: concerts, administrative help, performances, finding conductor
- For conductors: finding new repertory, performance possibilities, available positions, negotiations with employers
- For society: information about choral scene, contacts, practical help.





# ECA as the manager and analyst of Estonian choral scene

## Structure of ECA:

- Board
- Music commission
- Council (presidents of subsocieties):
  - Estonian Male Choirs' Association
  - Estonian Female Choirs' Association
  - Estonian Mixed Choirs' Association
  - Estonian Chamber Choirs' Association
  - Estonian Society for Music Education
  - Association of Estonian Choral Conductors
  - Estonian Wind Orchestras' Association

■ Development plan of Estonian choral scene

■ All-Estonian youth choirs and wind orchestra

■ Development projects:

- occupational qualification system lead by Estonian Qualifications Authority
- choral composition competitions and programs
- educational events



## ECA as the representative of Estonian choral music in international choral scene

- International relations and contacts
- Membership in International Federation of Choral Music (IFCM) and European Choral Association – EUROPA CANTAT
- Information about performance possibilities for foreign choirs, friendship choirs etc
- Organising international events



## ECA as a state partner in Song Celebration process

Responsibility for the substantive and artistic part of Song Celebration process:

- artistic leadership
- conductors
- repertory
- choirs' audition and categories
- observing, analysing, feedback

Grants' program for conductors

Support program for choirs



## ECA as the PR-manager of choral music

- Annual prizes of choral music
- Press releases about choral events, achievements in international competitions etc
- Recordings of choral music in radio and TV
- Applying grants, support, awards for choral musicians





# ECA as the educator of choral scene

## ■ Mentors' program:

- 36 mentors for choral music: work with choir and vocal ensemble, conducting, different music styles, artistic consultation for big choral events
- 5 mentors for wind orchestras: work with orchestra and brass band, conducting, artistic consultation for big events
- 4 mentors for vocal coaching

## ■ Courses of basic knowledge of choral work: conducting, methodology, vocal training

## ■ Annual summer seminars for choral conductors and music teachers

## ■ International study tours for Estonian conductors



# ECA as an organiser

## ■ International events:

- Tallinn International Choral Festival (biannual)
- Events in co-operation with EUROPA CANTAT: singing weeks, international competition of young choral conductors, EUROPA CANTAT junior in 2011, EUROPA CANTAT festival in 27.07-05.08.2018
- Events in co-operation with IFCM: Voices of Origin 2007
- Nordic-Baltic Choir festivals
- study tours for conductors and managers

## ■ National competition for young choral conductors (every 5th year)

## ■ National festivals and competitions for children and youth choirs

## ■ Annual Choir Music Gala

## ■ Concerts: young conductors, choral premiéres, anniversaries and jubilees of famous composers and conductors etc.

Thank you!

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