

CHORAL RESIDENCY OPTIONS

The three choral residencies offer progressively expanded opportunities for performance, study, and artistic collaboration.

4-DAY RESIDENCY

Dates: June 3 - 6 (Arrival on June 2 & Departure on June 7)

A concentrated Festival experience for choirs and singers seeking a focused schedule of performance, instruction, and cultural engagement. The 4-Day Residency includes:

- Showcase performance for qualifying choirs
- Ensemble coaching and feedback from Festival faculty
- Selected lectures, workshops, and cultural programming
- Festival Fellowship Receptions
- Admission to all Muzika! Festival concerts taking place during residency

Fees per participant

Program Only: \$590

CIU Package: \$1,040 · 5 nights, breakfast included

Hotel Package: \$1,390 · 5 nights, double occupancy, breakfast included

7-DAY RESIDENCY

Dates: May 31 - June 6 (Arrival on May 30 & Departure on June 7)

A full residency centered on preparation and performance of the Festival's principal choral-orchestral work. The 7-Day Residency includes:

- Complete rehearsal and performance cycle for Duruflé's Requiem
- Showcase performance for qualifying choirs
- Ensemble rehearsals, sectionals, and faculty coaching
- Expanded academic and cultural programming
- Festival Fellowship Receptions
- Admission to all Muzika! Festival concerts taking place during residency

Fees per participant

Program Only: \$890

CIU Package: \$1,590 · 8 nights, breakfast included

Hotel Package: \$2,190 · 8 nights, double occupancy, breakfast included

10-DAY RESIDENCY

Dates: May 28 - June 6 (Arrival on May 27 & Departure on June 7)

The Festival's most comprehensive choral residency, offering full participation in Festival Chorus together with extended opportunities for performance, coaching, study and collaboration. The 10-Day Residency includes:

- Complete rehearsal and performance cycle for Duruflé's Requiem
- Additional showcase or collaborative performance opportunity for qualifying choirs
- Extended ensemble and sectional coaching
- Participation as the resident chorus for the full Conducting Workshop
- Complete sequence of academic and cultural programming
- Festival Fellowship Receptions
- Admission to all Muzika! Festival concerts taking place during residency

Fees per participant

Program Only: \$1,190

CIU Package: \$2,150 · 11 nights, breakfast included

Hotel Package: \$2,990 · 11 nights, double occupancy, breakfast included

CONDUCTING WORKSHOP

Dates: May 28 - June 6 (Arrival on May 27 & Departure on June 7)

The 10-day Conducting Workshop provides intensive instruction in score study, conducting technique, interpretation, rehearsal planning, and ensemble leadership. Working alongside Festival faculty, collaborative pianists, and the resident Festival Chorus, participants receive customized instruction and podium time based on experience and placement as a Conducting Associate or Conducting Fellow.

CONDUCTING ASSOCIATE

Designed for developing conductors seeking to strengthen technical, analytical, and rehearsal leadership skills. Associates receive:

- Instruction in score study, conducting technique, and rehearsal planning
- Focused training sessions with conducting faculty and pianists
- Opportunities for podium experience with the resident Festival Chorus
- Complete sequence of academic and cultural programming
- Festival Fellowship Receptions
- Admission to all Muzika! Festival concerts taking place during residency

Fees per participant

Program Only: \$1,990

CIU Package: \$2,950 · 11 nights, breakfast included

Hotel Package: \$3,790 · 11 nights, double occupancy, breakfast included

CONDUCTING FELLOW

Designed for experienced conductors prepared for advanced study and substantial podium work with the resident Festival Chorus. Fellows receive:

- Advanced instruction in score study, technique, interpretation, and rehearsal leadership
- Individual and small-group sessions with conducting faculty and pianists
- Substantial podium time with the resident Festival Chorus
- Opportunities to conduct selected repertoire in public Festival performances
- Complete sequence of academic and cultural programming
- Festival Fellowship Receptions
- Admission to all Muzika! Festival concerts taking place during residency

Fees per participant

Program Only: \$2,490

CIU Package: \$3,450 · 11 nights, breakfast included

Hotel Package: \$4,290 · 11 nights, double occupancy, breakfast included

AUDITING PARTICIPANT

Community members, educators, musicians, and companions may experience the festival without enrolling as singers or conductors. Auditing participants may:

- Observe open rehearsals, conducting sessions, and masterclasses
- Attend lectures, presentations, and cultural excursions
- Attend Festival concerts and Fellowship Receptions

Fees per participant

4-Day Program: \$390

7-Day Program: \$690

10-Day Program: \$990

Lodging not included in auditing participant fees. Auditing participants interested in Festival lodging should contact the Varna International office regarding availability and pricing.