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with

ELENA SHARKOVA

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WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to again serve as a festival conductor for KI in 2016. After the moving experiences performing in the awe-inspiring venues of the 2014 Passion of Italy KI festival in Rome, I am thrilled to plan the next musical, cultural and historic exploration – this time to Ireland!

I am looking forward to creating a program that expresses the passion of Irish music and the richness of its history and culture. A program that joins the lives and sounds of two continents through young people singing in one voice - reflecting the thoughts and feelings of those from around the world. A program that embraces audiences with a boldness and clarity of expression they will relish and remember.

The festival begins in the beautiful city of Galway - the Cultural Heart of Ireland - where the charming cobblestoned streets will have us stepping back in time to Medieval Ireland. We will enjoy our rehearsals there, getting to know each other, building our collective voice and celebrating our individuality through stand alone performances. Our first Gala Concert will be an unforgettable experience as the sound of the festival choir resonates in the amazing acoustics of the Galway Cathedral (tbd).

Traveling from Galway to Dublin, we will experience the whimsy of the Irish countryside looking here and there for a four-leaf clover. In Dublin, choirs will have further opportunities for individual concerts before we build to a crescendo with our final Gala concert at Christ Church Cathedral (tbd).

We will seek out impromptu moments of song in town squares, in market places and in ancient laneways where Irish folk gather. Join us to share the joy of our talent, our unique ability to reach across the oceans and make new friends through song.

- Elena Sharkova



Elena Sharkova

Russian-American conductor Elena Sharkova is recognized nationally and internationally as an inspirational and versatile conductor, clinician, music educator, and lecturer. She has conducted professional, university, youth, and community choirs and orchestras in seventeen countries across North America, Asia, Eastern and Western Europe, Russia, and the Middle East, and has served as jury member at national and international music festivals and competitions.

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Russia, Ms. Sharkova holds graduate degrees in conducting from the St. Petersburg Rimski-Korsakov State Conservatory and Western Michigan University. Having held faculty positions at both institutions upon graduation, Ms. Sharkova later joined the music department at San Jose State University in 1998 and served as director of choral activities until 2006.

As Artistic Director of Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley since 2004, Ms. Sharkova oversees all educational and performance aspects of the program that now serves over 300 children ages 4 to 18 and directs two top choirs Vocalise and Aria. Under Ms. Sharkova's direction, Cantabile touring choirs made solo appearance on the legendary stages of Carnegie Hall and Chicago Orchestra Hall and toured Estonia, Finland, Russia, England, Italy, and Canada.

Elena Sharkova regularly appears with professional artists. In 2014, she served as guest music director for the with Grammy Award winning "Orchestra of Voices" Chanticleer in a genre- and time—spanning program entitled Russian Dreams that featured folk, spiritual, secular, and urban vocal heritage of the nation. Ms. Sharkova's other recent projects have been with Kronos Quartet, Symphony Silicon Valley, Stanford Symphony, Ballet San Jose, visual artist Nene Humphrey, and actor Ryan Gosling's rock play "Deadman's Bones, among others.

A passionate advocate for Russian choral music, Elena has lectured extensively on its repertoire and conducted several U.S. premiers of Russian contemporary compositions. Since 2013, she has been serving as the editor for "Elena Sharkova Choral Series" with Carl Fischer Music Publishing. The series focus on 20th and 21st century Russian choral music for treble and mixed voices.

One of the nation's busiest choral clinicians and festival conductors, Elena Sharkova has conducted state, divisional, and national honor choirs for American Choral Directors Association, National Association of Music Educators, Organization of American Kodály Educators, and Association for Music in International Schools. Most recent and upcoming engagements include Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida, Washington and Virginia All-State High School Honor Choirs as well as Southwest ACDA Division College Honor Choir and All-Eastern Honor Choir. Ms. Sharkova is looking forward to the profession's highest honor – conducting one the National Honor Choirs at the 2015 ACDA National Convention in Salt Lake City.

As a soprano, Elena Sharkova has performed and recorded with Lege Artis, one of Russia's finest professional choirs, and appears on five studio CDs on Sony Classical label.

IRELAND 2016

Saturday, June 18

- Departure

Sunday, June 19

- Arrival in Dublin
- Meet your KIconcerts tour manager
- Transfer to Galway
- Check in
- Warm up rehearsal
- Welcome dinner (Dinner daily)
- Overnight Galway



Monday, June 20

- Breakfast daily
- Rehearsal
- Walking tour of Galway including the famous Spanish Arch and the church of St.Nicholas
- **Optional individual concerts**
- Overnight Galway



Tuesday, June 21

- Dress rehearsal
- Explore Galway
- **Festival Gala Concert - individual and combined performances**
- Overnight Galway

Wednesday, June 22

- Transfer to the quaint town of Ennis with narrow meandering streets and many interesting shops
- Continue to Limerick, a graceful and historic city featuring King John's Castle, the Treaty Stone and St.Mary's Cathedral which was built in 1172
- Continue en route to Dublin with dinner in one of Ireland's rural towns
- Arrive in Dublin
- Check in
- Overnight Dublin





Thursday, June 23

- Guided sightseeing tour of Dublin including 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
- Visit Trinity College where we see the famous book of Kells, an 8th century illuminated manuscript
- **Optional individual concerts**
- Overnight Dublin

Friday, June 24

- Dress rehearsal
- **Festival Gala Concert - individual and combined performances**
- Overnight Dublin



Saturday, June 25

- Transfer to airport for your return flight home

OR

- Tour Dublin Bay including seeing the fishing village of Howth with its great views of Dublin Bay and Malahide Castle
- **Optional individual concerts**
- Overnight Dublin

Sunday, June 26

- Transfer to airport for your return flight home



*** Itinerary subject to change.*

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

PACKAGE DETAILS



IRELAND 8-DAY FESTIVAL 2016

PRICE PER PERSON \$3,460

IF PAID BY CHECK OR DIRECT DEBIT \$3,295

IRELAND 9-DAY FESTIVAL 2016

PRICE PER PERSON \$3,775

IF PAID BY CHECK OR DIRECT DEBIT \$3,595

INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airfare from New York, economy class
- Air taxes and surcharges
- Private motor coach throughout with driver
- 3.5 star accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Professional tour escort throughout tour
- All scheduled sightseeing and entrance fees
- Concert organization and promotion listed in itineraries
- Core travel insurance benefits
- Group tips

EXCLUSIONS (optional)

- Single room supplements
- Travel insurance upgrades
- Allocation of specific seat assignments on flights
- Meals other than specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses, eg. drinks, laundry, phone calls
- Any other items not mentioned in inclusions above

PRICE NOTES

- All prices are in USD, projected for 2016 and are subject to change
- They are based on an exchange rate of \$1USD = 0.65GBP and a minimum of 40 paying travelers
- They may increase if there are significant changes in fuel surcharges/air travel taxes
- 1 free position is offered for each 20 paying passengers buying the full package outlined above, not including the "Exclusions" outlined above
- Once you have expressed your interest in participating, we will provide you with a price based on travel from and to your preferred airport

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