

KI CONCERTS

in **Spain**



with
**Craig
Hella
Johnson**

**AÑO NUEVO
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in

BARCELONA

**December 28, 2013
– January 4, 2014**

**Individual &
Gala Concerts**



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Dear choral friends,

I would be delighted if you would consider joining me in the beautiful Mediterranean city of Barcelona in late December 2013.

Barcelona is an extraordinary world city, vibrant and colorful. I know people who love the city so much they use the name as an adjective to express the indescribable. “Barcelona.”

I am truly excited to have this opportunity to gather with friends, old and new, who love choral singing. We will have the chance to come together and prepare for a gala concert which I am honored to conduct. Individual concerts are also a part of this schedule and I look so forward to hearing your ensemble in this feast of music-making.

I will be shaping a program structure that will illuminate the gifts of each individual choir while crafting a gala concert which will be a joyous celebration of the power of singing together.

I look forward to making music together and to exploring magnificent Barcelona with you.

– Craig Hella Johnson



Craig Hella Johnson

Renowned as one of the most influential voices in choral conducting in the United States, Craig Hella Johnson brings a depth of knowledge, artistic sensitivity and imagination to his programs. Founder and Artistic Director of the five-time Grammy Award-Nominated choral ensemble *Conspirare*, Johnson has assembled some of the finest singers in

the country to create a world class, award-winning ensemble committed to creating dynamic choral art. In addition to his work with *Conspirare*, Johnson also serves as Creative Director and Conductor for the Victoria Bach Festival, an annual event that draws musicians and critical praise from around the country

Johnson was Artistic Director of San Francisco-based *Chanticleer* from 1998-1999 and has served as guest conductor with several ensembles including the Taipei Male Choir, the Berkshire Choral Festival, the Austin Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Santa Fe Symphony, and Chicago's Music of the Baroque. From 1990-2001, Johnson served as Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at Austin and from 2000--2004, he was Music Director of Houston Masterworks Chorus.

Johnson has been honored with several awards including his 2008 induction into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame and the 2009 Louis Botto Award for Innovative Action and Entrepreneurial Zeal, an award given by Chorus America. He recently was awarded the distinguished Citation of Merit from the Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Music Fraternity. Johnson and *Conspirare* record on the prestigious *Harmonia Mundi* label. In 2010, the CD *Requiem* was awarded the coveted Edison Award.

A composer and arranger, Johnson works with G. Schirmer Publishing on the Craig Hella Johnson Choral Series. His works are also published by Alliance Music Publications.

A native of Minnesota, Johnson studied at St. Olaf College, the Juilliard School, and the University of Illinois and earned his doctorate at Yale University. As the recipient of a National Arts Fellowship, Johnson studied with Helmuth Rilling at the International Bach Academy in Stuttgart, Germany.

HIGHLIGHTS



SPAIN 2013/14

Saturday, December 28	Departure
Sunday, December 29	Arrive Barcelona Check in
Monday, December 30	City tour of Barcelona Optional individual concert
Tuesday, December 31	City tour of Barcelona Rehearsal Welcome Dinner and New Year Party
Wednesday, January 1	Sightseeing Rehearsal
Thursday, January 2	Sightseeing Gala concert
Friday, January 3	Tour Montserrat Optional individual concert
Saturday, January 4	Depart for home



SPAIN 2013/14

Saturday, December 28

- Departure

Sunday, December 29

- Arrival in Barcelona
- Meet your KIconcerts Tour Manager
- Transfer to your hotel & check-in
- Dinner
- Overnight Barcelona

Monday, December 30

- Breakfast (daily)
- City tour of Barcelona. See the harbor, ride a cable car to Montjuic the hill and visit the Olympic Ring
- Optional individual concert (tbd)
- Dinner
- Overnight Barcelona



PROGRAM



Tuesday, December 31

- City tour of Barcelona including the old town (“Gothic Quarter”), Passeig de Gràcia, façanes of the Casa Batlló and La Pedrera, Gracia district, Plaça de Lesseps, Park Güell, Arc de Triomf, Fundació Joan Miró and Poble Espanyol
- Rehearsal
- Welcome Dinner and New Year Party
- Overnight Barcelona

Wednesday, January 1

- Sightseeing including visit to the famous La Sagrada Família Cathedral
- Rehearsal
- Dinner
- Overnight Barcelona

Thursday, January 2

- Time to explore Barcelona for individual sightseeing and shopping
- Dress rehearsal
- Gala concert
- Dinner
- Overnight Barcelona



Friday, January 3

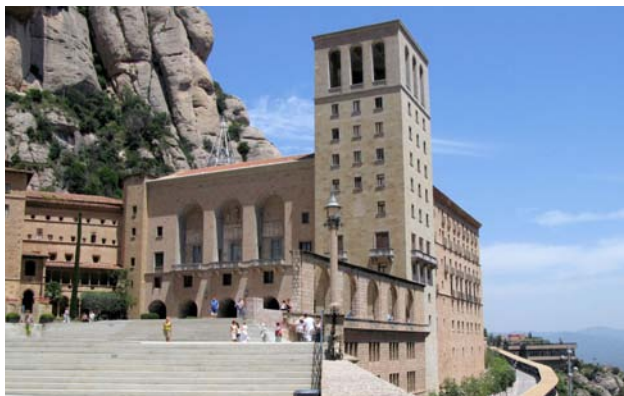
- Day trip to Montserrat, a spectacularly beautiful Benedictine monk mountain retreat. Not only is Montserrat Monastery of significant religious importance but the natural beauty surrounding the monastery is simply breathtaking
- Optional individual concerts (tbd)
- Return to Barcelona
- Farewell dinner
- Overnight Barcelona

Saturday, January 4

- Depart for home

***Itineraries subject to change.*

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



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