

## 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress PUERI CANTORES

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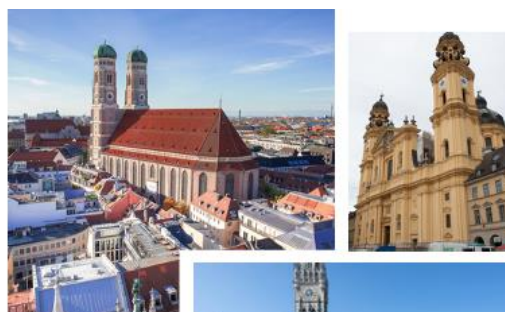
<b>Date:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>Location:</b>	Munich, Germany
<b>Participants:</b>	Up to 4,500 singers from up to 120 choirs
<b>Registration:</b>	Online registration starting in fall 2024
<b>Special feature:</b>	„Pre-Festival“ in various dioceses in Germany during the days before the Congress in Munich (12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025)
<b>Participation fee:</b>	75 EUR per person (95 EUR per person if you book your own accommodation)

*Further information regarding prices for accommodation will follow this summer.*

### Short Description

In July 2025, up to 4,500 young singers from all over the world are invited to Munich to pray, celebrate, and sing for peace together. The third largest city in Germany (1.5 million inhabitants) offers a multitude of churches, a beautiful old town and numerous tourist attractions. The focal points of the international congress will be the famous *Marienplatz* with the historic town hall as well as the *Frauenkirche* (Cathedral of Our Lady) and many other churches in the city centre.

We would like to give our children and young people a stage on which they can present themselves as active members of society and the church. The young singers experience faith, music and friendship and can show that they are committed to partnership, cultural exchange, and peace.



### Highlights

- Opening ceremony at *Marienplatz*
- Continuous prayers for peace in the *Frauenkirche* (Cathedral of Our Lady)
- Excursions around Munich with individual local programs (sports, sightseeing, joint church services and singing)
- Singing in social facilities
- Masses for nations in various churches
- Open singing in the centre of Munich
- Encounter of cultures, celebration at *Marienplatz*
- Workshops on various topics such as "Bavarian culture"
- Encounter concerts, gala concerts
- Closing Mass with Cardinal Marx at *Marienplatz*



### Pre-Festival 12 – 16 July in various regions and dioceses of Germany

The 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress of PUERI CANTORES will take place in Munich July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2025. Around 4,500 young singers are expected to attend this festival, hopefully from all over

<sup>1</sup> vielstimmig für den Frieden (German) = many voices for peace

the world, to sing God's praises, meet with each other and pray for peace. In order to deepen contacts and make the long journey for our international guests, especially from other continents, worthwhile, we would like to invite the foreign choirs to get to know another region of Germany in addition to the City of Munich. Therefore, the central choir festival in Munich will be preceded by a pre-festival in various regions and dioceses of Germany. These events will take place 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025. German host choirs will invite guest choirs to join them to make friends before the congress in Munich. Individual program on site such as church services and concerts create real community.

Choirs wishing to participate in the pre-festival can also register online from fall 2024. Accommodation or host families will be provided depending on local possibilities. To participate in the pre-festival events, choirs will have to pay an additional participation fee of 25 EUR per person. Non-private accommodation and meals must be paid for by the guest choir.

**Program in dioceses can include:**

- Welcome party (host choir + guest choir)
- Church services or prayers for peace in the host parishes
- Encounter concerts (host choir + guest choir)
- Singing in social institutions, open singing, singing in public places
- Sightseeing and other leisure activities for guest choirs

**Prevention of abuse and violence – code of conduct**

The organizers are currently working on a **protection concept** to ensure the safety of the young singers. This applies not only to the congress in Munich, but also to the pre-festival events July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in the other dioceses. All information on prevention will be published when registration for the event opens.

**Online registration starting in fall 2024. For now, information can be found here:**

<http://www.pueri-cantores.de/congress2025>