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formally invite the

THE LIONS' PRIDE CHAMBER  
SINGERS

to represent the state of

CALIFORNIA

in performance at the

FESTIVAL CORALE INTERNAZIONALE DI

ROMA

June 21-25, 2018

# FESTIVAL CORALE INTERNAZIONALE DI ROMA



Dear Ms. Le Roy;

Greetings! I am honored and pleased to extend a very warm, personal invitation to you and your singers to participate in the **2018 Festival Corale Internazionale di Roma**.

I have been working with Music Celebrations International (MCI) to coordinate this thrilling event, which will take place June 21-25, 2018. In 2009, I was first invited to be the featured artistic director for this festival in Rome, which brought together over 150 singers from around the United States and Canada.

During that festival, I was impressed by the expertise demonstrated by my friends at MCI to assure that every musical experience was of the highest quality – the venues were stunning and the audiences were large and enthusiastic.

The 2018 festival performance will take place in the beautiful, historically important, and acoustically superior, **Santa Maria Sopra Minerva**. A thrill for all involved will be participation in a Mass in **St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican**.

In addition to rehearsals, every day will be filled with exciting and interesting activities that will allow participants to experience Rome's wonders. I am confident this will be a life-changing experience and hope that you will consider being involved.

**I have traveled with MCI for several years - both as a director of an ensemble (traveled to China, France, England, and a myriad of other places) and also conducted 17 international festivals for MCI. They are a great company, and I would not have remained in association with them for one moment if not. You will enjoy the organizational aspect of MCI immensely. I invite you to consider them carefully. They will treat your tour like the only one this year they are doing.**

Thank you for considering this *personal* invitation. I look forward to seeing you in beautiful Rome!

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Z. Randall Stroope  
Director of Choral Activities  
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Dear Ms. Le Roy,

Music Celebrations International is pleased to invite the **THE LIONS' PRIDE CHAMBER SINGERS** to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual **FESTIVAL CORALE INTERNAZIONALE DI ROMA**, to take place in June 21-25, 2018.

Join Artistic Director **DR. Z. RANDALL STROOPE** in Rome, Italy for this spectacular choral event. The festival will feature participation in a Mass in **ST. PETER'S BASILICA IN THE VATICAN** as well as a finale massed choir concert in Rome's famous **BASILICA DI SANTA MARIA SOPRA MINERVA**.

By accepting this invitation, you are offering your singers an opportunity to:

- ★ Walk in the footsteps of Verdi, Gabrieli, Monteverdi, Paganini, Vivaldi, Puccini, Rossini, and many other influential composers
- ★ Work with one of America's foremost conductors
- ★ Experience the excitement of performing in Rome's most impressive spaces
- ★ Experience the thrill of performing to large, appreciative audiences
- ★ Grow and strengthen the reputation of your ensemble at home and abroad
- ★ Experience unparalleled educational opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime

Music Celebrations International has been organizing concert tours of exceptional quality throughout the world for over 25 years. Our professional and experienced staff will manage all of your travel, concert, sightseeing, and accommodation arrangements – down to the last detail! Rest assured that the prices listed for each Tour cover the cost of everything that will enable your group to have an exceptional experience!

I am very excited about the musical stimulation this tour will undoubtedly provide. My dream, and the purpose of Music Celebrations, is to provide life-changing experiences that will raise the level of musicianship and dedication to the performing arts not only in our own country but throughout the world.

Please call on us at any time for any reason. We look forward to partnering with you in providing your musicians with this lifetime performance opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

  
John P. Wiscombe  
President

**ROME INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL**  
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 Cost Estimates  
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All prices are per person and are based on the number of paying participants in each 49-passenger motorcoach staying in double occupancy.

	<i>45-47</i> <i>Paying</i> <i>(+2 free)</i>	<i>40-44</i> <i>Paying</i> <i>(+2 free)</i>	<i>35-39</i> <i>Paying</i> <i>(+1 free)</i>	<i>30-34</i> <i>Paying</i> <i>(+1 free)</i>
<b>FESTIVAL ONLY TOUR (TOUR #1)</b> (4 nights / 6 days) <b>ROME</b>	\$3,220	\$3,298	\$3,347	\$3,463
<b>Land Only (self-arranged air):</b>	<b>\$1,663</b>	<b>\$1,742</b>	<b>\$1,790</b>	<b>\$1,905</b>
<b>TOUR #2</b> (6 nights / 8 days) <b>ROME, NAPLES, ROME</b>	\$3,667	\$3,751	\$3,797	\$3,929
<b>Land Only (self-arranged air):</b>	<b>\$2,110</b>	<b>\$2,193</b>	<b>\$2,239</b>	<b>\$2,372</b>
<b>TOUR #3</b> (6 nights / 8 days) <b>ROME, FLORENCE, ROME</b>	\$3,719	\$3,798	\$3,851	\$3,986
<b>Land Only (self-arranged air):</b>	<b>\$2,161</b>	<b>\$2,246</b>	<b>\$2,293</b>	<b>\$2,428</b>
<b>TOUR #4</b> (8 nights / 10 days) <b>ROME, FLORENCE (MONTECATINI), VENICE, MILAN</b>	\$4,075	\$4,173	\$4,230	\$4,387
<b>Land Only (self-arranged air):</b>	<b>\$2,517</b>	<b>\$2,616</b>	<b>\$2,672</b>	<b>\$2,829</b>
<b>TOUR #5</b> (8 nights / 10 days) <b>ROME, FLORENCE (MONTECATINI), LUCERNE</b>	\$4,249	\$4,350	\$4,398	\$4,560
<b>Land Only (self-arranged air):</b>	<b>\$2,608</b>	<b>\$2,709</b>	<b>\$2,759</b>	<b>\$2,919</b>

Please visit [www.romechoralfestival.org/2018-tour-itineraries](http://www.romechoralfestival.org/2018-tour-itineraries) for a full listing of this tour itinerary, as well as additional itinerary options that are available. Custom itinerary options are available on request.

The costs will vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach, Tour Manager, guides, free trips, concert costs*, etc. Please consult the Cost Inclusions (located on the following page) which have been used as the basis for our offer. **This tour represents a beginning point for further discussion and negotiation.**

These costs are based on group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent to qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour, a 3% accounting fee applies. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

**THESE COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE ENCOURAGE EARLY COMMITMENT.** These items are subject to negotiation. For instance, we can re-quote based on less centrally located hotels, eliminate some dinners, eliminate entrance fees, adjust the free trip ratio, etc., to reduce the overall cost.

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**COST INCLUSIONS**

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier from **Los Angeles, CA**. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
  - Includes up to \$500 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **FESTIVAL & CONCERT PRODUCTION:** All rehearsals and performances for the festival, and any additional performances outside of the festival as noted in the tour itinerary, are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to availability at group rates at the time of booking. City centre accommodations are available at a supplement upon request. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:
  - Rome: [Rome Aurelia Antica](#)      Naples: [Holiday Inn Naples](#)      Florence: [Starhotel Tuscany](#)
  - Montecatini: [Tuscany Inn](#)      Venice-Mestre: [Villa Pace Park Hotel Bolognese](#)      Milan: [UNA Hotel Malpensa](#)
  - Lucerne: [ibis Styles Luzern City Hotel](#)
- **MEALS:** Two meals per day (as noted in the Tour itinerary) including breakfast and dinner. Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
  - **Tour 1** – Roman Forum, Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica
  - **Tour 2** – Roman Forum, Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Pompeii ruins
  - **Tour 3** – Roman Forum, Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Florence Duomo, Academia
  - **Tour 4** – Roman Forum, Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Florence Duomo, Academia, St. Mark's Basilica, Doges Palace
  - **Tour 5** – Roman Forum, Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Florence Duomo, Academia
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and fax numbers.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:**
  - 1 Flight bag    • 2 Luggage tags    • 1 Souvenir Photo Video    • 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **FREE TRIPS:** One free trip (based on double occupancy) for each 20 paying participants; i.e. the 21<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, etc. participant travels free of charge.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$2M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs.  
Summary of coverage:
  - \$10,000 – Travel Accident
  - \$1,000 – Medical Expense
  - \$300 – Baggage Coverage
  - \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay

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**COST EXCLUSIONS**

- Choirs are responsible for securing their own sheet music.
- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental & cartage, if needed.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Transportation to and from the departure airport.
- Daily lunches and drinks at dinners.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.
- Concert programs for individual choir concerts during extension tours, if needed.

