

Europäisches Jugendchor Festival

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Ahoy!

The 14th European Youth Choir Festival Basel 2025 is using the autumn wind to set sail and set course. For the first time, the choir ship will set sail four months before the festival with a preview dinner. Become a member of our new circle of patrons and be invited to join in part or in full. We will introduce you to our newest crew member at the end of the newsletter. At the same time, we say goodbye to a long-standing board member. But now let's take a look at the news through the porthole:

Preview dinner 'Lieder zum Znacht' on Sat 1 February 2025

Join us on the choir boat across the Rhine and get in the mood for the 2025 Youth Choir Festival with heart-warming vocal music and exclusive information. The outstanding Basel vocal quartet ['cantuccini'](#) will spoil you with funny, sad, love songs, songs of longing and sea shanties. In between, festival director Kathrin Renggli presents the EJCF 2025 programme and talks about her travels to the invited choirs. A picture loop by photographer [Christian Flierl](#) with photos from past festivals and a 3-course menu with seasonal delicacies complete the programme.

Further information can be found on our [website](#). Tickets are available directly from the [BPG](#).

Become a patron and enjoy exclusive benefits!

We have founded a brand new [patrons' circle](#). On the one hand, we want to help the festival to make ends meet financially and, on the other hand, offer EJCF enthusiasts benefits that are only available to them. With CHF 100 or by [volunteering](#)* at the EJCF, you are already part of it. You will find out earlier than anyone else what is planned for the EJCF 2025 and benefit from the opportunity to secure your tickets before the official presale opens. Holders of a festival pass 'Cantus firmus' (CHF 600) and 'Contrapunto' (CHF 1,000) or the patronage 'forte' (from CHF 1,000) and 'fortissimo' (from CHF 1,800) are also invited to half or all of our first preview dinner on the choir ship.

*Volunteers are members of the board of the EJCF association, the organising committee, the concert organisation, the joker group, the box office service and the choir support as well as drivers, persons responsible for guest organisations and participating choir conductors of Swiss choirs.

New crew member & a fond farewell

At the last Board meeting, we also welcomed our new Office Assistance and bid farewell to a long-standing Board member.

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Carolyn Jeker (3rd from left) joined the core team as Office Assistance in mid-October. As a long-standing member of the Solothurn Girls' Choir singing school, she grew up with choral music and is very familiar with it. Her previous work at the Swiss Confederation and in NPOs has given her a wealth of experience in the areas of communication, project and fundraising management. She is also currently studying European Global Studies at the University of Basel. We are looking forward to working with her!

Gaudenz Wacker (left) left the board of the European Youth Choir Festival Basel association in the spring. For two decades, he was a key and valuable person for the EJCF in various roles. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the long, fruitful and pleasant collaboration and wish him all the best for the future. We are already looking forward to meeting him as a fan at the upcoming festivals.

To all Swiss choirs: A special newsletter on the EJCF ATELIER programme will follow in two days' time!

With the bow nose in the wind,

Your EJCF team

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