



PRESS RELEASE

The Berlin Girls' Choir visits Israel

International youth exchange with partner choir Bat-Kol in Tel Aviv

Berlin, 5 May 2016. – This month, the Berlin Girls' Choir will meet with the Bat-Kol Girls' Choir from the Conservatory of Music in Tel Aviv. The girls will stay in guest families and both choirs will rehearse and have two concerts together. The journey to Israel from 13 – 22 May 2016 is part of the partnership between the two girls' choirs that began with a visit of the Bat-Kol choir to Berlin last fall.

During the visit of the Berlin girls to Israel, there also will be an encounter with the “Joshua Tutt-nauer Choir – Ankor” of the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, a concert in the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem, as well as a workshop and concert together with the „Nona Choir“ in the kibbutz Ma'agan Micha'el. Another concert will be held in the kibbutz Sha'ar HaGolan.

The choral direction of the Berlin Girls' Choir is much engaged in the intercultural understanding and peaceful cooperation between young people of different cultural backgrounds. Therefore the musical program will be completed by guided tours through Tel Aviv, Jaffo, Jerusalem and Haifa, visits to Yad VaShem, the antique fortress Masada, the Mount of Beatitudes, etc. Also, discussions concerning “a life for understanding” and a “democratic atmosphere of constructive debate” are planned.

The choir's journey to Israel is mainly sponsored by the Goethe Institut and the Harold Bob Foundation. Further contributor is the Axel Springer Foundation among others.

CONCERTS OF THE BERLIN GIRLS' CHOIR IN ISRAEL:

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| 14.05.2016, 19:00 h | Auditorium of the Israel Conservatory of Music, Tel Aviv,
<i>together with the Bat-Kol Girls' Choir</i> |
| 16.05.2016, 20:00 h | Auditorium of the Israel Conservatory of Music, Tel Aviv,
<i>together with the Bat-Kol Girls' Choir, Boys' Choir Guetersloh, the girls of
the Bach-Choir Guetersloh</i> |
| 17.05.2016, 20:00 h | Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion, Jerusalem |
| 19.05.2016, 20:30 h | Kibbutz Sha'ar HaGolan |
| 21.05.2016, 12:30 h | Kibbutz Ma'agan Micha'el
<i>together with the Nona Choir</i> |



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The Berlin Girls' Choir was founded in 1986. Around 160 girls and young women, aged between 6 and 25, are singing in five groups. The girls in the concert choir (13 to 22 years) as the school's target rehearse twice a week and also get voice training or singing lessons.

Since 1998 the Berlin Girls' Choir has been directed by the conductor, composer and musical pedagogue Sabine Wuesthoff, awarded several prizes in conducting and composing and the "Siblings Mendelssohn Medal 2015". She is assisted by a professional team of artistic advisors and voice teachers.

The choir's repertoire comprises polyphonic literature for equal voices from all eras. A special focus lays on premieres of contemporary compositions. The girls regularly take part in projects of well-known Berlin concert choirs, radio choirs and orchestras and already performed under Hans-Christoph Rademann, Claudio Abbado, Ingo Metzmacher, Roger Norrington and Charles Dutoit.

Moreover, the Berlin Girls' Choir participates in international competitions and festivals where it gained several 1st and 2nd prizes. At the 9th German Competition of Choirs in Weimar in 2014, the choir won a 2nd prize (grade „with excellent success“) in the category "Youth Choirs of Equal Voices" and the special award for the best performance of young singers.

The Berlin Girls' Choir maintains partnerships with girls' choirs from Israel, Lithuania, Sweden, Denmark and China.

Further information can be found under:

www.berlinermaedchenchor.de

www.batkolchoir.org

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