



5<sup>th</sup> WORLD CHOIR GAMES GRAZ/ÖSTERREICH

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### First medals at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games in Graz

Graz/Austria

The first medals have been presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games 2008 in Graz/Austria. The international jury awarded a total of 75 gold medals, 99 silver medals and 14 bronze medals. All in all, the singers have put in outstanding performances. The greatest goal is to become a Champion of the World Choir Games. Already, 13 choirs have achieved this goal. The previous qualification rounds yielded 8 bronze, 93 silver and 65 gold certificates. The medal-winners were honoured in the Stadthalle Graz by the President of INTERKULTUR Foundation and of the World Choir Games, Günter Titsch, as well as by other representatives of the committee. The world's biggest choir competition is taking place until the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

Some Champions of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games appeared in public again at the Champion's Concert in the Stadthalle yesterday at 7.30 p.m.

- Category 1: Children's Choirs  
Las Piñas Boys Choir, Philippines, Armando Salarza (Choir, Nation, Conductor)
- Category 2: Youth Choirs of Equal Voices  
Stellenberg Girls Choir, South Africa, André van der Merwe
- Category 3: Young Male Choirs  
Diocesan Boys' School Choir, China/Hongkong SAR, Ronnie Kay-Yen Cheng
- Category 5: Mixed Youth Choirs  
Okazaki High School Choir, Japan, Satoko Kondo & Hiroyuki Kusumi
- Category 16: Musica Sacra  
Pro Cantu Youth Choir, South Africa, Leon Starker
- Category 17: Musica Sacra – open category  
Stellenbosch University Choir, South Africa, André van der Merwe
- Category 18: Music of the Religions – open category  
Li-Ron Choir, Israel, Ronit Shapira
- Category 21: Jazz Vocal Ensembles a cappella  
Mansfield University Choir - Jazz Ensemble "Mansfieldians", USA, Sheryl Monkeliën
- Category 22: Jazz – open category  
Elfa's Singers, Indonesia, Elfa Secioria

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- Category 23: Gospel & Spiritual – Vocal Ensembles  
The Revelations, Sri Lanka, Sanjeev Jayaratnam
- Category 24: Gospel & Spiritual – open category  
Mansfield University Choir, USA, Peggy Dettwiler
- Category 25: Popular Choral Music – Vocal Ensembles a cappella  
Kilyawan Boys Choir, Philippines, Mark Anthony Carpio
- Category 26: Popular Choral Music – open category  
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