

Eugene Concert Choir Itinerary and Information to Perform in Berlin!

The Eugene Concert Choir and Eugene Vocal Arts ensemble are invited to perform at the Berlin Philharmonie Kammermusiksaal in June 2024. A wonderful international organization by the name of ChoralSpace (choralspace.org), Gent Lazri, general director, has a summer music festival in Berlin, and they have invited Diane Retallack to conduct a fantastic work by Mendelssohn – *Die erste Walpurgisnacht*. (The First Walpurgis Night is the eve of May Day when legend has it that the witches dance on the Brocken Peak in the Harz Mountains of Germany). One of the leading choirs of the Westfalen region, Konzertchor Münster, directed by Elda Laro, will join forces with our choirs for the full concert. Elda Laro has chosen the Gounod *St. Cecilia Mass* for the other half of the concert. Both choirs will prepare the repertoire for the full concert.

The package price actually includes expenses. The cost of the package based on 80 participants from the Eugene Concert Choir and Vocal Arts is 715 EUR per person in rooms shared by two and 1,015 EUR in single rooms. (At present, the Euro is about equal to the dollar.) Here are the services included in the package:

- Hotel accommodation in good 4-star hotel in Berlin (5 nights)
- Breakfast buffet (5 days)
- Welcoming Dinner
- Guided City Tour in Berlin
- Visit of the Museumsinsel – Alte Nationalgalerie in Berlin
- Special invitation to perform at the Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom) in their Sunday evening service
- Reception after the performance at the Philharmonie
- Participation fee for the Walpurgis-Project

The participation fee is a very small amount of the package price which covers shared costs, including the venue and performing rights as well as honoraria for orchestra, soloists and Diane as principal conductor. ChoralSpace is planning a combined choir of 120 - 200 singers from the Eugene Concert Choir and the Konzertchor Münster.

Train transport tickets to and from airport and hotel can be purchased for an additional 9.60 EUR. If you use your own ride app for a car, the cost would be approximately 55 EUR one way.

How to register:

Singers and their accompanying persons register individually via this special Link for the Mendelssohn Project https://choralspace.org/ecc_mendelssohn-project-philharmonie-berlin/

ChoralSpace would like you to register and pay directly with them.

About the payments:

Payments can be made directly with your credit card. After you register, you will receive an email from the organizer with directions to make payment.

The payments are made directly to Choral Space. Payment plan: (Catch up if you are registering after the stated dates.)

200 EUR with your registration.

200 EUR on June 21, 2023 (one year before the event).

200 EUR on February 21, 2024 (four months before the event)

Rest of the amount on April 21, 2024 (two months before the event)

**EUGENE CONCERT CHOIR
MENDELSSOHN IN BERLIN ITINERARY**

JUNE 22, 2024 – SATURDAY

Arrival, Transfer from airport to hotel

Check-in Hotel Park Inn Alexanderplatz (YLVE and overflow at other hotel TBA)

19:00 – 20:15 Attend Festival Concert at Luisenkirche (optional) with Münster Consortium Basel and Bulgarian Voices Berlin

20:30 Welcoming Dinner with participants of the Mendelssohn/Gounod Project and both performing choirs

JUNE 23, 2024 – SUNDAY

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 13:00 Choir and Piano Rehearsal 1 (all participants), location TBA

15:45 Arrival at Berliner Dom for Rehearsal and Performance

16:00 – 17:00 Rehearsal at Berliner Dom

18:00 – 19:00 Performance Eugene Concert Choir at the Berliner Dom (during the Sunday church service)

JUNE 24, 2024 – MONDAY

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 12:30 Sightseeing Tour by bus starting and finishing at the hotel

15:00 – 17:00 Choir and Piano Rehearsal 2 (all participants)

18:00 – 20:00 Choir and Piano Rehearsal 3 (all participants)

JUNE 25, 2024 – TUESDAY

Breakfast at the Hotel

10:00 – 12:30 Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal (all participants + soloists)

14:00 – 17:30 Dress Rehearsal at the Philharmonie Berlin (Kammermusiksaal)

20:00 – 22:00 Attend “Berlin Loves You” Concert (optional) at the Philharmonie Berlin (Kammermusiksaal)

JUNE 26, 2024 – WEDNESDAY

Individual visit of the Museumsinsel Alte Nationalgalerie

18:30 Placement and acoustic check at the Philharmonie Berlin (Kammermusiksaal)

Performance:

20:00 - 22:00 Concert at the Philharmonie Berlin (Kammermusiksaal)

Charles Gounod: Messe solennelle de Sainte Cécile

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy: Die erste Walpurgisnacht

Concert Reception after the concert at the Philharmonie

JUNE 27, 2024 – THURSDAY

Breakfast at the hotel

Airport transfer for those departing

14:00 Start of the rehearsals for the singers involved in the VERDI Project