

Workshops at the Pueri Cantores Festival in Munich



Dear participants of the Pueri Cantores Festival,

Thank you very much for registering for the festival in Munich! In addition to the joint church services and musical highlights, we would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in inspiring workshops.

Invitation to the workshops

The workshops take place on Thursday and Friday of the festival and offer the opportunity to deepen choral experiences and explore specific topics musically. We especially invite individuals or small groups to participate as this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other choirs and singers and to gain new inspiration for making music together.

Overview of the workshops

- **Bavarian Line Dance & Yodeling and more**
Location: Theresia-Gerhardinger-Grundschule am Anger, Blumenstr. 26, 80331 Munich
Time: Thursday, 12:00 - 12:45 pm / 1:00 - 1:45 pm
Setting: Two dynamic workshops in which Bavarian dance and the art of yodeling can be discovered.
- **NEVER AGAIN – Visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial**
Place: Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial
Time: Friday, meeting point at 9:20 am, end approx. 1:00 pm
Setting: Guided tour of the Concentration Camp Memorial Site and ecumenical peace prayer in the Church of Reconciliation on the site.
- **The Spirit of Our Voices – One Spirit, Many Voices**
Place: Church of the Holy Spirit
Time: Friday, 1:00 - 1:45 pm
Setting: Workshop on country-specific worship songs and preparation of a common prayer in seven different languages.
- **Discover Congolese Rhythms**
Place: Church of the Holy Spirit
Time: Friday, 2:00 - ca. 3:30 pm
Setting: Two Congolese choirs present their musical culture. Participants discover traditional drum rhythms and get to know Congolese music.

Important notes

- Multiple registrations for workshops are possible.
- All workshops are free of charge.
- Please register using the registration form on the Pueri Cantores Germany website.
- The registration deadline is Thursday, May 1st.

We look forward to your participation and the shared musical experiences!

Registration link: <https://pueri-cantores.de/registration-festival-workshops-2025/>

Bavarian Line Dance, Yodeling and More

About the workshop

Discover the fascinating world of Bavarian folk music in workshops with live music! Under the guidance of cultural consultant Magnus Kaindl and musician, teacher and TV presenter Traudi Siferlinger, you can get a taste of the art of yodeling and traditional dance forms in a modern guise. Did you know that yodeling was once a "language" in the mountains and spread around the world? Today it is simply fun to switch between chest and head voice with the syllables – "Gaudi" guaranteed! The "Bavarian Line Dance" combines line dancing with folkloristic elements and creates a communal, rhythmic dynamic. Be inspired and experience the charm of Bavarian tradition!



Program schedule

- **Thursday, 12:00 - 12:45 pm:** Bavarian Line Dance, Round 1
- **Thursday, 12:00 - 12:45 pm:** Yodeling and more, round 1
- **Thursday, 1:00 - 1:45 pm:** Bavarian Line Dance, Round 2
- **Thursday, 1:00 - 1:45 pm:** Yodeling and more, round 2

Workshop leaders

- *Magnus Kaindl:* Cultural consultant and proven expert in the field of folk music with many years of experience in organizing workshops. He is the "inventor" of the "Bavarian Line Dance".
- *Traudi Siferlinger:* Musician, teacher and television presenter, who is known far beyond the borders as an ambassador of Bavarian folk music.



Location

Theresia-Gerhardinger-Grundschule am Anger
Blumenstr. 26, 80331 Munich

Note: Directions with Google Maps will be provided.

Conditions of participation

The workshop is open to all participants and does not require any special prior knowledge. No need to register the voice types.

Special notes

- Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes so that you can move freely while dancing.
- As the meal times are spread over 3.5 hours, participants can have lunch after the workshop.
- For those interested in the media: The workshop organizers may be planning a documentary about the workshop, so the Bayerische Rundfunk (BR) will be involved in the planning.

Please register via the central registration form on the website of Pueri Cantores Germany.

Images Source: Adobe Stock

NEVER AGAIN – Visit to the Dachau concentration camp memorial site

Visit to the Dachau concentration camp memorial site

"Dachau – the meaning of this name cannot be erased from German history. It stands for concentration camps built by the Nazis in their territory." – Eugen Kogon



About the visit



This excursion takes you to the Concentration Camp Memorial Site in Dachau, close to Munich. The concentration camp was opened 1933 as the first concentration camp by the Nazi regime and existed for twelve years until the U.S. Army liberated the prisoners in 1945, close to the end of the 2nd World War. The concentration camp and its subcamps functioned as a prison and a place of terror: More than 200,000 people from over 40 nations were imprisoned; at least 41,500 people died of hunger and illness, from the torture they suffered, were murdered, or perished from the consequences of their imprisonment.

Thanks to the initiative of the survivors, it proved possible to turn the onetime prisoner camp into a place of commemoration and remembrance. The Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, featuring a documentary exhibition, opened in May 1965. The exhibition follows the "path of the prisoners" and documents the fate of those persecuted, covering their arrival, their lives in confinement, the suffering and dying in the camp and the liberation.

On the Memorial Site many buildings such as the prisoners' barracks or the guardhouse have been preserved and can be visited with a guided tour. Additionally, churches, chapels and memorials have been built on the grounds or close by.

[\(Virtual Tour\)](#)



Program schedule

The visit includes a guided tour of about 2,5 hours as well as an ecumenical peace prayer in the Church of Reconciliation on the grounds of the Memorial Site. The peace prayer will be celebrated in the "Litany of Reconciliation" beneath a Nails Cross, following the tradition of the Coventry Cross of Nails (the original Nails Cross was made from medieval nails recovered from the bombed Coventry Cathedral as a symbol of forgiveness and reconciliation). The Pueri Cantores will participate with choir pieces from the festival choir book.

- **Meeting point:** 9:20 am at the entrance to the Memorial Site
- **Guided tours:** 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

- **Prayer for peace:** 12:30 to 1:00 pm in the Church of Reconciliation
- **Break and snacks:** Before the peace prayer in a room next to the church (eating on the premises is prohibited)
- **Return journey and lunch:** From 1:00 pm back to the city center, lunch there

Notes on participation

- **The excursion is only suitable for participants aged 14 and over.**
- Please register both your singers and accompanying persons (at least one accompanying person per 10 to 15 singers).
- The guided tours are available in English, German or French. Please indicate your preferred language when registering. If there are not enough participants for German- or French-speaking groups, the tour will be conducted in English.
- For the peace prayer: We will send you the pieces to be prepared from the choir book as soon as possible.

Arrival

- **Address:** Visitor center, grounds and exhibitions
Pater-Roth-Str. 2a
85221 Dachau
- **By public transportation:**
 - S-Bahn S2 direction Dachau/Petershausen or regional train direction Ingolstadt/Treuchtlingen
 - Exit at "Dachau" station (*not "Dachau Stadt"*)
 - Continue with bus 726 in the direction of "Saubachsiedlung" to "KZ-Gedenkstätte" (journey time approx. 10 minutes)
 - Recommended connections from Munich Central Station:
 - 8:23 am (Regio + bus, 25 minutes)
 - 8:25 am (S-Bahn + bus, 43 minutes)
- **By choir bus:**
From Munich via the A9 towards Nuremberg, then the A99 to the Feldmoching interchange, then the A92 to the "Oberschleißheim/Dachau" exit, then the B471 to Dachau. The Concentration Camp Memorial Site is located in the Dachau-Ost district and is well signposted. It has a paid parking lot (car: 3€, bus: 5€, cash only). Please note that the parking lot is occasionally overcrowded.

Address parking lot:
Alte Römerstraße 73
85221 Dachau.

Registration

Please register the number of singers and accompanying persons using the registration form. Don't forget to indicate your preferred tour language. Participation in the excursion and the guided tours are free of charge.

Images Source: Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

The Spirit of Our Voices – One Spirit, Many Voices

About the workshop

In this workshop, you will experience how music and prayer connect people from different cultures. Together we will explore the diversity of Christian musical traditions and bring our voices together in a prayer for peace. We will prepare a multilingual "Our Father" and create a sonorous bridge between cultures.



Time and Place

- **Friday, 1:00 - 1:45 pm**
- **Location: Church of the Holy Spirit**

Part 1: Video and church service

The "Our Father" is spoken in seven languages. Each sentence and the final Amen will be distributed among the registered choirs. After registering, you will receive your assigned phrase. Participating choirs send in a video of 1-3 young people with the spoken phrase and the Amen in their language. Pueri Cantores will edit the submissions into a polyphonic "Our Father" with subtitles in the respective language and in English. The video is shown at the closing service while the prayer is spoken together. All choirs will receive the video one week before the festival so that they can practise the languages if necessary.

Part 2: Workshop on hymns

Registered choirs and the speakers from the videos will come together for the workshop. Participants can suggest typical worship songs from their tradition when registering. Three songs will be selected, rehearsed, and sung together. We kindly ask that someone from each respective tradition takes on the responsibility of leading the rehearsal and accompaniment.

Workshop leader

An experienced coach with a focus on intercultural church music will lead the workshop. Detailed information will follow with the registration.

Location

Church of the Holy Spirit (Prälat-Miller-Weg 1, 80331 Munich).

How to get there: From the main railway station, take the S-Bahn to Marienplatz station or the bus to the Tal or Viktualienmarkt stop. Please note that on-site parking is limited. We recommend travelling by public transport.

Notes on participation

Target group: Teenagers and young adults aged 14 and over.

Prerequisites: Interest in church music and active participation.

Maximum 50-60 participants.

Special notes

Please record videos for the "Our Father" in landscape format and in good cell phone quality. Typical cultural clothing is welcome, but not a must. Further technical details will follow after registration.

Discover Congolese Rhythms

About the workshop

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of Congolese music and rhythms! Two experienced choirs from the Congo invite you to a lively and inspiring workshop. Together you will experience the unique sound of Congolese drums and discover how deeply music is embedded in the culture and spirituality of the country. Let yourself be carried away by the energy and joy of this musical tradition and enrich your musical repertoire.



Schedule

- **2:00 pm:** Welcome and introduction by the Congolese choirs
- **2:15 pm:** Practical introduction to Congolese rhythms and drumming techniques
- **2:45 pm:** Making music together and rehearsing a traditional song
- **3:15 pm:** Final performance and discussion



Workshop leaders

The workshop will be led by two renowned choirs from the Congo. With their many years of experience in Congolese music, they not only bring musical expertise, but also in-depth cultural knowledge. You will have the opportunity to learn directly from these artists and experience their passion for music.

Venue

Church „Hl. Geist“

How to get there

From the main railway station, take the S-Bahn to Marienplatz station or the bus to the Tal or Viktualienmarkt stop. Please note that on-site parking is limited. We recommend travelling by public transport.

Notes on participation

The workshop is aimed at all interested choirs and musicians who would like to broaden their musical horizons. No previous knowledge is required.

Special notes

- It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing that allows freedom of movement.
- Drums and other material will be provided.
- It is possible to have lunch before the workshop.

Registration

Please register using the registration form and indicate the number of participants. Early registration is recommended as the number of participants is limited.

We look forward to an inspiring workshop with you and the Congolese choirs!