

Music Celebrations International presents the

# WINDY CITY *Choral Festival*

March 7-9, 2019

Z. Randall Stroope | *Artistic Director*  
Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center



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# ABOUT *the Festival*

Music Celebrations International is pleased to present the twelfth-annual Windy City Choral Festival, March 7-9, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. Mixed (SATB) choirs will join together to sing in one of the world's great concert halls – Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In addition to being part of the Windy City Festival Chorus, four choirs will be selected by audition to conduct a stand-alone performance on stage during the finale concert.

World-renowned choral conductor, composer, and Director of Choral Activities at Oklahoma State University, Dr. Z. Randall Stroope, will serve as Artistic Director, and will lead the rehearsals and finale performance.

The name of Chicago was appropriately drawn from an Indian word meaning “strong” or “great.” True to its name, Chicago proudly offers some of the world's best museums, the highest buildings, the most renowned orchestras and choirs, the world-class Brookfield Zoo, a beautiful lakefront skyline, and of course, Chicago dogs and pizza! With its wonderful musical heritage, Chicago will be the ideal host city to choirs around the country for this magnificent festival experience.

All concert and tour production will be professionally provided by Music Celebrations International.



# SUGGESTED *Itinerary*

## DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

Arrive in Chicago and meet your Tour Manager  
Take a panoramic city tour of Historic Downtown and the Loop  
Hotel check-in  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
*Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal*  
Return to the hotel for overnight  
Director's Reception with the other directors and Z. Randall Stroope

## DAY TWO: FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Breakfast  
Take a guided tour of Chicago's historic downtown and the Loop, including a visit to the Field Museum of Natural History  
"Spirit of Chicago" Lunch Cruise, with dancing and time to mingle with the other choirs and have fun!  
Afternoon free for sightseeing and shopping  
Dinner, on own  
*Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal*  
Return to the hotel for overnight

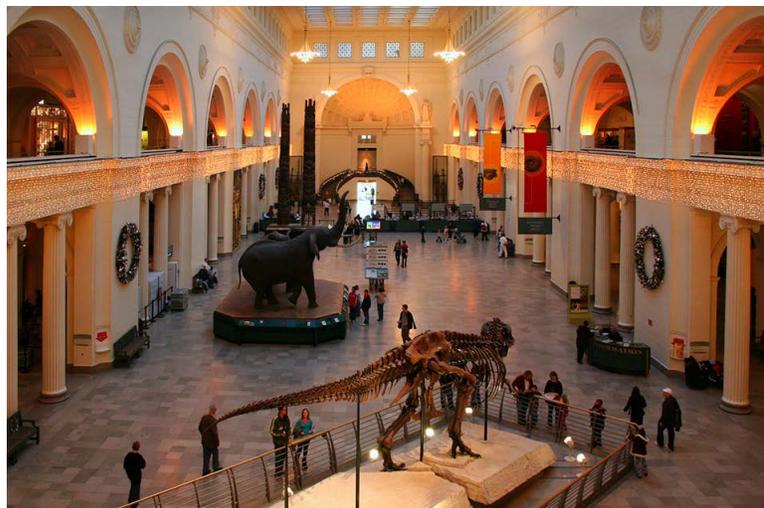
## DAY THREE: SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Breakfast  
*Morning Dress Rehearsal at Orchestra Hall*  
Lunch, on own  
*Windy City Choral Festival Finale Concert at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center*  
Following the performance, dinner at a local restaurant  
Return to the hotel for overnight

## DAY FOUR: SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Breakfast  
Check out of hotel  
As schedule permits, time for last minute sightseeing and/or shopping  
Depart for home

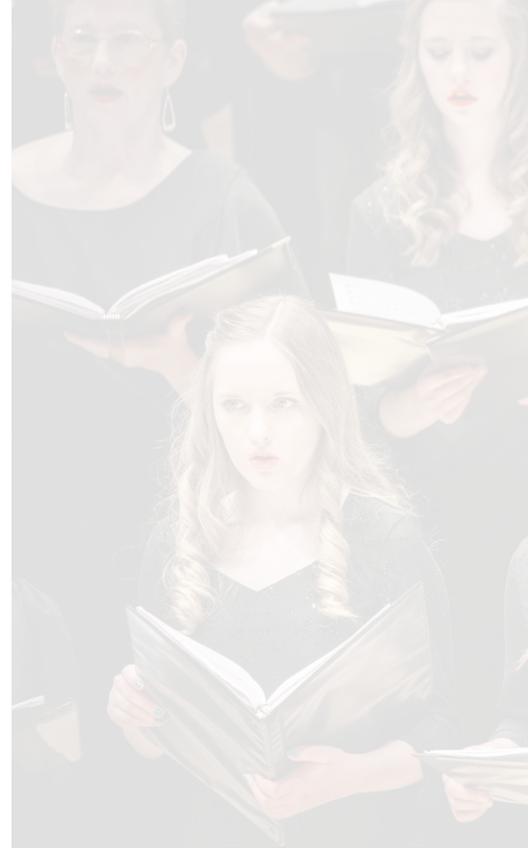
*Longer tour options are available to visiting choirs by request.  
Please contact Music Celebrations for more details*



# ORCHESTRA HALL *at Symphony Center*

For nearly the first fourteen years of its history, the Chicago Orchestra performed at the Auditorium Theatre (completed in 1889). Orchestra Hall – the long-standing dream of Theodore Thomas – was designed by CSO trustee and Chicago architect Daniel H. Burnham and completed in 1904, at a cost of \$750,000. The dedicatory concert, led by Thomas, was held on December 14 of that year.

Orchestra Hall has been host for a variety of performances and presentations since its dedication in 1904. During its first fifty years, Orchestra Hall was the regular home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as the Apollo Musical Club, the Mendelssohn Club of Chicago, the Chicago Business Men's Symphony, the Commonwealth Edison Orchestra, and the Marshall Field Choral Society. Mayors Richard M. Daley, Jr. and Harold Washington both were inaugurated during ceremonies held at Orchestra Hall. In addition, the Hall has hosted countless lectures (including Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr.); movies; commencement ceremonies; billiards tournaments; religious services; suffrage and other political rallies; and visiting orchestras, choruses, and dance companies from all over the world.



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