

## World Youth Choir sings for Nobel Peace Prize winners

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60 singers from 40 countries invited to Oslo by Jeunesses Musicales Norway

On October 19th, 2011 it was announced that the [World Youth Choir](#) will participate at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert held in Oslo on December 11th – the annual musical tribute to the year's Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Featuring an international selection of musical artists and celebrity hosts, the concert honors the spirit and message of the Nobel Peace Prize. It is a musical celebration like no other.

- The Nobel Peace Prize concert reaches potentially 350 million households in 80-120 countries, the Peace Prize concert's publicist Dag Hvarning states. [Read more about the Nobel concert here](#)

The choir has also been invited to sing at the Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony in Oslo City Hall on December 10th, where the three 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winners Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkul Karman will receive the award for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work.

Lastly, the choir will give a solo concert in Oslo University's Ceremonial Hall on Friday December 9th. The University's Ceremonial Hall has since its creation in 1911 been the important debut stage for Norwegian composers and musicians, and was until the 1960ies the "home stage" for the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra. But it also contains 232 square meters with paintings of the world famous painter Edvard Munch!

The hall was built for the 100th year Anniversary in 1911 and was renovated for this year's anniversary of the University of Oslo. This Hall used to be the place for the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony, but they stopped this tradition in 1990, due to lack of space. There are 510 seats in the Aula.

The World Youth Choir is one of the most original and important international choirs that exists nowadays. Made of young singers between the ages of 18 and 30 of different nationalities, the World Youth Choir is a remarkable educational and social experience through different vocal traditions at the highest artistic level. For the concerts in Oslo, the choir will be made up of 60 singers from more than 40 different countries, conducted by Norwegian conductor Grete Pedersen. Socially speaking, the World Youth Choir contributes to the raising of new generations of "Citizens of the World." Besides this, many countries represented by the singers in the choir and by the music in the repertoire, emphasize the World Youth Choir as a school of understanding between different cultures, people, music and traditions. The World Youth Choir is a project of the World Youth Choir Foundation which has its seat in The Hague, The Netherlands. Patrons of the choir are the [European Choral Association – Europa Cantat](#), the [Jeunesses Musicales International](#) and the [International Federation for Choral Music](#).

The choir has been invited to Oslo by [Jeunesses Musicales Norway](#) in cooperation with the [University of Oslo](#) at the occasion of its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The project is sponsored by [Bergesens Almennyttige Stiftelse](#). We also thank the [Norwegian Culture Council](#) and [Skipsreder Tom Wilhelmsens Stiftelse](#) for their kind support to this project.

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