

First Aid for Choirs & Conductors 2009

by **Vytautas Miškinis**
8th to 11th December 2009

The *First Aid for Choirs & Conductors* series provides opportunities for choirs and conductors to learn repertoire and gain practical experience from visiting renowned choir directors. It renders the resources for upgrading and offers an opportunity to experience different approaches to choral training and music-making, with a perspective to expand and review their current perception of choral singing. **Vytautas Miškinis** (Lithuania) will be in-house to administer a healthy dose of home-prepared compositions and Lithuanian choral remedies.



Vytautas Miškinis - choir conductor, composer, educator

Miškinis, Professor at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Department of Choir Conducting since 1985, studied conducting with Hermanas Perelšteinas at the Lithuanian State Conservatoire. He has been the artistic director and primary conductor of the Ažuoliukas Boys' Choir and the Vilnius Teachers House Men's Choir since 1979. He has also conducted the Kaunas State Choir and Vilnius' vocal ensemble Museum Musicum. With these choirs, he has traveled extensively across Europe, garnering prizes at major choral festivals and competitions, including the European Grand Prix circuit.

Currently the president of the Lithuanian Choral Union, Miškinis has organized, directed and participated in numerous song festivals in Lithuania over the last three decades. He has also been consultant and/or member of international choral music boards like Europa Cantat, International Federation of Choral Music and the American Choral Directors Association. Miškinis has been invited to juries at national and international choral competitions, presented at seminars and given master classes throughout Europe, the USA and parts of Asia. He has received several national awards in recognition of his contributions to the growth and development of choral music in Lithuania. Miškinis' compositions, numbering in excess of five hundred, have become staples for choirs of all standings throughout the world.

Date	Time	Venue	Title	Fee
8 Dec 09 (Tue)	10am to 12.30pm	YMS Auditorium	Choir Clinic	\$700 per choir
9 Dec 09 (Wed)	10am to 4.30pm	YMS Auditorium	Workshop: Boys' Choirs (SATB/TTBB)	\$700 per school (≤35 singers)
9 Dec 09 (Wed)	7.30pm to 10pm	Choral Studio	Choir Clinic	\$700 per choir
11 Dec 09 (Fri)	2.30pm to 5pm	Choral Studio	Workshop: Lithuanian Music & the Music of Vytautas Miškinis	\$100 per participant *\$80 if registered & paid by 20Nov09

Workshop : Boys' Choirs (Wed 9 Dec 09, 10am, YMS Auditorium)

We will be drawing on Miškinis' experience in his 30 years of work with the Ažuoliukas Boys Choir, one of the most recognised names in musical Lithuania. He will share his expertise on working with boys' choirs and guide them through prescribed repertoire.

"First of all, I treat Ažuoliukas as a musical-pedagogical group and only then as a performing choir. Surely, it is great when you are able to perform a complicated composition. But it is only the top of an iceberg. All work is under the water. If you give a lot to a child, you will get a lot in return. You have to be able to extract from a child for his sake, because this educates him not only from a musical perspective, but also provides the skills of life." Prof. Vytautas Miškinis

Workshop : Lithuanian Music & the Music of Vytautas Miškinis (Fri 11 Dec 09, 2.30pm, Choral Studio)

This workshop has been designed for Choral Conductors to explore the growing interest in music from the Baltic region, with a focus on Lithuanian Choral Music and the music of Vytautas Miškinis. Who better to explore this brand of choral music than with Lithuania's foremost composer, conductor and music educator? Having been responsible for more than five hundred compositions (including motets, Masses, Litanies and secular music), Miškinis retains a wealth of information that he is ever willing to impart.

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Fee : \$100 per participant

Early Bird Special : pay only **\$80** if you register with payment by 20th November 2009

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Enquiries

- For enquiries, please call 6332 5813 or email makemusic@yms.org.sg
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Acknowledged by : _____
Participant / date