

# Welcome

Welcome to the Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival and Competition!

Among those who've seen it in person, the conclusion is unanimous: Venice is the most beautiful city in the world, and the only one that can truly be described as unique.

Each building is a work of art, with their beauty enhanced when reflected on the canals that cross the city. Its magical scenery is fascinating and breathtaking at first sight, evoking the feeling of entering the setting of a real-life fairy tale. It's perhaps even unfair to all other cities to call Venice a city, as it is a place unlike any other, that no other can compare to, or ever be like.

For these reasons I warmly invite your choir at the only choral competition that really takes part in Venice (and not in the neighbouring places, such as Jesolo or Caorle...). You will sing inside beautiful Churches, such as San Stae, San Pietro a Castello, San Giovanni e Paolo. And if you are the lucky winners of the Grand Prix you will have the honour to sing a concert inside the astonishing Church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli. Then you can extend your staying in Venice for the weekend to enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the famous Carnival. You can check our proposals of tour in Northern Italy, South of Italy and from Rome to Venice (or viceversa) in 10 days.

Do come to Venice to enjoy the Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival and Competition

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