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International Choirs Coming to Pocatello July 19-24, 2016

Has it really been three years? As host families for the Idaho International Choral Festival said goodbye to their new friends in July 2013, they had no idea how quickly the next festival would arrive.

The 2016 festival is rapidly approaching. On July 19-24, 2016, fifteen choirs from around the world will come to Pocatello, Idaho, to celebrate music and the peace it can bring to the planet. IICF is preparing to welcome choirs from Costa Rica, Georgia, Ghana, Iran, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States.

We are offering the opportunity for local residents to open their homes and hearts by hosting some of these singers. We welcome volunteers to contact us through our website at <u>idahointerchoralfest.org</u> or by communicating directly with our housing directors Bob Lee (bob@idahointerchoralfest.org) and Janie Gephardt (janie@idahointerchoralfest.org).

It is an honor to offer the community this international experience. Hosting guests is, of course, integral to our festival, yet we also invite you to avail yourselves of the magnificent choral traditions that will be presented in the concerts. As a committee we feel saddened when we realize that these singers have traveled thousands of miles to sing for an audience of only ten or twelve people at some of the smaller venues.

Performance venues for the 2016 festival include Jensen Grand Concert Hall, Goranson Hall, Trinity Episcopal, First Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ. Each location has a unique acoustic quality that facilitates enjoyable performances for singers and audiences. Our ticket prices will be very reasonable.

Individual – single concert, \$8; all concerts, \$16 Family – single concert, \$16; all concerts, \$32 *Host families will receive free passes to all events.*

Please consider joining us in whatever way you can for the 2016 festival as we "Sing the World Together" one more time. We promise an experience you won't soon forget.