



## Four months to go until the World Day of Peace. We need you!

Since the founding of the association in 2018 with the goal of having worldwide peace concerts on the World Peace Day, we have gone through many ups and downs with this huge project. Today we are sure: The concert in Lucerne will take place on September 21, 2023 and it will be great!

But the heart of the project, the networking and broadcasting of the many choir voices singing for peace worldwide, still needs to be financed. **That is why we are writing to all of you, our "crowd"**. With a crowdfunding we want to raise the missing amount of 12'000.- CHF within the next 50 days. We are happy about small and big amounts and about forwarding our crowdfunding call to interested and affine persons. Full according to the motto of Erich Kästner: "Nothing happens, unless you do it!".

FYI for those who are not familiar with the "all or nothing" concept of crowdfunding: If the targeted amount is not raised in the 50 days, all amounts will be returned to the supporting individuals.

Crowdfunding: Yes, I'm in!

## Program: World Day of Peace



The choral relay around the globe starts in New Zealand and can be followed all day in the Theater-BOX next to the Jesuit Church in Lucerne and on the TimeDate website. From 10am to midnight, the concerts will be streamed. Come by and listen to the voices from the different countries!

Lucerne is involved in this worldwide musical journey of peace. In the Jesuit Church, the work *The Peacemakers* by Karl Jenkins will be performed with more than 100 singers and the orchestra Camerata Cantabile, conducted by Helena Rösli. In addition, the well-known peace activist Lea Suter will present three portraits of current "Peacemakers" who work tirelessly for peacemaking in conflict areas. The advance sale starts on July 14, 2023 at [www.ticketino.ch](http://www.ticketino.ch).

# Peace is a permanent mission

## Interview with Lea Suter



Lea Suter is a peace activist and has been involved in cultural projects in conflict areas around the globe for years. As a blogger and peace reporter, she visits and portrays people who use cultural means to promote peace and understanding. In an interview with TimeDate, we get to know their perspective on peace work.

[full interview](#)

# Insight Choirs Worldwide

Of the choirs participating in the project, the choirs from Australia, India, Holland, Argentina and Chile give insights into their work and motivation.

## Australia - Moorambilla Voices

Moorambilla Voices is a non-profit multi-arts program that provides children and young people from remote communities in northwestern Australia with unique experiences in the performing arts. Every year, Moormabilla Voices puts on a multimedia stage program - this year songs from *The Peacemakers* are part of it. The children and adolescents meet in practice camps lasting several weeks. The children and adolescents meet in practice camps lasting several weeks. You can see more about this exciting project in [the video](#).

## India - Nazareth School Choir

Stella Balthazar, conductor of the Nazareth School Choir in Mumbai with her dedicated [video message](#).

## Netherlands - Scherzando

Frits van Vugt is chairman of the organizing committee of the choir Scherzando in Driebergen. He talks impressively about [making music as a contribution to peace](#) and their plans for the World Peace Day.

## Argentina - Estudio Vocal Neuquén

Estudio Vocal Neuquén is a vocal school for children, teenagers and adults in the Argentine city of Neuquén. It was founded in 2018 by Nilbelys Peraza and Sigismundo Romero. The couple immigrated from Venezuela when the political and economic situation there became increasingly difficult. The goal of Estudio Vocal is artistic promotion through individual and group singing. In addition, the school organizes events or is invited to participate, for example in the context of church festivities.

For the concert on Worlds Peace Day, the choir is formed by the singing students and is unique in its mixture of children, teenagers and adults. The idea of the worldwide peace concert motivates the singers and especially Nilbely and Sigismundo! They are convinced that peace is the natural wish of all inhabitants of our planet. So, they see it as a human duty to raise our voices when peace is disturbed and conflicts and war dominate the world.

With this conviction, they look forward to their participation in the worldwide project, thus representing Venezuela and Argentina and making an active contribution to cultural peacemaking.



## Chile - Integra Voce

The foundation of the choir Integra Voce from Santiago de Chile comes from the desire for peace and a life in security. The choir was founded by two Venezuelans, Misael Rivas and Christian Araque. Like thousands of people, they had to flee their home country because of the political crisis and very difficult living conditions. Thus, about 80% of the thirty singers are also from Venezuela. Singing and passing on and living Venezuelan folk music, as well as symphonic choral music, is their great passion.

At their peace concert on September 21, 2023, they will sing songs from Venezuela as well as some pieces from *The Peacemakers*.

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