

# Ireland to take part in Global Sing for Peace as choirs around the world commemorate 9/11

## Commemorative Concert – 9/11: Ireland *Remembers*

The Convention Centre Dublin  
marking the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on  
Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 - 4pm

The Global Sing for Peace was created so that musicians from around the world may show their support of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, centered around the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 Lincoln Center performance of Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man* and René Clausen's *Memorial*. Choirs around the world on that day will perform either *The Armed Man* and/or *Memorial* to commemorate the tragic events of 9/11.

A special message from composer Karl Jenkins can be seen on [www.globalsingforpeace.com](http://www.globalsingforpeace.com)

*In the spirit of peace and the healing power of music, I personally invite choirs from all over the world to have their voices heard via the Global Sing for Peace. This is your opportunity to dedicate your performance at home to the commemoration and marking of 10 years since the tragedy of 9/11. For those that cannot be in New York, join us in spirit as we gather in New York to perform my work *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*. Hundreds of choristers are making the journey to New York from the UK to sing under my direction and pay homage to our friends across the Atlantic. This is your opportunity, by signing up, to show your support. I encourage you to spread the word and join us. Karl Jenkins.*

The commemoration in Dublin will be presented by Ireland's Enchiriadis Treis Choir accompanied by the National Philharmonia Orchestra on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. **9/11: Ireland Remembers** will be held in The Convention Centre Dublin and includes a programme of poignant and moving music and incorporates spoken reflections delivered by invited guests from Irish public life and the arts. Among those reading will be Conor O'Clery who was an eye witness to the events in New York 10 years ago and Pulitzer prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon. Doireann Ní Bhriain will MC the event. Seamus Heaney's poem *Anything Can Happen* will be read as part of the programme.

*The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins will be the focal point of the concert, which is intended as a tribute to the friendship between Ireland and the United States of America. Originally commissioned for the millennium year in memory of the victims of the Kosovo conflict, *The*

*Armed Man* is extremely powerful, and carries the ultimate message of conflict resolution and hope for the future. The choir and orchestra will also perform the *Chichester Psalms*, a haunting and beautiful choral work by Leonard Bernstein.

Tickets now sale on Ticketmaster.ie from €20 (booking fees apply). For corporate premium tickets and packages, please contact Áine Kilgallon, Fundraising Consultant, on 086 6097488

Proceeds from the event will go to **The Ark, A Cultural Centre for Children** based in Dublin's Temple Bar. The money raised will fund *Harmony*, a new three year initiative to help children in marginalised communities engage with high quality musical experiences, to promote social inclusion, diversity and peace building. The concert is also supported by the **Edward M Kennedy Institute**, whose work on peace studies includes research on Ireland's international peace-making efforts, conflict prevention and post-conflict reconciliation in sensitive conflict zones.

Announcing the Commemorative Concert, **Enchiriadis Choir President Mr. Gerry Fitzsimons** said:

"The 10th Anniversary is about remembering, but also about reflecting on today's conflicts and challenges and on how expression through music can open our minds to reconciliation and tolerance on all sides...on our own island as well as internationally. The Choir wanted to bring this powerful music to a wider audience in Ireland by performing it as part of this important anniversary while at the same time promoting music as a medium of expression of positive values among children through The Ark's exciting initiative *Harmony*.

Commenting on the event, **Director of The Ark Ms. Eina McHugh** said: "We are delighted to be associated with this unique event and to partner with Enchiriadis Treis in raising funds for *Harmony*, which will provide unforgettable musical experiences for children whose opportunities for hearing and participating in live and interactive music activity are extremely limited. *Harmony* will introduce children from marginalised communities to a world of music, creativity, inspiration, and innovation – helping them to reach their full potential and adding to their quality of life. We want to remember those who died in the deeply tragic events of 9/11, but we also want to offer hope for the future by supporting a new generation of children".

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### **Notes to the editor**

#### ***9/11: Ireland Remembers***

1. Takes place in The Convention Centre Dublin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 4pm.
2. The event features Enchiriadis Treis Choir with the National Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Cathal Clinch.
3. Programme includes: Karl Jenkins *The Armed Man*, Leonard Bernstein *Chichester Psalms* & Spoken reflections by guests (*details to be announced*)
4. The Producer is *Maureen Kennelly*

#### ***Enchiriadis Treis***

1. Is a mixed adult choir of 120 voices, based in Malahide, County Dublin, Ireland.
2. Founded by Dr. Marion Doherty Hayden in 1994, it is committed to achieving musical excellence through performance of the great classical choral works.

3. For More information [www.ench3.com](http://www.ench3.com)

**The Ark** introduces children to the joy, wonder and creativity of the arts, and plays a vital role in raising the standard of culture for children. In a unique building designed specifically for them, children aged two to 12 explore everything from theatre, music and literature to painting, film, dance and more. They discover what it means to be an artist, from respected professional artists. There's no better way to nurture hungry young imaginations, or to inspire a lifelong journey through culture. [www.ark.ie](http://www.ark.ie) (reg. charity number 11334).

**The Edward M Kennedy Institute**

1. Based in NUI Maynooth the Institute specialises in the teaching and research of leadership, peace, mediation, conflict intervention and the promotion of Ireland as an international centre for conflict intervention.
2. The Institute is dedicated, with the support of the Irish Government, to the late Senator Ted Kennedy as an acknowledgement of his immense commitment to Ireland, including his role in helping to bring about peace in Northern Ireland.

For information on the **Global Sing For Peace Initiative** Visit <http://globalsingforpeace.com/>

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