

WFAO General Assembly and Istanbul Meeting Report

○Date : November 2~4, 2023

○Venue : The Marmara Pera

○Outline

<WFAO GA> November 4 (Sat) 10:00~12:30

• Participants

In person (10 people)

Alex van Beveren, Private Individual (Belgium)

Steven Hellemans, VLAMO (Belgium)

Haruo Hiramatsu, NPO WFAO / JAO (Japan)

Helge Lorenz, BDLO (Germany)

Rebecca Jones-Buerk, BDLO (Germany)

Henrik Aames, UNOF (Norway)

Carl Ninian Wika, UNOF (Norway)

Yuzuru Yamaji, Jungli Youth Orchestra/Chamber Orchestra of the University of the Philippines/ Bombay
Chamber Orchestra (Taiwan)

Begum Çalimli Private Individual (Turkey)

Jüri-Ruut Kangur, EOFAD (Estonia)

Guest (1 people)

Cathrine Holmesland Wika

Online (7 people)

Daniel Kellerhals, Private Individual (Switzerland)

Friedemann Kallmeyer, BDLO (Germany)

Shuji Mori, NPO WFAO (Japan)

Tommaso Napoli, AIMA (Italy)

Juan Rojas Castillo Private Individual (Columbia)

Kim Kyungmyung, Gam String Ensemble

Ramu Thiruyanam, Singapore National Youth Orchestra (Singapore)

• **Agenda**

- 1 List of attendance, ascertainment of the votes represented
- 2 Adoption of the agenda
- 3 Approval of minutes of the General Assembly in Singapore
- 4 Activity and Financial Report
- 5 Approval of the activity and financial reports

- 6 Discharge of the Board and the Treasurer:
- 7 Amendments of the constitution
- 8 Membership fees
- 9 Election of the Board of directors and the Chairperson
- 1 0 Election of two auditors and one substitute auditor
- 1 1 Strategy discussion and adoption of the work program 2023–2026
- 1 2 Budget for the fiscal years
- 1 3 Miscellaneous

• New Board Member

Chairperson : Helge Lorenz, BDLO (Germany)

Vice Chairperson : Yuzuru Yamaji, Jungli Youth Orchestra (Taiwan)

Board Members : Begum Çalimli - Private Individual (Turkey)

Haruo Hiramatsu - NPO WFAO / JAO (Japan)

Friedemann Kallmeyer - BDLO (Germany)

Maria Nauen - Beijing International Chamber Orchestra (China)

Shuji Mori - NPO WFAO (Japan)

Henrik Aarnes - UNOF (Norway)

(Treasurer) Steven Hellemans – VLAMO (Belgium)

Administrative Assistant : Rebecca Jones-Buerk, BDLO (Germany)

<WFAO Board meeting> November 3rd (Fri) 10:00~10:50, November 4th (Sat) 16:30~17:30

Discussion on accounting procedures (bank accounts), website, and programs for the period 2023-2026, etc.



<Conference Session 1> November 3rd 日(Fri) 10:50~12:50

• **The Islands' Children's and Youth Orchestra**

This orchestra is composed of children and young people from the island region, and it performs in the city and on the islands near Istanbul. Pinar Satioglu is the founder. She is a dentist by profession and a member of the International Trail Running Association, actively participating in competitions.



Ms. Pinar Satioglu

• **Vocal Painting Workshop**

Basak Dogan was the first Turkish person to enroll in the Royal Danish Academy of Music, where she learned new choral conducting and improvisational techniques originating in Scandinavia. This method involves allowing each performer to express their own rhythm and music improvisationally, creating a choir through 74 signs (gestures = conducting).

HP : [vocal painting | chromas \(chromaschoir.com\)](http://vocalpainting|chromas(chromaschoir.com))



Ms. Basak Dogan

<Conference Session 2> November 3rd (Fri) 14:40~16:00

• **Rezonans**

Rezonans, a choir established in 2010, got award of Turkey's Choir of the Year in 2017. The choir has participated in major music festivals in Europe and has performed under the direction of renowned conductors. Additionally, they organize concerts throughout Turkey.

HP : [Rezonans | Koro \(rzns.org\)](http://Rezonans|Koro(rzns.org))



Ms. Benu Altunsoy (Soprano)

• **Children and Youth Symphony Orchestra**

An orchestra centered around youth located in the Tepebasi district.



Ms. Inci Caliskan

• **Presentation for the 2024 JAO Event**

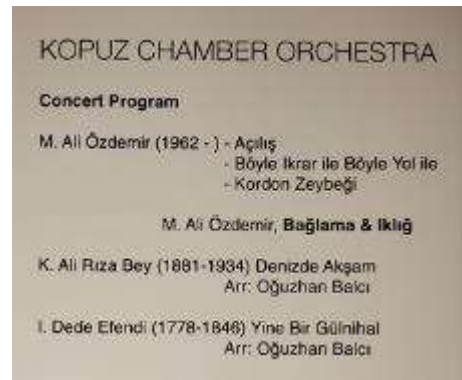
JAO (The Federation of Japan Amateur Orchestras Corporation), established in 1972, has been working towards revitalizing amateur orchestra activities nationwide and promoting locally rooted musical endeavors. The events scheduled for the fiscal year 2024 are the 52nd JAO Fest Tokyo Convention, the 40th TYOC Matsue Convention, and the 24th MOC. Last year, they held the World Amateur Orchestra Forum in Shizuoka 2022.

HP : <https://www.jao.or.jp/index.php>



Mr. Haruo Hiramatsu

<Kopuz Chamber Orchestra Concert> November 4th (Sat) 14:20~14:40



Concert Program

<Conference Session 3> November 4th (Sat) 14:50~

• **Kopuz Chamber Orchestra**

Founded in 1982 by Professor Fethi Kopuz and a group of amateur musicians, it comprises individuals from various professions and music students. The ensemble aims to promote polyphonic music in Turkey, providing opportunities for collaboration with various soloists and orchestras. They regularly perform concerts at universities, schools, cultural centers, and other venues.

HP : <https://kopuzodaorkestrasi.com/>



• **Istanbul European Choir**

Established in 1967, this is one of Turkey's prominent multicultural choirs, consisting of individuals with diverse professions and nationalities.

HP : [Istanbul European Choir | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IstanbulEuropeanChoir)



• **Music Camp Polka**

In 2018, Özlem Yıldırım established Polka Music and has been organizing various concerts and events. One of their initiatives, Music Camp Polka, is a 4-night, 5-day camp targeting individuals aged 6 to 15, where professional musicians provide instruction. The camp focuses on teaching participants to collaborate as members of a team working towards common goals. The first edition took place in 2019.

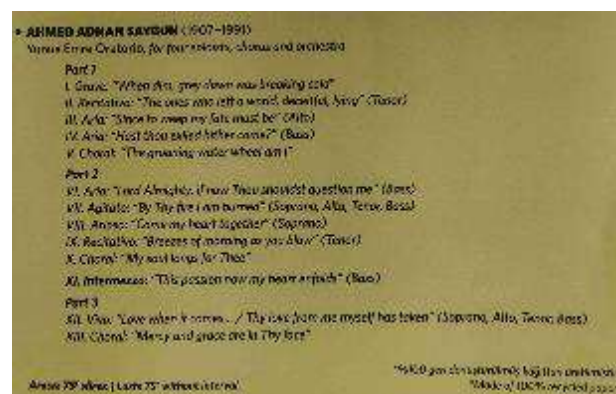
HP : <https://polkamusicproduction.com/>



Ms. Ozlem Yildirim

< **The Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra Concert** > **November 2nd (Thu)**

WFAO (World Federation of Amateur Orchestras) Board member and professional violinist Begum Calimli's orchestra gave a concert. The repertoire included "Yunus Emre Oratorio," composed by Ahmet Adnan Saygun, a Turkish composer from 1907 to 1991.



HP : <https://www.borusan.com/>

Concert Program