

# Hark the sound of 31 choirs in Old Town streets at eventide

As most readers will have noticed from the advertisement alongside the news articles, 31 choirs, meaning no fewer than 900 voices, will be able to be heard on the occasion of the first ever Choir Night to be held in the streets of the Old Town from 7 pm on Saturday 15 September and continuing until midnight.

The choirs themselves come from all over Zug and surrounding areas with the types of songs to be performed ranging from pop and jazz to church and folk music. Among the choirs will also be some made up entirely of children.

As Myrtha Schuler of the organising committee explained, it was not that difficult to persuade the choirs to get involved, not least as all nine members of the committee, who can be seen in the photograph, sing in choirs, too.



The idea for such an event was proposed by two young women as part of the "Ideas for Zug" project launched by the Zuger Kantonalbank, and ended up being one of 12 winners. One of the conditions was that the event had to be performed this year, meaning the organisers had to get their act together more quickly than expected. Otherwise, as Andreas Wepler, the chairman of the Zug Choir Night Association, explained, the event would have only started next year.

The choirs themselves will be performing on nine stages, inside and out, and the event is to take place regardless of the weather. Should it rain, those who would have performed outside will then sing inside. With each choir performing two or three times for around twenty minutes at different locations, the event has taken some organisation, not least as some stages are too small for some of the larger choirs.

Schuler went on to explain that the idea behind it all was to show the great variety of all the different choirs in the canton at one event, as usually, of course, choirs simply sing at their own concerts.

The highlight of the evening will be a coming together of all the choirs taking part at St Michael's church where the public will also be able to join in the singing. "This will be a unique occasion and a splendid way of rounding off the evening," said Schuler with great anticipation.



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*The many voices  
of Zug!*

*31 choirs on 9 stages  
in the Old Town of Zug*

**September 15, 2018**  
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