

Berlin Bilingual Secondary School  
Berlin Brandenburg International School  
Berlin British School  
Berlin International School  
Berlin Metropolitan School  
Nelson Mandela School  
Swiss International School

**Guest Choirs:**

Centrum Kórus, Dunaújváros, Hungary  
Echo, New York, United States of America  
GANz A Capella, Berlin

**Proudly present**



*“This year is the 10th concert of the Berlin International Music Project! BIMP aims to bring young musicians together from different parts of the world to make quality music in a joyful way. During the start up rehearsals and the intense two-day-BIMP weekend, the common love of music unites all the participating students in orchestras, band, and choirs, while working as a real team towards the same goal:  
**to enjoy the wonder of music making”***

Anna (Panni) Kovacs, BIMP Coordinator

*Thank you for everyone’s respectful concert behavior, supporting the hard working students and their leaders.*

## Quotes about BIMP from patrons and participants

*“Music is the universal language - and the Berlin International Music Project is the annual opportunity for over 200 children to communicate, grow together and shine together on stage. Again, a program full of different musical styles and traditions show the variety of talent in our schools. We enjoy their hard work - and the efforts of each ensemble conductor and supporting staff. Thank you for the music!”*

Peter Kotrc, Director BBIS

*“It was a great pleasure to meet students from different ages and cultures and to discover new things like musical styles, languages and activities that I did not know before. After all the rehearsals that we did together, I no longer see other people as strangers but like my family, for me the BIMP experience is the formation of a big family, a family united by one passion: Music.”*

Malicka, student ASA from BIMP 2018

*“BIMP is a great opportunity for people who really love singing and to meet people who like it just as much and together create a very good performance. It is just fun! It is really fun! And even if you don't have the best music theory skills, BIMP will help you to pretend that you do and get away with it. It is a great chance to create a professional performance.”*

Daniel Fisher, student BBIS

*“BIMP is a great opportunity for students to explore their creativity through singing and playing instruments while meeting new people from around the world.”*

Lili Magyar, student BBIS

*“I had an amazing BIMP experience because I was able to make new friends and to connect with other people who enjoyed choir as well.”*

Adelle Claussen, student ASA from BIMP 2018

*“I have been working with the Junior Orchestra for three years now and I think that providing the opportunity for young musicians to play with other musicians of varied backgrounds and experience provides a challenging and exciting adventure. Orchestra is a team sport and learning how to fulfill different roles on your instrument with the common goal of creating the best performance you can as a group is invaluable for a young musicians. I'm incredibly grateful to the BIMP program and all the hard work that goes into it by both the children, the teachers, and organizers”*

Jonathan Conaway, Junior Orchestra leader and music teacher SIS

*“This has been an incredible experience and it has taught me, along with my friends, what it is like to sing in a big choir and to be part of something so important. This was my first time singing with such a big choir and it was incredible to hear my part sung by so many other individuals. We could really hear all parts and this allowed me to open my ears to see how my part fits in with other parts.”*

Lena Barday, student ASA from BIMP 2018

*“What says 'community' better than BIMP? People from different sections of the BBIS family, from other Berlin and German schools and even from other parts of the world all come together literally, in harmony, with one common goal; to make beautiful music together. We have loved our involvement with BIMP over the past five years and always look forward to it. BIMP is simply diverse people in unison.”*

Andrew Hand and Catherine Wright, Principal BBIS

*“This will be the 10th BIMP for me and it's the music event that I look forward to every year. It's lovely to see how a chaotic start can end with an amazing concert. Many friendships have been made over the past 9 BIMP's and I'm sure many more will be made this year.”*

Mette Holmark, BIMP co-coordinator

# PROGRAM

“In loving memory of Gabor Kovacs and Erasmus Meinerts”

## GANZ A CAPELLA

Shannon Leonard

- **Hallelujah**, by Leonard Cohen, arranged by Shannon Leonard

## OPENING SPEECH

- **Welcome by BBIS Director Peter Kotrc**
- **10th Anniversary video with Ben Kestner**

## JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

Jonathan Conaway (SIS)

- **War March of the Priests** by Felix Mendelssohn, arranged by Jonathan Conaway
- **Theme from the New World Symphony** by Antonin Dvorak, arranged by Jeff Manookian/Jonathan Conaway
- **Can Can from Orpheus in the Underworld** by Jacques Offenbach, arranged by Thomas Stapf/Jonathan Conaway

## ECHO

- **The Civil Wars**, by Devil's Backbone
- **The Call**, by Backstreet Boys

# **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Aziza Sadikova (BIS)  
Piano: Adrian Leang (BIS)

- **De Colores**, Mexican Folk song, arranged by Sonja Poorman
- **The Cuckoo Clock Duet** by Andy Beck
- **Chunga-Changa**
- **Coraline: End Credits** by Bruno Coulais, arranged by Sebastian Wolf
- **Roar**, by Katie Perry

# **ANNIVERSARY SPEECH**

- **Video speech Ivan Fischer**, BIMP Patron

# **JAZZ POP ENSEMBLE**

Phil Tietjen (BBS)

- **When I'm 64** by The Beatles, arranged by Phil Tietjen
- **Let's Dance** by Davie Bowie, arranged by Phil Tietjen
- **Counting Stars** by One Republic, arranged by Phil Tietjen, vocal Daniel Fischer

# **GANZ A CAPELLA**

Shannon Leonard

- **Somebody I use to know**, by Gotye, arranged by Shannon Leonard
- **Writings on the wall/Sky fall**, by Sam Smith/Adele, arranged by Shannon Leonard
- **No Roots**, by Alice Merton, arranged by Annabelle Kemish

# SENIOR ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Moss (BBIS)

- **Time Lapse** by Michael Nyman
- **Libertango** by Astor Piazzolla

*Soloists: Violin - Soheyla Güttler, Piano - Linus Höller, Cello - Philipp Kruse*

# SENIOR CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Anna (Panni) Kovacs and Benjamin Moss (BBIS)

Piano: Adrian Leang

- **MEDLEY FROM LA LA LAND**, music by Justin Hurwitz, lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, arrangement by Mark Brymer, Martin Milner and Jaret Choolun
  - **Mia and Sebastian's Theme**, piano and choir
  - **Another Day of Sun**, orchestra and choir
  - **City of Stars**, piano and choir

# ECHO

- **Daddy Lessons**, by Beyoncé featuring Dixie Chicks
- **Listen To Your Heart/Alone**, by Roxette and Heart (Mash up)

# SENIOR CHOIR

Anna (Panni) Kovacs (BBIS), Krisztina Ujházy (Centrum Kórus)

Piano: Adrian Leang (BIS)

Bass Guitar: Manuel Carazo

Drum: Aditya Tripathi

- **Down to the River to Pray** by George H. Allan; *dedicated to Gabor Kovacs*
- **Kiskece Lanyom**, variations on a Hungarian Folk song; *dedicated to Erasmus Meinerts*
- **A Change is Gonna Come** by Sam Cooke, arranged by Jay Althouse

- **April Song** by Shalan Alhamwy (Premiere)

*Clarinet: Viktória Rozs; Violin: Shalan Alhamwy, Soheyla Güttler;  
Cello: Lili Magyar, Philipp Krus; Double Bass: Julius Deckelmann;  
Daf: Nastaran Mirabshabestari; Glockenspiel: Chantelle Geller;  
Accordion: Nikolett Juhász, Zsafia Káveczky*

## FINAL SONG

Mette Holmark

Piano: Adrain Leang

- **Count on Me** by Bruno Mars, choir and orchestra arrangement by Jaret Choolun

*Ukulele: Claire Kim, Lisa-Marie Fellger, Anna Philip*

# ENSEMBLES

## JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

Jonathan Conaway - SIS - is the primary music teacher for years 1-6 at SIS Berlin. He is originally from Pittsburgh, USA. After studying music at West Chester University in Philadelphia and the American Intercontinental University in London he pursued a career as a violinist. It was during this time that he became inspired to teach music. He completed his BM in Music Education from West Chester University in 2016 and moved to Berlin, after teaching in Philadelphia, to become the primary music teacher at SIS. In Philadelphia he taught both primary and secondary music in addition to choir, guitar, and string ensemble.

Annabell Kube, SIS  
Barbara Schorr, BBIS  
Charlotte Rosenthal, BBS  
Clara Ching, BBS  
Felice Lierre, BBS

Helene Plessmann, BBS  
Louisa Brand, BIS  
Melina Katherina Sapon, BBS  
Phileas Huang, BBS  
Victoria Sack, BBIS

## JUNIOR CHOIR

**Aziza Sadikova - BIS** - has been a music teacher at BIS since 2008. She is a primary music teacher, and a choir assistant with Kirtsy Gillies. In 2015 she also began as a Primary Choir director at BIS, enjoying her role with performances in and outside the school, for example at Berliner Philharmonie, Deutsches Theatre Berlin, school events, and Advent concerts at Seniorheim in Dahlem.

Aziza Sadikova is a professionally trained pianist and composer and is very active in the Berlin music scene, with productions of her works with leading conductors and ensembles.

Arwen Borchardt, BBIS  
Camila Sampaio, BMS  
Cäcilie Rumpelhardt, BIS  
Charlotte Duden, BIS  
Elizabeth Luna Kroemer, BIS  
Enna Beidokat, BCS  
Ina Schroeder, BIS  
Jaden Cheng, BMS  
Janina Weinstock, SIS  
Jiu Hwang, BIS  
Kara Theobald, SIS  
Keelan Kumba, SIS  
Kyungeon Park, BBIS  
Maja Siegel, BMS  
Marc Wolfram, BIS

Margarita Enikeeva  
Max Kroemer, BIS  
Mia Ruiz, BIS  
Michael Fitzgerald, BBIS  
Minus Kim, BIS  
Octavia Schief, BMS  
Oskar Ruhe, BCS  
Sofia Schneider, BMS  
Sophia Lambert, BIS  
Stephanie Widodo, BIS  
Taekyung Lee, BBIS  
Tara Krishnatray, BIS  
William Lambert, BIS  
Yubin Lee, BIS

## JAZZ POP ENSEMBLE

**Phil Tietjen - BBS** - studied contemporary music performance, music production and sonic arts in Nottingham, England, before completing his PGCE. He has performed in bands all over the U.K. and in Germany before moving to Berlin.

He currently teaches music across primary and secondary school at Berlin British School.

Hanna Levin, BIS  
Immanuel Lee long, BBS

Oliver Hargreaves, BBIS  
Sara Ramires Pombo, BBS



## SENIOR ORCHESTRA

**Benjamin Moss - BBIS** - moved to Berlin last summer to take up his current teaching post, having previously taught in Malawi and England. He completed his BMus from King's College London all too long ago, and holds postgraduate degrees in musicology and education from the universities of Nottingham and Cambridge (UK). Being a keen clarinettist and orchestral player, he is delighted to be conducting the Senior Orchestra! Ben has been blessed to work with many professional artists, whether in music or the theatre, to help nurture his students' interests. When not thinking about music, he likes to forget Brexit, swing dance and learn the harmonica, not necessarily at the same time.

Aadith Yadav Govindaraj, BIS  
Aditya Tripathi, BBIS  
Anirud Yamonan Govindaraj, BIS  
Artem Parkhomenko, BBIS  
Casey Gardze, BBIS  
Claas Hoermann, BBIS  
Carina Zhou, BIS  
Emma-Lily Roewer, BBSS  
Helen Eckstein, BBSS  
Hyunseo Park, BBIS  
Kiyoon Yun, BBIS  
Jiyoon Yun  
Jona Clevorn, BBIS

Jonas Eckardt, BBSS  
Kaisaiy Nyamusa, NMS  
Kwam Kim, BBIS  
Linus Höller, BBIS  
Lola Bradbury, other  
Paul Arkilander, teacher BBIS  
Paulina Christe, BBIS  
Philipp Kruse, BBIS  
Rachel Wahlquist Jones, teacher BBIS  
Sohee Christin Park, BBIS  
Soheyla Güttler, BBIS  
Yessigheh Nyamusa, NMS

## SENIOR CHOIR

**Anna "Panni" Kovacs - BBIS** - is one of the founding directors of the Berlin International Music Project along with former BBIS principal, Ben Kestner. Ms. Kovacs and Mr. Kestner started the Berlin International Music Project in the school year 2009/2010 and this year we celebrate the 10th anniversary BIMP. Since that time the project has grown rapidly, involving gradually more international music groups from around the world. The project hosted groups from New York, England, Hungary, Bavaria, Slovakia, France and Madagascar. Ms. Kovacs has been working with different choirs for over 25 years. She has a Masters of Music Education from the Liszt Ferenc Music Academy (Budapest, Hungary) and a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Westminster Choir College, the music school of Rider University (Princeton, NJ). She is currently on the faculty of the Berlin Brandenburg International School, and on the summer faculty of New York University, Portland State University and Westminster Choir College teaching choral conducting, music theory, pedagogy, and vocal training. She is the past president of the Kodaly Organization of New York, and an active choral clinician in the United States, Europe, and Brazil.

**Adrian Leang (BIS)** has taught music in various schools in the UK before joining the Berlin International School in 2004, where he teach music in grade 6 till 12. He is an organist, pianist

and choir trainer. Adrian has been part of BIMP from the beginning and for several years as an honorary pianist for the Senior Choir.

Aimee Lierre, BMS	Kyle Garcia, ECHO
Alexandra Rumann, Centrum	Lili Magyar, BBIS
Allie Beik, ECHO	Luz Rodrigues Girones, BBIS
Allie Torres, ECHO	Lisa Roy, Teacher BBIS
Ananya Tripathi, BBIS	Marcella Csókás, Centrum
Andrew Hand, Teacher BBIS	Máté Balázs, Centrum
Andrew Nientes, ECHO	Mayuri Pandu, Parent
Andrew Wang, ECHO	Mia Mariam van Eickels, BMS
Anne Douglas, BBIS	Milla Drüner, BMS
Anouk Rodrigues Girones, BBIS	Naemi Ditiatkovsky, BBIS
Bence Horváth, Centrum	Nicoletta Juhász, Centrum
Eszter Magyar, Alumni	Nikol Rashkova, BBIS
Hence Simon, Centrum	Odett Jiling, Centrum
Bettina Fűri, Centrum	Ottó Juling, Centrum
Björk Glauser, BBIS	Owen Gardze, BBIS
Carl Nordin Lingren, BBIS	Peixuan Wu, BBIS
Casey Gardze, BBIS	Péter Ábrahám, Centrum
Catherine Wright, BBIS	Ráhel Brasnyó, Centrum
Chantelle Geller, BMS	Renáta Sörös, Centrum
Dayo Kramer, NMS	Richárd Nagy, Centrum
Dohyeon Ko, BBIS	Romy Ditiatkovsky, BBIS
Douglas Weber, Teacher BCS	Sam Kopansky, ECHO
Elizabet Erdélyi, Centrum	Samuel Higgins, BBIS
Elke Paul, Teacher BBIS	Sara Enayssi, Teacher BBIS
Emma Hänel, BMS	Satyam Parida, Alumni
Fran Korthals, Teacher BBIS	Senta Berendorfer, BBIS
Gina Amsellem, ECHO	Shaiel Entebi Sparks, BBIS
Greta Jäger, NMS	Shakira Leia Khisro, SIS
Hilja Fitzgerald, BBIS	Simon Higgins, BBIS
Hinako Hayasaki, BBIS	Smari Glasuser, BBIS
Inga Poetzsch, BBIS	Sophie Castagne-Eick, BBIS
Isabel von Stein, BBIS	Susanne Mauhs van Hall, Teacher BBIS
Isabelle Vrod, ECHO	Svea Trachterna, BBIS
Isabelle White, BBIS	Tamás Flaisz, Centrum
James Higgins, BBIS	Viktória Rozs, Centrum
Jaret Choolun	Viktória Simon, Centrum
Johanna Elisabeth Trubok, Other	Vivien Kolter, Centrum
Johannes Schultz, Alumni	Whitney Sterling, Teacher BBIS
Justin Heim, ECHO	Zoe Vogelsang, NMS
Katharina Martin, BBIS	Zoltán Orgovány, Centrum
Kevon Powell, BBIS	Zsigmond Flaisz, Centrum
Krisztina Ujházy, Centrum	Zsófia Káveczky, Centrum

## Visiting School leader and Special Guests

**Krisztina Ujházy - Centrum Kórus** - completed her studies as a music teacher and choir conductor at ELTE University of Budapest. She worked for several years in New Jersey, USA, teaching piano, violin and voice to children and adults, She played the violin in the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra in New Jersey, and served as an assistant concertmeister. Now she works as a teacher of music and English. She is also the conductor of the Mixed Choir of the town of Paks, Hungary, as well as a composer of choral and instrumental music.

Ms Krisztina Ujházy established the Centrum choir in 2010 in the small industrial town of Dunaújváros, Hungary. Its members come from three different schools, and rehears weekly. They regularly perform at school and town events, and take part in competitions for high school students. Their repertoire includes choral pieces from the baroque era to contemporary music.

### **GANZ A Capella - Germany Australia New Zealand A Capella**

Known for their unique vocal blend and rich harmonies, emerging local sextet, GANz A Capella, have achieved international acclaim for their electrifying interpretation and original arrangements of diverse range of classical, modern and pop music.

Interpreting artist and composers from Mendelssohn to Muse, they showcase their exciting blend of voices through their fresh arrangements of great songs, which inspires their distinctive brand: a cappella pop, with a classical twist.

Finalist in the International A Capella Music Awards 2018, the six classically trained signers from Germany, Australia and New Zealand come together to unite their mutual passion for a cappella singing, high-quality performance, uplifting workshops and innovative misc video production. GANz A Capella are excited to take their music to Australia and New Zealand in July 2019 for their first international tour: HOME IS CALLING.

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Polly Ott - Soprano  
Annabelle Kemish - Soprano  
Anna Smith - Mezzo soprano  
Shannon Leonard - Tenor & Artistic Director  
Will Frost - Baritone  
Konstatin Selesnew - Bass

**ECHO** - A Capella Group from New York City. The passion for A Capella singing started in college for all members of the group. The members of the group work in different areas such as lawyer, wedding planner, teacher, graphic designer etc. but they all share the love for A Capella singing. All music Echo perform is arranged by the members of the group. They often attend A Capella competitions and they won Best Soloist in an A Capella group in 2017 and they were among the best 20 A Capella groups in the US in 2018.

Allie Beik - Soprano	Sam Kopansky, Tenor
Isabelle Vrod - Soprano	Kyle Garcia , Tenor
Allie Torres - Alto	Andrew Nietes, Tenor
Gina Amsellem - Alto	Justin Heim, Bass

# THANK YOU!

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**THANK YOU** to all musicians for their devotion, time and talent.

***We believe that with a joint music making the world becomes a more peaceful place and people participating in that - or just listening - feel happier!***

Panni (Panni) Kovacs, BIMP Coordinator