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European Youth Congress

European Youth Congress, August 2003



FOLLOWING THE success of Patchwork's Summer 1998 Tour in Hungary as well as its Summer 2000 Tour in the Czech Republic, we are again looking forward to forming a new European choir for two upcoming summer teaching trips. As we all know, music is the language of the soul, and today's world is athirst to hear of the divine remedy words through the arts. As Shoghi Effendi stated:

"The day will come when the Cause will spread like wildfire when its spirit and teachings will be presented on the stage or in art and literature as a whole. Art can better awaken such noble sentiments than cold rationalizing, especially among the mass of the people."^[1]

We will be organizing a first tour in summer 2002 in a European country still to be determined. This will also be in preparation for the major European event to take place the following year: the Youth Congress of August 2003 which will mark the mid-point of the Five Year Plan. The European Bahá'í Youth Council has called for a European choir to be formed especially for this occasion and also for this choir to go on a teaching tour immediately after the event. If you would like to be part of this endeavour, whether you be a singer, a musician, a sound technician, or cannot participate in person but would like to help with financial contributions, please contact us right away. The number of people who are potentially interested in coming at least on the first tour is a very important factor for our current planning. Details of the tour will be communicated to you as they take shape.

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1. From a letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi dated October 10,1932, quoted in "Arts and Crafts", *Compilation of Compilations*, Vol I, No 26, p. 7.

