

Schola Gregoriana Europæa – session 2024

Ecumenical encounters in Berlin from 2 to 8 October 2024

After the successful session in Malines-Louvain in 2022, and building on previous meetings in Jerusalem, Bruges, Rome, Fontenay and Boulaur, the Schola Gregoriana Europæa will meet for a new session in **Berlin (Germany) from 2 to 8 October 2024**.

The Berliner Choralschola and its conductor Markus Krafczinski will be our hosts during our stay. They are offering a varied programme with ecumenical encounters and with Gregorian pieces on the themes of the Virgin Mary and peace.

We'll be singing vespers and masses at various locations in the city

- Friday 4 October : vespers and mass at the [Karmel Maria Regina Martyrum \(Berlin-Charlottenburg-Nord\)](#)
- Saturday 5 October : vespers according to the lutheran rite
 - at the evangelical church [Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche \(Berlin-Charlottenburg\)](#)
 - or at the evangelical church [Sophienkirche \(Berlin-Mitte\)](#)
- Sunday 6 October :
 - Sunday mass at the catholic church [St. Matthiaskirche \(Berlin-Schöneberg\)](#)
 - Or in the [St. Hedwigs-Kathedrale \(Berlin-Mitte\)](#)
 - Ecumenical vespers with the Greek Orthodox and Protestant communities at the catholic [Rozenkranz-Basilika \(Berlin-Steglitz\)](#), followed by a time of encounter
- Monday 7 October :
 - Visit to Potsdam, the Sanssouci Park, the New Palace and the Peter and Paul Church
 - Final meal in Berlin-Dahlem
- On Tuesday 8 October we leave Berlin after breakfast.

Three days of preparation are planned at the [Postel abbey](#) in **Belgium** from **Friday 23 to Sunday 25 August 2024**.

The two sessions will be directed by **David Eben**, director of the [Schola Gregoriana Pragensis](#), professor at the Institute of Musicology at Charles University in Prague

(Czech Republic) and at the University of Lucerne (Switzerland), and a regular participant at the Watou Festival.

Due to his professional activities, David will have to leave us on 6 October after Sunday Mass. Markus Krafczinski will take over for the other engagements on 6 and 7 October.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- Main languages: French and German
- As the songs for several church services have to be developed in a very short space of time during the rehearsal phase, we expect the participants to adhere to a productive discipline, which implies independent and thorough preparation, a punctual start to rehearsals, collaboration focused on the collective artistic performance and respectful behavior towards one another.
- Participation in the preparatory weekend at Postel is strongly recommended.
- We ask participants to bring a liturgical vestment for Mass and Vespers. Your local parish will no doubt be able to help you find suitable clothing.

PLANNING/ACCOMMODATION/MEALS/TRAVEL – Postel abbey (Belgium)

- Planning arrival/departure
 - Friday 23/08/2024
 - Arrival from 10h
 - Meet & greet at 12h
 - Lunch at 12.30h
 - Sunday 25/08/2024
 - Departure around 14h (after lunch)
- Full board at the Postel Abbey guest house from Friday lunchtime 23/08/2024 to Sunday lunchtime 25/08/2024
- Rooms with washbasin, bathroom (toilets, showers) down the hall
- Return journey: at participants' expense

PLANNING/ACCOMMODATION/MEALS/TRAVEL – Berlin (Germany)

- Planning arrival/departure
 - Wednesday 02/10/2024
 - Hotel check-in from 15h
 - Meet & greet at 17h
 - Diner at 18h

- Tuesday 08/10/2024
 - Departure around 9h (after breakfast)
- Accomodation

In the past, the Schola Europæa has often stayed in monasteries. As we do not have this option in Berlin, we chose a hotel in a green district of Berlin with a church and rehearsal hall nearby. The rooms, which are equipped with all mod cons, can be shared (single room €109, double room €119). Breakfast is included in the price.

[Seminaris Campus Hotel in Berlin-Dahlem](#)

- Lunches and dinners

The following meals are included in the registration fee:

- 02/10 dinner
- 03/10 lunch
- 04/10 lunch and dinner
- 05/10 sandwich lunch
- 06/10 reception with drinks and snacks after vespers
- 07/10 closing dinner

Water and a coffee/tea are included in the price; other drinks are at the participants' expense. For the other meals, there are several options in the vicinity of the rehearsal hall: supermarkets, university canteens, restaurants, etc.

- Travel within Berlin and to and from Potsdam will be by public transport. These costs are not included in the registration fee. We will use the most advantageous formula (e.g. a group ticket for 24 hours for 5 people costs 25.50 euros - price 2023).

- Return journey: at participants' own expense

Travel by car/car pool: free parking in the streets around the hotel

Travel by train/plane: it is advisable to book well in advance to obtain good prices.

You will certainly choose the most environmentally-friendly means of transport.

- Travel/cancellation insurance: at participants' expense

REGISTRATION FEE

For the weekend in the Postel Abbey (Belgium)

240 €, all-in (26 rooms)

100 €, outside accommodation and meals.

For the Berlin session from 2 to 8 October 2024

Course fee (including the visit to Potsdam and 7 meals) : 295 €

Hotel costs (6 nights' accommodation and breakfast at the Seminaris Campus Hotel)

Single room : 654 €

Double room : 714 €

In drawing up the final list of participants, we will take into account geographical distribution, as our schola has a European vocation, as well as a balance between male and female voices.

PAYMENT

- Payment for the weekend at Postel
Deposit : 50 euros
Balance : to be paid before 1 August 2024
- Payment for Berlin
Deposit for the course : 50 euros
Hotel deposit : 100 euros
Balance : to be paid before 15 May 2024

CANCELLATION

In the event of withdrawal before 1 June 2024 :

- Hotel expenses will be reimbursed in full
- 20 € will be deducted from other expenses

In the event of withdrawal after 1 June 2024:

- Hotel expenses will not be reimbursed as we must pay for the hotel before 1 June 2024
- 50 € will be deducted from other expenses

DISCLAIMER

The Schola Gregoriana Europæa is not a travel organisation, which means that everyone participates and travels at their own risk.

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The Schola Gregoriana Europæa attaches great importance to the protection of personal data and respects your privacy. We only ask for the personal data we need to carry out our operations and activities. We only use your data for the purposes for which we have requested it from you.

We do not keep your personal data longer than is legally required or necessary for the purpose for which you provided the data to us, including for government reporting purposes and for as long as the government may require.