



Hello IWG Members and whistling enthusiasts!

It's been a long time since our last newsletter, and we are very excited to share the latest news on competitions this year and updates on our organization.

Competition Updates

1. GWC 2023

- The IWG will be hosting the Global Whistling Championship this year!
- If you haven't heard, the GWC competition is the only online whistling competition that's open to all. Hundreds of participants from around the world compete to have fun, celebrate whistling, and see who the Global Whistling Champion for will be 2023!
- Official judges, multiple rounds of competition, and participation from almost 20 countries is something to look forward to again.
- See the IWG YouTube page for the previous GWC Master Playlist:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL65sVRrPRgx5L6cSmS4uxiTC1NK-efTKI>
- Be on the lookout for an official announcement coming soon.
- For more information, please visit our website (<https://www.whistlersguild.org/>) or follow us on social media for details.

2. MMW 2023 Auditions

- The Masters of Musical Whistling will be hosting an in-person competition in 2023!
- To learn more, please visit their website: <https://www.mastersofwhistling.com/>
- Auditions (video submission) are open from April 21st to May 20th.

3. WWC 2022 Competition Winners

- The World Whistlers Convention has completed its 2022 competition and the winners have been chosen. The WWC is an in-person event that happens every second year in Japan.
- Congratulations to the top 3 of the Adult Recorded Accompaniment division:
1st Place: Yuji Kogure
2nd Place: Yuki Takeda
3rd Place: Masashi Ebihara
- To see a full list of winners for all of the divisions, please go to the WWC website here: <https://whistling.jp/en/wwc2022/wwc2022-results>

International Whistlers Guild Updates

4. IWG Update

- The International Whistlers Guild has almost reached 100 Members! We are less than 10 IWG Members away from hitting the milestone. Thank you all so very much for being a part of this community and for supporting whistling.
- We are a non-profit organization and use all of the membership fees towards our competitions and to help grow whistling and provide value to our community.
- As of this year, the International Whistlers Guild has officially become a Non-Profit Corporation! The IWG has been working at this for a while now and it's a big milestone for our organization. Big shout out goes to Gaizka Lasa for pushing this forward for the IWG!
- As an official Non-Profit Corporation, we as the IWG can now accept Donations and give tax receipts to any individual or business making the Donation. Information will be provided soon on how someone can participate in this. We will also be trying to get Sponsorships for our events. The more Donations and Sponsorships we receive, the more value we will be able to provide to IWG Members.
- A large goal of the IWG is to make Membership free someday. In order to do this, we need to secure steady funding to continue hosting our events.
- If you have ideas of an individual or business who would like to Donate or Sponsor the IWG, please get in contact with us.

5. Whistlecord - Discord Channel

- Discord is a growing social media platform for communication and community involvement. There is a whistling Discord called 'Whistlecord' created in 2018 that has had some of the most whistling activity out of any platform. It is full of friendly, helpful, exciting whistlers and whistling enthusiasts wanting to learn more, discuss, and show off their whistling!
- The IWG is proud to make 'Whistlecord' its official communication channel on Discord.
- If you haven't already, please join Discord from this link (through web browser or mobile app): <https://discord.gg/4ur7Zp45>

6. Whistling Interview Request

- One of the newest IWG Members, Marcos, is looking to interview whistlers to discuss suggestions and tips on how to learn to whistle. Marcos has put together a website (<http://whistlingschool.com/>) and gathered YouTube videos (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR4xOWMrMFRNY-3tYwFhJPw>) to help new whistlers on this topic.
- If you are interested in helping grow this topic with Marcos, please reach out to him directly at his email: marcos@whistlingschool.com

7. Communication

- The IWG strives for growing the whistling community and making sure everyone is well informed of whistling news and events. We are hard at work to make sure we keep up communication this year and in future.
- For those who don't know, IWG Members can suggest news to add to our Newsletters from our website. If you have a story about whistling, please fill out the appropriate form on the website to let us know:
<https://whistlersguild.org/membership/members-newsletters/>
(You need to sign-in to see the page.)
- Remember to keep it nice and short, and if you have images to accompany, please send a separate email to us at whistlersguild@gmail.com with the title "Newsletter Suggestion".

Kind regards,
IWG Team

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International Whistlers Guild

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