Corul Național de Cameră
„Madrigal – Marin Constantin”

The National Chamber Choir "Madrigal - Marin Constantin" symbolises the Romanian and universal musical life. Since its founding by the legendary musician and conductor Marin Constantin (1925–2011) in 1963, the Madrigal Choir performed over 4,600 acclaimed concerts worldwide, considered an authentic Romanian cultural brand. It is one of the world standards of chamber choral music, recognised by its unique concept, defined by its specific sonority, stereophonic location on stage and impressive costumes. The Choir's repertoire is focused on the European Renaissance, Gregorian and Byzantine scores, traditional carols, and the compositions of classical or contemporary Romanian and universal creation.

In 1969, in Paris, the Madrigal Choir was awarded the UNICEF Diploma of Honor, and in 1971, the German Music Critics' Award. In 1979, the Madrigal Choir was awarded the Diploma of Honor and the "Grand Duke Adolphe" Prize, in Luxembourg.





In 1992, Marin Constantin was awarded the title of UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, being the only Romanian who received this distinction. In 2003, the Madrigal Choir was decorated by the Romanian Presidency with the Order "Cultural Merit" in the rank of Commander.

In Nov. 2016, the National Chamber Choir "Madrigal - Marin Constantin" was officially recognised as an Ambassador of Freedom, Hope and Peace, receiving the "Jean Nussbaum and Eleanor Roosevelt" Award at the United Nations Palace in Geneva, during the Global Summit of Religion, Peace and Security.

Since 2011, the institution has been coordinating the **Cantus Mundi National Program**, the most extensive social integration program through music for children in Romania, initiated by maestro **Ion Marin**. The program brings together over 1,680 choirs and more than 60,000 children from Romania and the Romanian Diaspora.

Currently, the National Chamber Choir "Madrigal - Marin Constantin" is a public institution of concerts of national importance within the Romanian Ministry of Culture. The Honorary Director of the ensemble is the renowned international conductor **Ion Marin**, and since 2014, the institution is managed by **Emil Pantelimon**. The principal conductor of the Madrigal Choir is **Anna Ungureanu** - a disciple and follower of the Maestro Marin Constantin, and since 2016, the second conductor is **Cezar-Mihail Verlan**.