
 Med en historie, der rækker tilbage til 1860 er Ribe Mandskor et stabilt element i Ribes kulturliv. Koret har 36 sangere, og det har siden 1977 været under ledelse af Lau Michelsen. Koret er ivrig deltager i alle lokale, regionale og nationale arrangementer, og det foretager jævnligt koncertrejser til udlandet. Repertoiret er mangesidigt og tilpasses lejligheden.

Ribe Mandskor er siden 1998 initiativtager til og arrangør af Ribe Korfestival, der gennemføres med støtte fra Ribes kulturinstitutioner og forretningsdrivende.




 A history reaching back to 1860 makes Ribe Male Choir a stable element in the cultural life of Ribe. Since 1977 it is led by the present conductor Lau Michelsen. The 36 choristers play an active role in all local, regional and national events and make concert tours abroad regularly.

Ribe Male Choir is since 1998 originator and organizer of Ribe Choir Festival with the support of cultural institutions and the business community.




Indtil 1864 var Ribe en dansk købstad beliggende i hertugdømmet Slesvig. Stor afstand til det øvrige kongerige og en stadig trussel om stormflod og oversvømmelse gav næring til et særligt fællesskab blandt byens borgere. Tarige foreninger annoncerede i Ribe Stiftstidende i 1850'erne, og her er Sangforeningens koncerter, maskerader og baller blandt de fremtrædende.

En plade på fanen er dateret 5. juni 1860, mens fanen selv er betydeligt ældre. Korets alder lader sig næppe afsløre, da alt andet historisk materiale gik tabt ved en brand i Industriforeningen i 1944.

 Up to 1864, where Denmark lost the duchies Slesvig, Holsten and Lauenburg to Germany, Ribe was a Danish market town in the duchy Slesvig. Living so far away from the rest of the Kingdom of Denmark under continuous threats of storm surge and flood fuel was given to a special community spirit among the townsmen of Ribe. In the 1850s numerous societies announced in the newspaper "Ribe Stiftstidende" and among the most prominent announcements we find concerts, masquerades and balls arranged by the Choral Society.


On the flagpole of the banner a silver plate shows the date June 5th, 1860, but the banner itself is significantly older. The age of "Ribe Mandskor" is hardly to be disclosed as all historical sources except the banner got lost in a fire in 1944.

Dansk Sanger-Forbund

 I 1920'erne opstod blandt mandskorene et behov for at kunne tilbyde aktiviteter på landsplan. Med DSF fik korene mulighed for at iværksætte en række kurser og stævner, hvor sangere og dirigenter kan hente inspiration og fornyelse.

Nodeudgivelser og sangerkurser er blandt de største aktiver, og hundredvis af korenes 1100 medlemmer drager hvert 5. år til landsstævne, senest i Skive i 2015.

Ribe Mandskors dirigent Lau Michelsen har været formand for DSF siden 1991.

 As early as 1925 the need for a national male choir organisation arose. Grants helped DSF to develop national events and practise sessions offering both choristers and leaders inspiration and musical development.

DSF originate new scores for male choirs and a national practise-weekend is arranged in a different location every year. Hundreds of singers meet at a national rally every fifth year, last time 2015 in Skive.

Lau Michelsen, the leader of Ribe Male Choir, is the president of DSF since 1991.

