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## Children's choir to raise funds for temple

THE angelic chorus of children's voices will echo from the walls of the Ipoh Chin Woo Athletic Association building at Jalan Hussein in Ipoh on Saturday.

The internationally renowned Operafest Children's Choir will give a two-hour performance from 7.30pm on that day to raise funds for the Bao En Shi Temple in Ipoh.

Fund-raising committee chairman Ho You Meng said the 45-member team, aged from seven to 18, had just returned from a concert in Beijing and had agreed to the performance for charity.

He said construction of the RM1.8mil temple began on June 3 and was about 20% completed.

"We have so far collected RM1.68mil from public donations. We hope to collect the rest through this concert," he said.

Besides raising funds, Ho said the committee hoped to promote a culture for appreciating choir music in Ipoh.

Founded in 1986, the Malaysian choir achieved international fame in 1991 when it won second place in the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod in Wales.

It later won third place in the Koorfestival of Arnheim in the Netherlands, also known as the 'Choir Olympics'.

Led by renowned soprano Kam Sun-Yoke, the choir has since performed in the Netherlands, England, Wales, Spain, Argentina, the United States, Greece, India, Singapore, Australia and South Africa.

Tickets are limited to 1,000 people and are priced at RM10 for students, RM20 and RM30 for the public, and RM100 for VIPs. Those who donate RM1,000 and above will receive the honour of hitting a gong to kick off the performance.

For enquiries, call  05-2549155 or Ho at  012-5387568.

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