

## **International Choir Contest of Flanders-Maasmechelen 2011**

### **The Vocal Colours Ensemble Switzerland**

#### **The choir's curriculum vitae**

Roland Demiéville, a Swiss-French musician, created The Vocal Colours Ensemble in 1989. This small group from Vevey-Montreux in Switzerland unites some twenty singers who endeavour to combine quality, pleasure and originality in the blend of their voices as well as in their choice of music. The repertoire ranges from religious to secular, from the Middle Ages to modern day and from very diverse origins.

Since its beginnings, The Vocal Colours Ensemble has performed over one hundred concerts in Switzerland, France, Italy and Hungary. It has also participated in numerous national and international competitions and received several prizes, notably the Golden Award at the 6th international competition of Riva-Del-Garda in Italy in the year 2000 and the jury's first prize at the competition for vocal ensembles, part of the regional festival of Vaudois singers in Orbe, Switzerland in the spring of 2005.

Over the past twenty-one years, The Vocal Colours Ensemble has harmonized a variety of religious and secular pieces, popular songs and sprightly tunes. It has also commissioned works from both Swiss and foreign composers such as Dominique Gesseney-Rappo, Michel Hostettler and Gianmartino Durighello. Though the group usually sings a capella, it also regularly performs with musical accompaniment, such as with the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra and Quatuor Sine Nomine.