



Empowering Voices

The Official Newsletter of the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
Anne M. Saxon, Editor — Fall 2017

Winston-Salem Girls Chorus

(WSGC): A multi-leveled, community-based choir organization for girl singers from 8-18 in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. WSGC is a partner with the Music and Arts Ministries of Centenary United Methodist Church.

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Friday, October 20, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Centenary United Methodist Church
646 W. 5th Street, Winston-Salem
—4½ Street Entrance

TICKETS:

On or before Tuesday, October 10th:

\$12 Adults, \$6 Children - 6-10; 5 & under free

At the door: \$15 Adults, \$8 Children 6-10; 5 & under free

***Dinner, Live music from each of our choirs,
Hawaiian-style Entertainment, & Gourmet Dessert Sale***

**Also includes a raffle for a Bose Sound Package!
Tickets \$2 each, or 3 for \$5**



RSVP/More Information:
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www.wsgirlschorus.org



Hosted by the
Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
**A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization*

From the Artistic Director

What a great summer! Our tour to New York City this past June to participate in a Carnegie Hall Festival, under the direction of Francisco Núñez from the Young People's Chorus in New York City, was a true success! Memories of a lifetime were created as the mass chorus of over 200 singers performed together on Carnegie's historic stage.

In early August we had a great group of girls to gather for a week of music-making and fun during our Summer Sing Day-Camp (picture below). We have made new friends and acquired new singers as a result! Please check out our photo highlights throughout this newsletter.


Fall highlights include a **Luau Event**, singing for a **Veteran's Day Breakfast**, and in early November, our next **Amani Invitational Children's Choir Festival** that WSGC hosts every two years. We are proud to announce that our original director and Amani theme song composer, Tom Shelton, will be coming from Rider University in New Jersey to conduct the festival choir. Tom's interaction and artistic leadership is always stellar and we are working to have a large group of treble singers from

Winston-Salem and surrounding areas join us. A Love Offering during the culminating concert will be taken to go to the Amani Children's Foundation.




In December, we have several holiday performances scheduled here in Winston-Salem, that concludes with our own concert, "Sounds of the Season" in the beautiful sanctuary of Centenary United Methodist Church. In January we accept new singers, so please tell someone about us and have them contact us to schedule an audition!

Many folks ask how they can support us — please know your financial and in-kind donations make a HUGE difference in keeping our tuition more affordable for families, as well as providing scholarships for singers based upon need. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so your donations are tax deductible. I encourage you to come to one of our performances and experience the transcendent beauty of collective young voices. *Being in our singers' presence is sure to lift your spirits, as these treble sounds soar!* —Anne



UPBEAT!

2nd - 4th Grades



Lyrical
4th - 8th Grades

Encore

Advanced Choir
8 - 12th Grades



ABOVE: Singers share with the Special Children's Center in July; **BELOW:** Sharing Concert concluding our Summer Sing Day-Camp in early August.



Celebrating 20 years!

Sunday, April 29, 2019

Mark your calendars now!

We are planning our 20th anniversary season events and want to make sure you know about them!

First, however, we want to make sure you know about this special date and make your plans to attend.

Also, we would LOVE to hear from you and get your input for this special occasion. Currently we are inviting former singers to come and perform. Interested?

More updates to come!

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BEYOND BORDERS: AMANI INVITATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3-4



The purpose of the AICCF is to raise awareness of abandoned orphans in Kenya due to poverty, HIV, and AIDS, as supported and served by the **Amani Children's Foundation** based in Winston-Salem. **Children and youth will "sing together in harmony and celebrate our unity."** The event will culminate in a final concert with a Love Offering collected to help sponsor an Amani child in Kenya.

Area treble singers from grades 3 - 9 are invited to come and join us for this event! Tom Shelton, our original conductor and Amani theme song composer, will return to Winston-Salem to lead the festival choir. **For more information:** www.wsqirlschorus.org/amani.



Karibu, pole, asante, and amani: four words that can change the world.

"How does one get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!"

June 2017 Touring Choir Scenes



2017 Fall & Winter WSGC Schedule

Friday, October 20:

Luau Fundraiser Event

Centenary UMC Auditorium
Hawaiian-style meal; entertainment, raffle,
and gourmet dessert sale
WSGCSing@aol.com / (336) 922-4073

Friday, & Saturday, November 3-4:

Amani Children's Choir Festival

Centenary UMC Sanctuary
Guest treble singers 4th - 9th grades

December 6 - January 15:

**Singer Auditions for the 2018 Spring Semester
January - May**

Contact us to schedule an interview/audition:

Sunday, December 4:

Community Lovefeast, Wait Chapel

Free and open to the community.

Family Service begins at 4:30 pm; prelude music
begins at 4:00 pm.

<http://lovefeast.wfu.edu>



Centenary UMC
Sunday, December 10th
Prelude: 4:30 pm
Service: 5:00 pm



Reynolda House Candlelight Tours Concerts
Friday, December 8th; tours beginning at 6:00 pm

The mission of the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus is provide a joyful and empowering experience for girls and young women through vocal music education and artistic excellence in choral music performance.

Celebrating our 19th season of choral excellence!

Our graded choral program is comprised of singers from 2nd - 12th grades from Winston-Salem and surrounding areas.

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Friday, December 8:

Christmas Candlelight Concerts

Reynolda House Museum of Art
Lyrica & Encore Choirs - 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Admission is charged: www.reynoldahouse.org

Sunday, December 10:

Lessons & Carols Service

Centenary UMC; Prelude music begins at 4:30
Service begins at 5:00
Featuring multiple choirs and full orchestra

Saturday, December 16:

"Sounds of the Season" Holiday Concert

Centenary UMC Sanctuary
3:00 pm; Love Offering Collected

Tuesday, February 20:

Public Library Central Branch

Concert, 5:30 pm / Library Auditorium

March 2-3:

Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival

Hosted by the Bella Voce Singers of the
Greenville Choral Society
Emmy Williams Burch, Guest Conductor
Featuring 7 guest choirs from North Carolina!
Final Concert: Saturday, March 3, 4:00 pm
Free & open to the public - Love Offering taken

**Check for regular updates on our
website at: www.wsgirlschorus.org**

Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
invites you to our
**"Sounds of the Season"
Holiday Concert**
Come and hear the beautiful, angelic sounds of treble voices!
Saturday, December 16, 3:00 PM
Centenary United Methodist Church Sanctuary
***Featuring our three choirs and guest instrumentalists**
~ Free & Open to the Public
Love Offering Collected ~