



Empowering Voices

The Official Newsletter of the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
Anne M. Saxon, Editor — Fall 2018

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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Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
invites you to our

"Sounds of the Season" Holiday Concert

Come and hear the angelic sounds of treble voices!

Saturday, December 8, 3:00 PM
Centenary United Methodist Church Sanctuary

**Featuring our three choirs, instrumentalists, and the
Sedge Garden Elementary School Chorus
Emily Hermanson, Director*

Free & Open to the Public ~ Love Offering Collected

*Empowering
Girls
Through
Song*



Announcing Auditions for January - May

→ **For Grades 2 - 12, including training and touring choirs!**

Contact us to schedule an audition:
(336) 922-4073 - WSGCSing@aol.com - www.wsgirlschorus.org

From the Artistic Director

With a big dream and the strong encouragement of a choral mentor, Ann Doyle, our chorus began in 1999. We placed a small ad in the Winston-Salem Journal and started with 18 new singers. Little did I know of the amazing journey this would be, and that we would now be celebrating our 20th Anniversary Season!

As we have been preparing for this momentous occasion I have come across countless photos, letters, videos, testimonials, and heart-felt memories. We are singing some of our choral highlights from over the years and hearing from our former singers — many of whom have continued on, singing in community choruses & church choirs, getting music degrees, and/or enjoying careers in music. ***The impact of teaching kids to sing has been coming full-circle and continues each and every day.***

Our advanced choir, Encore, kicked off our season with the NC American Choral Director's Association in Raleigh (info next page). Later in October our Lyrica and Encore Choirs enjoyed a wonderful singing experience of John Rutter's "Mass of the Children" with the Piedmont Chamber Singers and an orchestra, under the baton of director Jayson Snipes in Winston-Salem. Our Feista! Event in November was loads of fun, with Latin music and games.

We have several holiday performances scheduled here in Winston-Salem, including 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!

It is with great sadness to report the passing of Dr. Robert Frazier, Centenary's Music and the Arts Ministries' Director. He will be greatly missed at Centenary and not only in Winston-Salem, but in North Carolina and beyond. Please keep Rob's wife, Laura Lynne, and their family in your prayers during their time of grief.

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 fully tax deductible.

I strongly encourage you to attend one of our performances or events to experience the transcendent beauty of collective young voices, and to witness first-hand where your donation dollars are going. In closing, *being in our singers' presence is sure to lift your spirits, especially in a lost and hurting world.* —Anne



UPBEAT!

2nd - 4th Grades

WINSTON-SALEM

Girls & Boys Chorus

Lyrica

4th - 8th Grades

Encore

Advanced Choir
8 - 12th Grades



The original UPBEAT! Training Choir, 2001



UPBEAT! 2007

Celebrating 20 years!

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Mark your calendars now!

WHERE:

The Masonic Center
4537 Country Club Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

WHEN:

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Special Features:

Special Music from each of our Choirs
Robin Voiers, Orator
Alumni Soloists
J. Reece Norris - Event Composer
Silent Auction & Live Auction
Heavy Hors d'œuvres
Cash bar

Check for updates: www.wsgirlschorus.org

1999-2019



Picture highlights of our June 2018 Tour, the Appalachian Festival of Young Voices, hosted by the Appalachian Children's Chorus in Charleston, West Virginia



Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Festival Conductor



WSGC's Encore Choir had a wonderful experience in October while participating in the Women's Choir Commissioning Premier sponsored by the NC American Choral Director's Association during their Fall Conference in Raleigh. We were one of 16 Women's Choirs included in this project, conducted by Dr. Nana Wolfe-Hill from Wingate University.

"Appalachian Love Songs: Women's Reflections of Love, Loss, and Strength" was composed by Linda Tutas Hougan from Minnesota, who was present during the event. The final concert included a massed choir of 125 singer representatives from the commissioning choirs.

Participating Choirs:

Appalachian State
 Capitol City Girls Chorus
 Cuthbertson High School
 East Mecklenburg High
 Glenn High School
 Guilford College

Hollins University (VA)
 Longwood University (VA)
 Meredith College
 NC State University
 Radford University (VA)
 Sanderson High School

NC Governor's School
 UNC Greensboro
 Wingate University
 Winston-Salem
 Girls Chorus

2018 Fall & Winter WSGC Schedule

Friday, & Saturday, October 5-6:

NC American Choral Director's Association
Women's Choir Commission Premier Event
Christ Baptist Church, Raleigh
Performance: 4:50 pm - Open to the Public

Saturday, October 20:

"Mass of the Children" with the Piedmont
Chamber Singers & Orchestra
7:30 pm, Maple Springs United Methodist
Church, Reynolda Road
www.piedmontchambersingers.org

Friday, November 9:

Fiesta! Event — Latin Music, food, and fun!
Centenary UMC Auditorium
RSVP with payment by November 6th:
\$8 Adults / \$4 kids 5-10
At the door: \$10 Adults, \$6 kids 5-10

December 1 - January 15:

Singer Auditions for the 2018 Spring Semester
January - May: Contact us to schedule an inter-
view/audition: wsgcsing@aol.com / (336)922-
4073; more info at www.wsgirlschorus.org

**Singers had a fun time during our fall social
with pizza and bowling!**



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 20th 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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Sunday, December 2:

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>

Friday, December 7:

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

Saturday, December 8:

"Sounds of the Season" Holiday Concert
Centenary UMC Sanctuary
3:00 pm; Love Offering Collected

Sunday, December 16:

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

Tuesday, February 14:

UPBEAT! Choir Valentine Concert
Auditorium, Centenary UMC, 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 24:

National Anthem
UNC Greensboro Men's Basketball Team vs. East
Tennessee State University
Greensboro Coliseum
Tip-off at 3:00 pm; admission charged



In Memoriam

Dr. Robert E. Frazier

July 23, 1965 - October 23, 2018

*Director of Music & the Arts Ministries
Centenary United Methodist Church*