



# Empowering Voices

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

### Founder, Managing Artistic Director & Conductor

Anne M. Saxon

### Accompanist

Cynthia Saylor

### Assistant Director & Communications Manager

Suzanne Maggs

### Administrator

Lelia McClain

### Parent Board President

Allison Barnes

### Past President

Darby Graves

### Fundraising Activities

Carol Kelly

### UPBEAT! Representative

Jeffrey Griffin

### Lyrica Representative

Mason Wood

### Encore Representative

Katie Bills

### Member at Large

Robin Bachmeyer

### Uniform Chairperson

Judith Arnolda

### Webmaster

Shawn Martin

### Centenary UMC Director of Music & the Arts Ministries

Dr. Robert Frazier

### Music & Arts Ministries Team Leader

Sheila Brame



*WSGC enjoyed singing the National Anthem for the Harlem Globetrotters at the LJVM Coliseum!*

## CHARITY AUCTION EVENT



**Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am**  
**Vienna Elementary School**  
**Gymnasium**

*Benefitting the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus*

**\*Large & small items, including:  
artwork, collectibles, gift cards,  
sports memorabilia, travel adventures,  
and goods and services of all kinds**



*—Winston-Salem Girls Chorus is a  
501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization*



*Scenes from our Talent Showcase Event in March*





# UPBEAT!

2nd - 4th Grades



Lyrica  
4th - 8th Grades

# Encore

Advanced Choir  
8 - 12th Grades



Anne M. Saxon  
Founding Artistic Director

# Winston-Salem Girls Chorus

Presents

# Songs of Hope & Inspiration

Featuring:

*Upbeat!, Lyrica, Encore Choirs  
Generations Choir  
& Charles Shaffer, Violin*

*Sunday, April 29, 2018, 3:00 pm  
Centenary United Methodist Church  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

*~ Free & Open to the Public ~  
Love Offering Collected*



## Celebrating 20 years!

**Sunday,  
April 28, 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.

**1999-2019**

## ANNOUNCING OUR SPRING AUDITIONS

**Come and join us!  
Auditions now open for our 2018-2019 Season**



### UPBEAT!

Training Choir for 2nd - 4th Graders  
Interview Required

### Lyrica

4th - 8th Grades  
Vocal Placement Test Required



### Encore

8th - 12th Graders  
~ Audition Required ~

Auditions/Interviews by appointment only ~ Fees required  
Contact Artistic Director Anne M. Saxon: (336) 922-4073  
WSSG Sing@aol.com ~ www.wsgirlschorus.org





*PICCF Conductor  
Emmy Williams Burch*

In early March WSGC traveled to Greenville, NC, to attend the 26th annual Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival. 165 young singers from 7 North Carolina choirs lifted their hearts and voices together in glorious song in the beautiful sanctuary of The Memorial Baptist Church. The final concert showcased each of the choirs performing individually, ending in a massed choir performance. The Festival Conductor was Emmy Williams Burch, the founder and artistic director of RISE Chorales, an organization built to create choirs that revolutionize and inspire singing excellence.

Participating Choirs:

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| Greenville Choral Society Children's Chorus | Durham Children's Chorus                 |
| Campbellton Youth Chorus, Fayetteville      | Young Voices of the Carolinas, Charlotte |
| Capital City Girls Choir, Raleigh           | Winston-Salem Girls Chorus               |
| Greensboro Youth Chorus                     |  |

## Going "Beyond Borders": Amani Invitational Children's Choir Festival

**BEYOND BORDERS:**  
Amani Invitational Children's Choir Festival  
Featuring Combined Area Treble Singers

**IN CONCERT**

Saturday, November 4, 1:00 p.m.  
Centenary United Methodist Church  
— Free & Open to the Public —  
A Love Offering will be collected for the  
**AMANI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

*Come, Experience, Be Inspired.*

Sponsored by the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus  
(336) 922-4073. www.wsgirlschorus.org/amani.html



When I first dreamed of creating a festival to raise awareness of the Amani Children's Foundation here in Winston-Salem, I wanted to find a way that young singers could connect globally with other children in need. Amani supports New Life Homes in Kenya, which take in orphaned babies due to HIV/Aids and poverty. They nurse these precious babies back to health while seeking adoptive families, with many years of great success!

In 2010 we held a "pre-festival" event with composer/conductor Tom Shelton of Westminster Choir College. After learning about Amani, participants wrote about what they

learned. Tom, who quickly embraced the loving spirit of Amani, took their words and ideas and incorporated them into our theme song, "Beyond Borders", now published by GIA Publications. It was premiered in the fall of 2010 and is the culminating song in each festival concert.



On Friday, November 3rd, Tom returned to Winston-Salem to celebrate our **5th biannual Amani Festival Event** together with the High Point Young Voices. We visited

the Amani Village Market here in Winston-Salem and caught up with Amani co-founder, Jane Stephens (pictured above in front of the Maya Angelou Quilt), then joined our singers to begin rehearsals. The following afternoon featured a culminating concert which included a Love Offering for Amani to help support another orphaned baby.

Due to Kenyan elections this past fall and subsequent unrest, New Life Homes have been affected and need has increased. Even though our festival is complete, let us continue the spirit of Amani with our prayers and support. *For more info:* [www.amanichildren.org](http://www.amanichildren.org).



## 2018 Spring & Summer Schedule

### Friday, March 23rd:

National Anthem for the  
Harlem Globetrotters—Lawrence Joel  
Veteran's Memorial Coliseum

### Saturday, April 14th:

Charity Auction Fundraiser  
Vienna Elementary School  
Gymnasium, 10:00 am - Noon

### Sunday, April 15:

Centenary UMC  
11:00 Worship Service  
Lyrica & Encore Choirs  
Live feed at [www.centenary-ws.org](http://www.centenary-ws.org)

### Saturday, April 21st:

Margaret Griffin Memorial  
Maple Springs UMC, 10:00 am

### April 18:

2018-2019 Season  
Interviews & Auditions Begin — Contact us  
to schedule an interview or audition:  
[WSGCSing@aol.com](mailto:WSGCSing@aol.com) / 336.922.4073

## Central Carolina Children's Chorus

### Alumni Invitation

It is our joy to welcome Alumni Singers to sing the final number with us in our annual Spring Concert every year. This year's concert will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 29, at Centenary UMC.

*We would love to see you!*

We invite you to continue to be in community with us as we celebrate the culmination of our 19th season. A special pew will be reserved for you near the front.

## Winston-Salem Girls Chorus

*The mission of the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus is to 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. Contact Information: (336) 922-4073; [WSGCSing@aol.com](mailto:WSGCSing@aol.com) [www.wsgirlschorus.org](http://www.wsgirlschorus.org)*

### Saturday, April 28th:

Alpha Delta Kappa Banquet  
Downtown Marriott Hotel

### Sunday, April 29:

Annual Spring Concert  
Centenary UMC Sanctuary  
Featuring UPBEAT!, Lyrica,  
& Encore Choirs  
Including a "Generations Choir"

### Thursday, May 10:

Public Library Central Branch  
UPBEAT! Concert, 5:00 pm  
Library Auditorium

### June 22-25:

WSGC Touring Choir:  
Appalachian Children's Chorus Festival  
Charleston, West Virginia  
*Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Conductor*

### July 31 - August 4:

Summer Sing! Day-Camp  
*Sharing Concert:*  
Friday, August 4, 1:15 pm

### Tuesday, August 29:

2018-2019 Season Begins

Check for regular updates on our website at:  
[www.wsgirlschorus.org](http://www.wsgirlschorus.org)



### 17TH ANNUAL CHOIR DAY-CAMP FOR SINGERS AGES 8 - 14

### Schedule: July 30- August 3

July 30-August 2: 9:00 – 12:45

Friday, August 3: 9:00 – 2:15

–Includes pizza lunch  
& a Sharing Concert!

More information/Registration:  
[www.wsgirlschorus.org](http://www.wsgirlschorus.org)

