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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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Empowering Voices

The Official Newsletter of the Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
Anne M. Saxon, Editor — Spring 2019



*Empowering
Girls
Through
Song*



Announcing Auditions for our 2019-2020 Season!

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

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



UPBEAT!

2nd - 4th Grades



Lyrice

4th - 8th Grades

Encore

Advanced Choir
8 - 12th Grades

From the Artistic Director

It's time to celebrate!!! Our 20th Anniversary Gala event is Sunday, April 28th, from 4:30 - 7:15, and will be held at the Masonic Center on Country Club Road in Winston-Salem. We have an amazing evening lined up for you; event highlights are included on the next page.

We could not have made it all through these years without your support on SO many levels, and want to celebrate together with you. There will be food to eat, fellowship to be had, wonderful music to enjoy, and memories to be shared. We hope you will join us! —**Anne**



*ENJOY! Silent Auction, Gala, & Concert

—Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

—**RSVP/Tickets:** Contact us to reserve your ticket with payment: WSGCsing@aol.com

*SHARE! Pictures and Memories

—Send in your best pictures and memories to be included in our Anniversary Slideshow.

—Picture/memory deadline is April 20th to be included in the event slideshow.

—Email to: suz.saxon@gmail.com.

*SING! with the Choir

—Alumnae are invited to sing during the concert: Hal Hopson's "The Gift of Love", and John Rutter's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". We'll have music copies on hand.

—Meet at the Masonic Lodge at 4:45 to rehearse these songs with the choir (Event ticket required).

*DONATE to our 20th Anniversary Fund

—Checks should be payable to "WSGC"

—Mail: Winston-Salem Girl's Chorus, P.O. Box 17542, Winston-Salem, NC 27116

—Donate on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wsgirlschorus/ (no bank fee)

—**Credit Card:** requires a 3% bank fee. Please contact us.

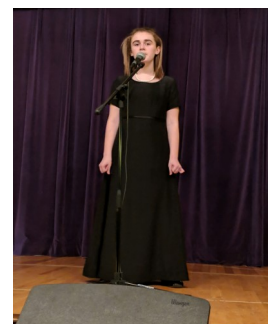
WSGC Hosts Composer Andrea Ramsey!

On Friday, November 8th, WSGC is thrilled to host choral composer Dr. Andrea Ramsey for an evening reception. It will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church and everyone is invited to come for a "meet and greet", as well as hear our singers perform some her music.

Andrea Ramsey enjoys an international presence as a composer, conductor, scholar, and music educator. Her teaching experiences range from work with adolescent and children's voices to frequent guest conducting of all-state and honor choirs. She believes strongly in the growth of young people as musicians and human beings through the experience of performing meaningful choral music.



Scenes from our Spring Showcase



Celebrating 20 Years: Gala Event Highlights



Composer J. Reece Norris

Our 20th Anniversary Gala Event will include the premiere of our commissioned song, “My Cage”, by composer J. Reece Norris. The commission is in commemoration of this prestigious occasion, and in memory of two very special people: Maxine Murray and Carolyn Saxon, my Mother and Mother-in-Law. These two women supported our organization literally “from the ground up”, attending countless concerts, festivals, Galas, and accompanying us on many of our tours. The text for our commission was written by Syd Smallwood, one of Mr. Norris’ 14-year old chorus students. Mr. Norris will travel to Winston-Salem from Mississippi to be present for this World Premiere.

We are thrilled to have Winston-Salem actress Robin Voiers serve as our Narrator, and two of our former singers who will perform special music: Caryn Crozier of the Pittsburg Festival Opera, and Charity Hampton who is the 2017 National Blind Idol Winner. Add to this special music by each of our three choirs, great food, a cash bar, and a Silent Auction, it will quite a fun and memorable occasion! —**Anne**



Actress/Performer Robin Voiers



Singer Charity Hampton



Soprano Caryn Crozier



Carolyn Saxon (in the tan jacket) & Maxine Murray (in the background) checking into the 2012 Chorus Gala



Above: WSGC girls take a break during festival rehearsals.

Left: Director Vic Oakes “selfie” with festival singers.

This past March WSGC traveled to the University United Methodist Church in Charlotte for our annual **Piedmont Invitational Children’s Choir Festival**, hosted by the Young Voices of the Carolinas. 10 choirs from North Carolina gathered together — 270 voices strong — to sing together under the direction of Vincent “Vic” Oakes from Chattanooga Boy’s Choir in Tennessee. A concert for Parents and Friends was held at the conclusion of the festival. Each individual choir performed, concluding with a thrilling massed choir performance.

Participating Choirs:

Campbellton Youth Singers, Fayetteville
 Greenville Choral Society Children’s Chorus
 Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
 Capital City Girls Choir, Raleigh
 Voices in the Laurel, Waynesville

Young Voices of the Carolinas, Charlotte
 Celebration Singers, Asheville
 Durham Children’s Choir
 Winston-Salem Youth Chorus
 Cary Youth Voices

Winston-Salem Girls Chorus
2019 Spring & Summer Schedule

Thursday, March 7:

Brookridge Retirement Community
 1099 Hayes Forest Drive, Winston-Salem
 UPBEAT! Choir Concert, 6:30 pm

Friday, March 8:

Spring Showcase!
 Centenary UMC Memorial Auditorium
 Featuring our 3 choirs and including
 individual & small group talent
 Adults: \$5, Kids 6-10: \$2

Friday - Saturday, March 15-16:

**Piedmont Invitational Children's
 Choir Festival**

Hosted by the Young Voices of the
 Carolinas in Charlotte

Final Concert:

Saturday, March 16, 4:00 pm
 University City United Methodist
 Free & open to the public



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.

Contact Information: (336) 922-4073; WSGCSing@aol.com / www.wsgirlschorus.org / Looks us up on Facebook!

Tuesday, March 26:

Arbor Acres Retirement Community
 Concert at 7:00 pm, Piner Hall, Berrier Building
 Lyrica & Encore Choirs

April 2:

2018-2019 Season Interviews & Auditions Begin
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Sunday, April 7:

Centenary UMC
 11:00 Worship Service
 Lyrica & Encore Choirs
 Live feed at www.centenary-ws.org

Sunday, April 28:

20th Anniversary Gala & Concert
 Masonic Center, 4537 Country Club Road
 • Special Anniversary Concert & Alumni Soloists
 • J. Reece Norris, Composer
 • Robin Voiers, Narrator
 • Heavy hors d'œuvres & Cash bar
 • Silent Auction
 —Doors open@4:30; —Seating begins@5:00
 —Event begins@5:45; **RSVP with payment**

Friday - Monday, June 21 - 24:

Touring Choir: Destination Dollywood!
 Asheville, Mars Hill University, & Pidgeon Forge

July 29 - August 2:

Summer Sing! Day-Camp
Sharing Concert: Friday, August 2, 1:15 pm

Tuesday, August 27:

2018-2019 Season Begins



**18TH ANNUAL CHOIR DAY-CAMP
 FOR SINGERS AGES 8 - 14**

Schedule: July 29- August 2



July 29-August 1: 9:00 - 12:45

Friday, August 2: 9:00 - 2:15

—Includes pizza lunch & Sharing Concert!

More information/Registration:
www.wsgirlschorus.org / WSGCSing@aol.com

