



Empowering Voices

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

Presents

Songs of Hope & Inspiration

Featuring:

Upbeat!, Lyrica, Encore
"Generations Choir"
Catherine Zachary, Soprano
Charles Shaffer, Violin

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 3:00 pm
Centenary United Methodist Church
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Free & Open to the Public - Love Offering Collected





UPBEAT!

2nd - 4th Grades



Lyrica
4th - 8th Grades

Encore

Advanced Choir
8 - 12th Grades

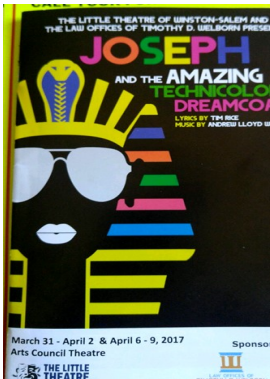
From the Artistic Director

What a fun and busy year this has been! Since our holiday concerts back in December, we have hosted a state-wide festival, held a fun and entertaining Gala, and have sung for a beautiful worship service at Centenary United Methodist Church. We are now putting the finishing touches on our Annual Spring Concert, which will include "Songs of Hope and Inspiration". Then, on to preparing for a tour to New York City in June to sing in Carnegie Hall!

I love watching these girls and young women bond in community quite easily, singing together and helping one another with notes & rhythms, and creating beautiful sounds. To see and hear them improve with each and every rehearsal is a true joy! Our choir parents and families work hard continually "behind the scenes" to take care of a myriad of things as we prepare for concerts and events. These wonderful volunteers are truly the key to our success.

Festivals, Concerts, and Tours DO cost money. We work hard to make the most out of every tuition dollar that our chorus families pay for this opportunity. However, your contributions can help us TREMENDOUSLY and are fully tax-deductible. We truly appreciate your support — please contact us for more information about how to give a donation.

We are VERY EXCITED about what's going on and looking forward to our future: **in the spring of 2019 we will celebrate our 20th Anniversary Season!** Please look for updates to come about this exciting event and make your plans now to come and celebrate with us. We would love for as many of our alums and their families to come as possible! —Anne



WSGC is proud of chorus alum Charity Hampton! Charity sang with us for nine years and is an amazing musician and performer. The 2016 National Blind Idol Winner, Charity was the featured soloist for our Spring Gala in March, truly delighting and inspiring our audience.



She also recently sang the role of the Narrator in The Little Theater's recent production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". We look forward to her future successes!

ANNOUNCING OUR SPRING AUDITIONS

Come and join us!
Auditions now open for our 2017-2018 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
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PICCF 2017: Voices of Hope



In early March WSGC hosted the 25th annual Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival in Winston-Salem. 150 young singers from 8 North Carolina Choirs lifted their hearts and voices together in glorious song, in the beautiful sanctuary of Centenary United Methodist Church. The final concert showcased each of the choirs performing individually, ending in a massed choir performance conducted by Melissa Keylock of the Princeton GirlChoir.

Participating Choirs:

Bella Voce Singers of Greenville
Campbellton Youth Chorus of Fayetteville
Capital City Girls Choir of Raleigh
Celebration Singers of Asheville
Gate City Young Voices
High Point Young Voices
Voices in the Laurel of Waynesville
Winston-Salem Girls Chorus



New York, New York! WSGC Carnegie Hall Tour, June 2017

WSGC will be traveling to New York City in June to sing in Carnegie Hall! We will also be taking in some of the sights and sounds of the city, include a Broadway show and other attractions. Our chorus has been accepted to sing in a choir festival with Distinguished Concerts International New York under the direction of Francisco Núñez (pictured above, left). We will sing together with other choirs from all over the United States. Please think of us as we represent Winston-Salem during this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



Above: WSGC Singers pose at the Piedmont Festival



*Final Concert
of the Piedmont
Invitational
Children's Choir
Festival*

*Held at
Centenary United
Methodist Church
in Winston-Salem*

*Hosted by the
Winston-Salem
Girl's Chorus*

*Conducted by
Melissa Keylock
of the
Princeton
Girl Choir*

2017 Spring & Summer Schedule

January 21:

Kelly Wedding Vow Renewal
Encore & Lyrica Chors
Mt. Pleasant Church, Tanglewood

February 9:

UPBEAT! Valentine Concert
Centenary United Methodist Church, 5:30 pm

March 3-4:

Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival
Hosted by the WSGC
Centenary UMC, Winston-Salem
Melissa Keylock, Guest Conductor
Featuring seven guest choirs from NC!

Final Concert:

Saturday, March 4, 4:00 pm
Free & open to the public
Love Offering collected

Saturday, March 18

Annual WSGC Gala Event: Movie Musicals!
Centenary UMC Auditorium
Plated Luncheon, Silent Auction, Raffle,
& WSGC Choirs
Featuring Charity Hampton,
Alumni Soloist & 2016 National Blind Idol Winner

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 30, 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 18th 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 18th 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, April 2:

Sing for CUMC 11:00 Worship Service
Live on WSJS 600AM Radio
Live feed at www.centenary-ws.org

April 18:

2017-2018 Interviews & Auditions Open

Sunday, April 30:

Annual Spring Concert
Centenary UMC Sanctuary
Featuring UPBEAT!, Lyrica, & Encore
"Generations Choir"
Catherine Zachary, Soloist,
& Charles Shaffer, Violinist

Thursday, May 11:

Brookridge Retirement Community Concert
UPBEAT! Training Choir, 4:00 pm

June 23 - 27:

WSGC Tour to New York City!
Concert in Carnegie Hall:
Monday, June 26, 7:00 pm
Francisco J. Núñez, Conductor

July 31 - August 4:

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

Tuesday, August 29:

2017-2018 Season Begins



16TH ANNUAL CHOIR DAY-CAMP FOR SINGERS AGES 8 - 14

Schedule: July 31- August 4



July 31-August 3: 9:00 - 12:45

Friday, August 4: 9:00 - 2:15

Includes Sharing Concert!

More information/Registration:

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