



The Children's Voice

The Official Newsletter of the **Central Carolina Children's Chorus**
Anne M. Saxon, Editor — Spring 2014

Central Carolina Children's Chorus

(CCCC): A multi-leveled, community-based choir organization for singers from Kindergarten - 12th grades in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. CCCC is a partner with the Music and Arts Ministries of Centenary United Methodist Church

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15th Anniversary

Celebration!

Sunday, April 27, 3:00 pm

Centenary United Methodist Church



Free Concert featuring 4 choirs

Special guests & Alumni Singers

Awards & Recognitions

~ LOVE OFFERING COLLECTED ~ CELEBRATION RECEPTION



Music Makers

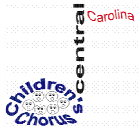


Preparatory Choir
Kindergarten - 1st Grade



UPBEAT!

2nd - 4th Grades



Chorale
4th - 8th Grades

Encore

Advanced Choir
8 - 12th Grades



Cantamos:
El Buen Pastor Choir

From the Artistic Director:



What a busy spring semester! Our singers have been learning vocal techniques, concert etiquette, and the art of performing during this season of snow and ice. We have been fortunate not to have to cancel many rehearsals and have moved forward as much as possible.

The Amani Festival was a wonderful experience in late January. This year we added a drumming element which added lots of energy and enjoyment to our singers. Betsy Bevan brings with her many years of experience and a passion for working with young musicians. We have also gone out into the community to sing at local retirement homes, sharing our music to appreciative audiences and receiving hugs and smiles in exchange.

The Piedmont Festival is always a highlight, and it was nice to be "hosted" by the Charlotte Children's Choir this year. Festival director Tom Shelton made an instant connection with the singers, who

spent the weekend together singing and performing. CCCC also had a few moments to spend with Tom and hear about our commissioned work for the concert in April. We are SO excited!

This year's season culminates in our 15th Anniversary Celebration on April 27th. We TRULY hope you can join us to experience "beautiful sounds for a better world," and help us celebrate this milestone in our organization. We could not be at this juncture without all of our wonderful singers, now, and over the years; support from their families, and the greater artistic community here in Winston-Salem. Please come and share in this experience with us.

15 years! We have truly been blessed with the "Gift of Love," and for this I will be forever grateful.

In Soli deo Gloria —Anne



Summer Sing 2014

The 14th Annual Choir Day-Camp
for Treble Singers Ages 8 - 14
— August 11 - 15, 2014 —



- ♪ Singing
- ♪ Percussion
- ♪ Handbells
- ♪ Movement
- ♪ Sharing Concert



www.centralcarolinachildschorus.org/summersing



Dr. José Rivera works with Cantamos, our Hispanic Choir from El Buen Latino Community Services. Dr. Rivera is the National Chair of the Repertoire & Standards Committee for Ethnic and Multicultural Perspectives, for the American Choral Director's Association. Rivera is coordinator of Music Education, Assistant Professor of Choral Music, and Conductor of the University Chorale at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Cantamos was treated to an evening of vocal techniques, solfège exercises, and dialogue about the unique challenges of multicultural choirs.



CCCC's second Amani Invitational Children's Choir Festival (AICCF) was held on January 31 - February 1st at Centenary UMC. The purpose of AICCF is to raise awareness of abandoned orphans in Kenya due to HIV/AIDS and poverty, as supported and served by the Amani Children's Foundation, based here Winston-Salem. Children and Youth "sing together in harmony and celebrate our unity". We host this bi-annual event together with the Cathedral Choir of Centenary, and Centenary's

Music and Arts Ministries play a supporting role. Participating choirs this year were CCCC, Centenary's Cathedral Choir, Cantamos Hispanic Choir, Gate City Young Singers of Greensboro, and children's choirs from Mount Tabor, Oak Ridge, and Wesley Memorial United Methodist Churches.

Anne Saxon served as the Artistic Director, with Betsy Bevan as the Drumming Leader. The next festival is scheduled for early 2016.



2014 Piedmont Festival

CCCC participated in the annual Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival in March, together with several North Carolina Children's Choirs. Tom Shelton from Westminster Choir College in New Jersey was our festival conductor. It was held at University City United Methodist Church, hosted by the Charlotte Children's Choir.

While there we had an opportunity to visit with Mr. Shelton who has composed a song for CCCC's 15th Anniversary. "Benedictus & Sanctus" will be premiered on April 27th at our Spring Concert.

CCCC Spring Event Schedule

Friday/Saturday, January 31/February 1:

Amani Children's Choir Festival

Centenary United Methodist Church
648 West 5th Street, Winston-Salem

Final Concert: Saturday, February 1, 1:00 pm

Free and open to the public; Love Offering collected for the Amani Children's Foundation
www.centralcarolinachildrenschorus.org/amani

Thursday, February 13th:

Cantamos Workshop with Dr. José Rivera

National Chair, American Choral Director's Association, for Repertoire & Standards of Ethnic & Multicultural Perspectives; 5:15 pm
El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services
4637 Tim Road, Winston-Salem

Saturday, February 22:

CCCC Gala Event

Community Arts Cafe, Downtown Winston-Salem
Luncheon, Silent Auction, Raffle, & CCCC Choirs
Gary Hastings, Jazz Trumpeter
& JJ Johnson, Comedian, Master of Ceremonies



Combined Choirs at the March Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival, held in Charlotte. Tom Shelton is conducting.

*The mission of the Central Carolina Children's Chorus is to provide quality music instruction to children and youth with the goal of attaining the highest level of artistic excellence in choral music performance. **Celebrating our 15th season of choral excellence!***

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

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Tuesday, February 25:

Arbor Acres Retirement Community

1240 Arbor Road, Winston-Salem
Chorale & Encore Choirs, Concert at 7:00 pm
Asbury Place, Robinson Hall
www.arboracres.org/assisted-living.cfm

Thursday, March 13:

Brookridge Retirement Community

1199 Hayes Forest Drive, Winston-Salem
UPBEAT! & Cantamos Choirs, 6:30 pm
<http://www.brookridgecommunity.org/>

Friday/Saturday, March 14-15:

Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival

Hosted by the Charlotte Children's Chorus
University City United Methodist Church, Charlotte
Tom Shelton, Conductor

Final Concert: Saturday, March 15, 4:00 pm Church sanctuary.

Sunday, March 23:

Centenary UMC Worship Service

11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
Chorale & Encore Choirs
Broadcast live on WSJS AM 600 Radio!

Sunday, April 27:

Annual CCCC Spring Concert & 15th Anniversary Celebration!

3:00 pm, Centenary United Methodist Church
648 West 5th Street, Winston-Salem
Featuring CCCC Choirs, Alumni Singers,
& Guest Instrumentalists
Free & open to the public; Love Offering collected
Celebration Reception following

Announcing Auditions for our 2014-2015 Season!

Music Makers



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Kindergarten/1st Grade
Preparatory Choir
Fall & Spring Semesters

UPBEAT!

Training Choir
for 2nd - 4th Graders
Placement Hearing Required

Chorale

Choir for 4th - 8th Graders
Audition Required

ENCORE

Choir for 8th-12th Graders
Audition Required

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