



Please welcome our new staff members!

Since Executive Director Dody Hansen will be joining the full-time teaching ranks this fall, we have taken on the herculean task of finding her replacement. In fact, we decided the job was large enough and important enough to split the job into two parts. We are happy to report we have found two extremely qualified individuals to take on this challenge.

Dana Abel, who was an OCC chorister during the 1980s, will begin later this summer as our new Executive Director. She brings an extraordinary skill set, having taught music, managed and performed in a performance quartet, and worked in environmental nonprofits in development, finance, operations, and volunteer coordination.

Chris Dobson, who needs no introduction as our longtime Boychoir director and also our Young Men's Ensemble director, has agreed to be our new Artistic Director. Chris will bring such passion and vision to our organization as he seeks to guide our recruitment, public face, and artistic goals. Chris, who is also an alumnus of our programs, similarly brings a wealth of skills to this position: choir director, music educator, professional musician, liaison with those in the music education field, and on top of all that, he is a creative problem-solver with excellent computer skills!

Rounding out the changes for the upcoming year are two new choir directors. We are extremely pleased to have the well-qualified and charming Laura Wayte join us as Kathryn Leonard's replacement for Junior Girlchoir (4th/5th grades). We congratulate

Kathryn and her husband Jeff on the birth of their first child, Joshua, and while we will miss Kathryn, we understand that little Joshua loves her even more than we do! She's done a wonderful job with the Junior Girlchoir, but the girls are in excellent hands with new director Laura Wayte, who has an impressive career as both a professional opera singer as well as a gifted teacher, both at the University of Oregon and privately.

We are also fortunate to have the talented and energetic Kyle Ludwig join us as Chris' replacement in Boychoir. While Chris Dobson will remain as YME director in addition to assuming the role of Artistic Director, he is passing the reins to Kyle for Boychoir so that he can focus his time and energy on leading the organization as a whole.

We'll include more information about each of them in upcoming newsletters. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to accomplishing great things together next year!

Registration is open for the 2018-19 Season!

[Click here to register!](#)

Early Registration Discounts

Register and pay the first, non-refundable, tuition payment of \$75 by **June 30th** and pay the balance of the year's tuition by September 10th to receive a \$50 discount (or \$25 for choristers receiving a sibling discount).

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Register and pay the first, non-refundable, tuition payment of \$75 by **August 31st** and pay the balance of the year's tuition by September 10th to receive a \$25 discount.

Sibling Discount

We offer discounts for families with more than one child enrolled with OCC. The discount is 25% off the second child's tuition, and 50% off per chorister for any additional siblings. Discount is taken from the lower tuition(s).

Scholarships

We offer several need-based scholarships. Details provided in the registration process. Email OregoChildrensChoirBilling@gmail.com for more information!

Sing with OCC this Summer!

If your child just can't get enough of choir, OCC has some summer camp options for you to consider! Reserve your spot soon before they all fill up!

***** The deadline to register for Recording Camp Level 1 is July 2nd! (Time is needed to order required equipment.)**

July 16-19: Middle School/ High School Vocal Technique Camp

Led by Brittany Rudoi (4:00pm - 7:00pm at FUMC)

July 30-August 3: Middle School/ High School Studio Recording Camp Level 1

Led by Chris Dobson (8:00am - 3:30pm at SEHS)

August 13-17: Middle School/ High School Studio Recording Camp Advanced

Led by Chris Dobson (8:00am - 3:30pm at SEHS)

August 13-17: Elementary School OCC/RCT Collaboration Camp

Led by Wayne Strong (9:00am - 1:00pm at FUMC)

[Vocal Technique Registration HERE](#)

[Studio Recording Level 1 Registration HERE](#)

[Studio Rec Level 2 & Advanced Registration HERE](#)

(You must have taken Recording Camp Level 1 before registering for this camp.)

[Elementary Camp Registration HERE](#)

Check our website for details:

www.oregonchildrenschoir.com

The ladies of Lyra, pictured below with director Brittany Rudoi, were all smiles at the Spring Concert on June 10th!



Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

We are looking for sponsors from our business community for our Spring Concert! Questions? Contact Dody Hansen at oregonchildrenschoirinfo@gmail.com for more information!

Volunteers needed!

OCC Parents:

There are many ways to get more involved with Oregon Children's Choir! Each choir has a **Parent Helper** who assists the choir director with a variety of tasks, including attendance, snacks, uniforms, and other duties (varies by choir). We also need help at each of our **Concerts** with things like ushering and managing concessions. We have a newly formed **Fundraising Committee** that could use help from those with experience in graphic design, videography, or grantwriting. And anyone interested in joining the

Board of Directors can contact Dody Hansen for more information at oregonchildrenschoirinfo@gmail.com

The OCC Board of Directors

*Behind the scenes of Oregon Children's Choir is a hard-working, committed, and passionate group of individuals who believe in our mission and facilitate all of the good work we do! We are so grateful for their many contributions! *** If you're interested in joining the board, please contact us by email at oregonchildrenschoirinfo@gmail.com*

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Donations to OCC are eligible for the Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credit!

*Whether big or small, **every contribution adds up** and makes a difference in terms of our ability to serve. The more donations we receive, the more scholarships we can offer!*

*And, **EVEN BETTER**, if you donate to OCC and a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you'll receive a 100% tax credit for the Oregon Cultural Trust!!*

The Oregon Children's Choir is a proud member of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

If you donate to OCC (up to \$1000.00 per household, \$2500.00 per class-C corporation) and match the same donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you will receive a 100% state tax credit. To donate to OCC, please click here:

<http://www.oregonchildrenschoir.com/donate.html>

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<http://www.culturaltrust.org/get-involved/donate/>

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