

## All of Our Choirs Did a Great Job at the Benefit Concert!

Thank you so much to all of our choristers, directors, accompanists, parent helpers, donors, and families for making our Benefit Concert such a success! The performances were wonderful, and the silent auction and raffle went very well. We appreciate EVERYONE who was part of this special event!



#### Special Note to Parents of Elementary School Choristers:

This is a friendly reminder that your children require your presence and supervision until the directors have opened the doors and are ready to receive your children. OCC does not provide supervision for the courtyard area, and we want to make sure that all of our choristers are safe at all times. Please plan to wait with your child until it's time for them to enter their rehearsal space. Thank you very much!

### **Spring Trips Coming Soon!**

Several of our choirs have Spring Trips on the horizon!

\* Synergy: On May 24-28, they will be going to Disneyland and performing!

\* Girlchoir: On May 25-28, they will be going to Portland and performing!

\* Lyra: (Dates TBA) will be going to Seattle!

\* **Boychoir**: On June 21-24, they will be going to Ashland and performing!

\* Young Men's Ensemble: On June 26 - July 2, they will be going to Washington DC and performing!

### **OCC Offers Summer Camps!**

If your child just can't get enough of choir, OCC has some summer camp options for your to consider!

 July 23-27: Middle School/ High School Vocal Technique Camp Led by Brittany Rudoi (4:00pm - 8:00pm 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)

<sup>\*</sup> **Junior Boychoir and Junior Girlchoirs**: On May 24, these groups will be singing at 3 local schools and then going to the Family Fun Center in Wilsonville!

 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)

### Check our website for details:

www.oregonchildrenschoir.com

### **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!



# **MORE Reasons to Sing!**

At OCC, we know first-hand that singing makes us feel better, but we're always looking out for research to back up our anecdotal evidence. <u>According to this article</u>, singing offers many of the same benefits as exercise!

## **Special Events!**

\* Boychoir will have a special performance at the 10 am service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 8th.

\* There will be a YME trip fundraiser dinner (with music!) on Saturday, April 21st in the evening! Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

# 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

### 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 <u>and</u> 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: <u>http://www.oregonchildrenschoir.com/donate.html</u>

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#### Please join us in saying THANK YOU to our dedicated 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 see a board member,

#### please thank them!

Denice Gray- **President** Doug Wisely - **Vice President** Carol Brown - **Treasurer** Molly Broch - **Secretary** Yvonne Braun - **Member** Carrie Connelly - **Member** Brian Aljian - **Member** Betsy Priddle - **Member** Cathy Dorrah Stewart - **Member** Amy Beasley - **Member** Guy Aydelott - **FUMC Liaison** 

#### **OCC Rehearsal Schedule 2017-18**

(Reminder: No rehearsals during school holidays!)

Prelude (Grades K-1) 4:30-5:30pm Mondays @ FUMC Room, Youth Center

> Junior Girlchoir (Grades 2-3) 4:30-5:30pm Mondays @ FUMC Room 16

Junior Girlchoir (Grades 4-5) 4:30-5:30pm Mondays @ FUMC Room 6

Junior Boychoir (Grades 2-5) 4:30-5:30pm Mondays @ FUMC Room 11&12

Oregon Girlchoir (Grades 6-8) 4:15-6:15pm Mondays @ FUMC Room 19

Oregon Boychoir (Grades 6-8) 6:00-8:00pm Tuesdays @ FUMC Room 16

Oregon Young Men's Ensemble (Grades 9-12) 6:45-8:45pm Mondays @ FUMC Room 16

LYRA a cappella (Grades 9-12) 6:30-8:00pm Tuesdays @ FUMC Room 6

**Counterpoint (Grades 9-12)** 6:30-8:00pm Tuesdays @ FUMC Room Youth Center

Synergy (Grades 9-12) 6:30-8:00pm Tuesdays @ FUMC Choir Basement

# **Upcoming Concerts!**

#### Check our calendar online at

http://www.oregonchildrenschoir.com/calendar.html

(Note: Individual choirs will sometimes have separate performances not included on this list. Watch for emails from your choir directors.)

Sunday, May 20

2pm-4pm Elementary Choirs @ FUMC

#### Sunday, June 10

7pm-9pm Middle School and High School Ensembles @ FUMC

#### Thanks to all of our hard-working directors! We appreciate them all year!

Prelude (grades K-1) -- Andria Martin Junior Girlchoir (grades 2-3) -- Siera Kaup Junior Girlchoir (grades 4-5) -- Kathryn Leonard Junior Boychoir (grades 2-5) -- Wayne Strong Girlchoir (grades 6-8) -- Jennifer Searl Boychoir (grades 6-8) -- Chris Dobson Young Men's Ensemble (grades 9-12) -- Chris Dobson Lyra (grades 9-12) -- Brittany Rudoi Synergy (grades 9-12) -- Megan Perdue Counterpoint (grades 9-12) -- Jacob Steinberger

To read more about our wonderful directors, visit our website!

#### More Details on Our Website!

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