

 Indianapolis Children's Choir

22-23 CONCERT SEASON

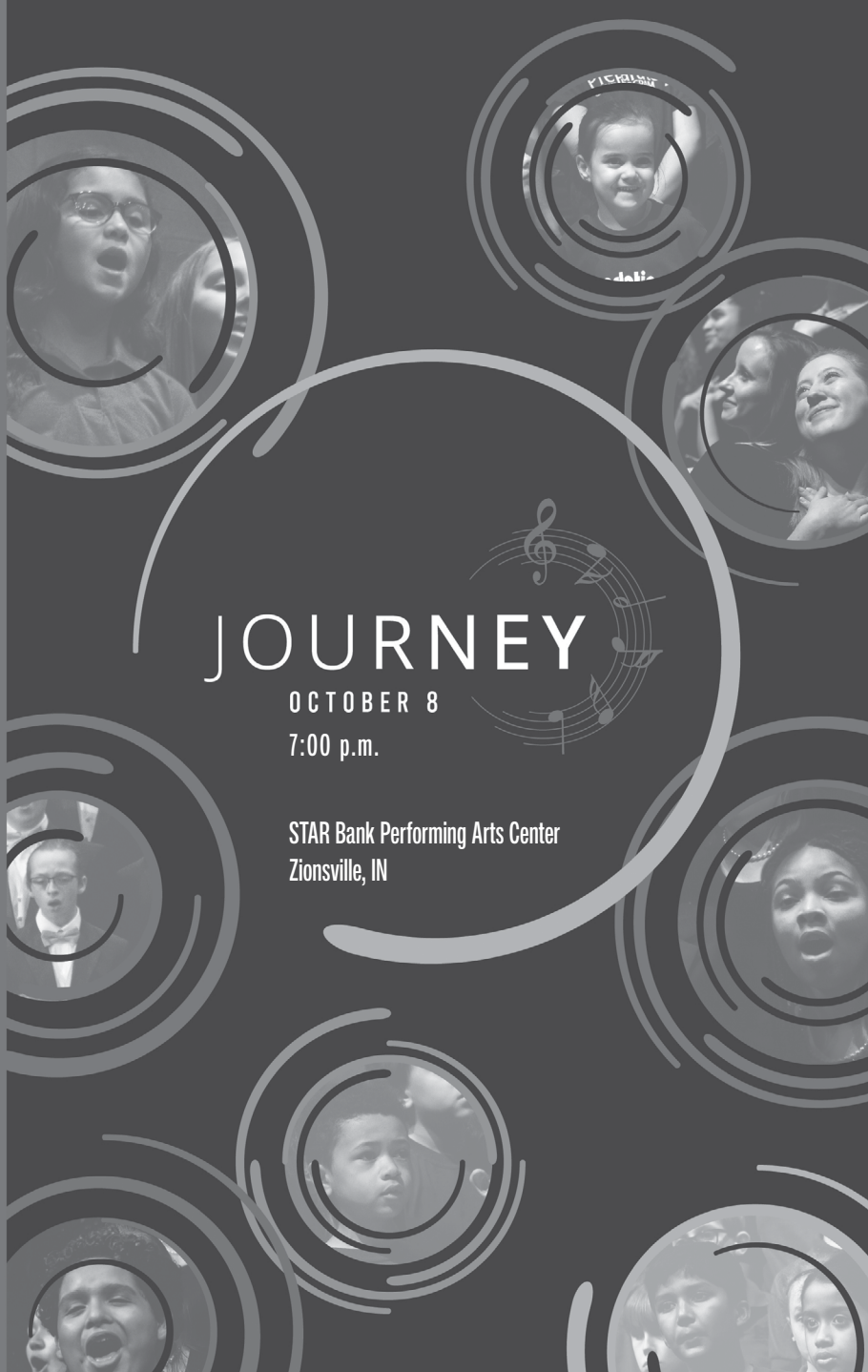


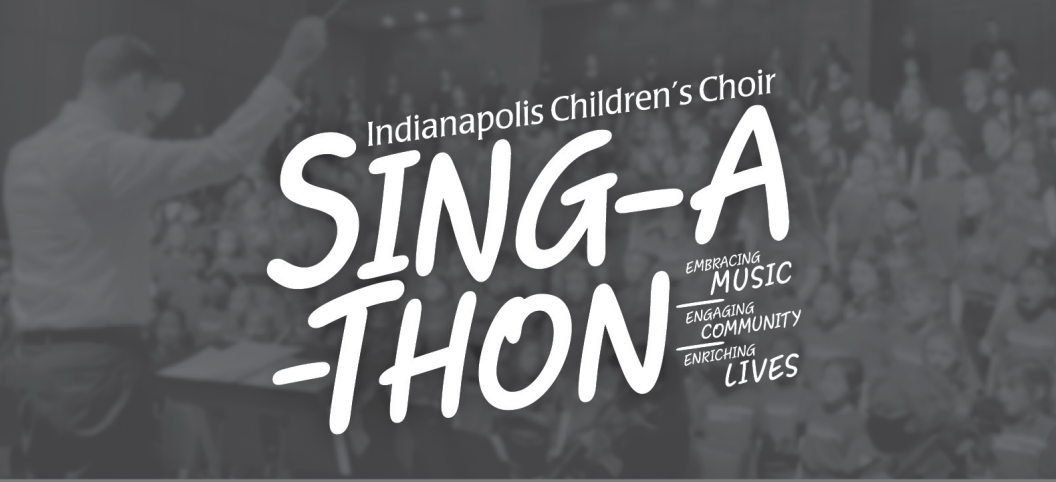
# JOURNEY

OCTOBER 8

7:00 p.m.

STAR Bank Performing Arts Center  
Zionsville, IN





Indianapolis Children's Choir  
**SING-A  
-THON**  
EMBRACING  
MUSIC  
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COMMUNITY  
ENRICHING  
LIVES

Join the ICC for 6 hours of singing to support music education programs!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022**

Shelton Auditorium  
Butler University  
1000 W 42nd St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

**12:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

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# WELCOME!

Greetings friends,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the first performance of the 2022-2023 Indianapolis Children's Choir Concert Season! We are excited to share our performance of ***Journey*** with you and we are grateful to all of our supporters who help us to build a stronger community by giving a voice to children as they enrich our culture with their artistic excellence.

I invite you to view the world through a new lens as our concert repertoire looks back in time and examines how transformational moments have changed the course of history. The voices of ICC singers will inspire us to look at the world through their eyes with fresh perspectives.

This evening, I invite you to ***Journey*** with us as our singers honor the past, celebrate the present, and explore the future. Music is like a family photo album filled with memories and possibilities where hope and understanding are the focus of the pictures. This concert is one snapshot in time that can inspire us to create a brighter image of what our world can become as we unite voices throughout the community to celebrate what connects us all – music.

We hope you are inspired to think, feel, respond, and make positive changes in your lives, our community, and the world. On behalf of the entire ICC family, thank you for joining us this evening – we hope you enjoy the ***Journey***.

Sincerely,

Joshua Pedde  
Artistic Director

# INDIANAPOLIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**N**ow in its 37th season, the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) **serves approximately 2,500 children and youth** each year who are enrolled in the ICC's weekly, in-depth music education programs. **Established in 1986** by Founder and Conductor Laureate Henry Leck, and now under the **leadership of Artistic Director Joshua Pedde**, the ICC nurtures and inspires student achievement through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance.

The ICC is one of the most established, comprehensive, and respected children's choral programs in the world, comprised of children from **18 months to 18 years of age** and brings singers together from a wide range of cultural, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds from more than **20 counties** in Indiana.

Music At Play is the ICC's early childhood program that offers children 18 months to 5 years of age a fun and engaging space to begin their musical journey. Kindergarteners join our Foundations Choir where they learn how to participate in a choir for the very first time. The Preparatory Choir Program, offered for children in grades 1 through 3, is a non-auditioned experience that allows singers to explore their interest in music and singing in a choral setting. These programs are held on the campus of Butler University as well as several regional locations around central Indiana. The Jubilate Choir for singers with special needs offers children not traditionally able to sing in a choral setting a unique opportunity to explore their musical talents. Seven performing choirs rehearse at Butler and include singers from grades 4 through 12 in choirs ranging from intermediate to advanced mixed ensembles.

ICC's regional choirs are in Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, and Johnson counties as well as Columbus and Anderson. The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC) is a cooperative effort of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and the ICC. The CICC offers musical experiences to students from 3 years old to ninth grade and serves Columbus and surrounding areas. The Anderson Area Children's Choir (AACC) features three choirs for students in kindergarten through grade 12 who reside within the Anderson and Madison County area.

Singers in the ICC perform repertoire that includes various styles of music and languages that expose singers to a wealth of diverse musical genres and cultures. Singers who participate in the ICC's programs also gain increased cultural awareness and appreciation through opportunities to tour and perform state-wide, nationally, and globally.

The ICC's Community Connections Programs directly reflect our vision to bridge across cultures, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds to bring choral music to all children. Through this commitment to serving the entire central Indiana community, the musical excellence of the ICC is available through many outreach initiatives, including Neighborhood Choir Academy (NCA), our financial assistance program, Music at Play in Schools and Communities (MAP), Preschool Outreach Program (POP!), and Young Exceptional Singers (YES!).

The ICC is recognized internationally for the artistic accomplishments of its singers, touring the world as music ambassadors, and collaborating with premier musicians such as Kelly Clarkson and the Moscow Chamber Orchestra. The ICC is also highly respected as a leader in the national and international choral and children's music education community, sharing resources with teachers around the globe, taking initiative in curriculum development and making many contributions to the body of children's choral music through the ICC Publishing House.

The ICC performs in a wide variety of professional settings, helping set a standard of excellence in the children's choral music world. The choir has performed often by blind audition for national professional music associations including five national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, Organization of American Kodály Educators, and American Orff-Schulwerk Association.

The ICC is an integral part of the central Indiana cultural landscape, presenting a Concert Season of 10 performances and regularly collaborating with orchestras, professional artists, and ensembles of the highest caliber. The ICC Concert Season includes public performances attended by more than 10,000 people each year and offers inspiring music for audiences that also provides ICC singers with the satisfaction of achieving their artistic goals and the experience of performing before a live audience. The Angels Sing holiday concert is broadcast each year by 13 WTHR and has won numerous Emmy awards.

The ICC receives requests to sing at nearly 100 public and private events each year. ICC singers have sung for Indiana gubernatorial and mayoral inaugurations, Senator Richard Lugar's state funeral, and for President George W. Bush. Performances at sporting events include the Tenth Pan Am Games, FINA World Swimming Championships, where the choir performed live national anthems for all gold medal award winners, the NCAA Women's Final Four Championship, US Grand Prix/Formula One, the Solheim Cup International Tournament, the Indy 500 Festival Parade, Super Bowl XLVI, and the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500.

The choir has also shared the stage with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Canadian Brass, The Chieftains, Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Judy Collins, Celine Dion, Sandi Patty, Angela Brown, Marvin Hamlisch, Barry Manilow, and many more.

The ICC continues its notable recording legacy after producing 15 acclaimed CDs. The ICC is now featured on iTunes/Apple Music, Spotify, YouTube Music, and Amazon Music. Numerous artists from all over the globe collaborate with the ICC for various recordings.

From representing Indianapolis on the world stage, to community outreach, to the finest quality in music education and personal growth, ICC is more than just a choir.

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## Conductors

Joshua Pedde,  
*Artistic Director*

Amy Hughley,  
*Associate Artistic Director*

Emily Arndt  
Melissa Garcia  
Ed Hennes  
Andrew Himelick  
Abigail Hunter  
Lauren Southard  
Leeann Starkey

## Percussion

Steve Dawson

## Accompanists

Caleb Crawford  
Stacey Edwards  
Patrick Fata  
Jenny Handshoe  
Sarah May

## Choirs Performing

Master Chorale (MC)  
Indy Voice 1 & 2 (IV)  
Kantorei (KAN)  
Lyric (LYR)  
Chamber (CH)  
Beginning Level Choirs (BLC)  
Boone County  
Carmel  
Fishers  
Hendricks County  
Johnson County  
Octavo

## WELCOME

**Eternity (COMBINED)**.....Michael Bojesen  
*Text by Ellen Heiberg, translation by Lisa Freeman*

**For Now, I Know (IV)**.....Nancy Boone Allsbrook and Glenda Goodin

**We Praise Your Name (IV)**.....Dr. F. James Clark

**Yellow Bird (MC Tenor/Bass)** ..... Norman Luboff  
*Text by Marilyn and Alan Bergman* arr. Dan Davison

**O, Desayo (BLC)**.....arr. Elliot Levine  
*Angolan Folk Song*

*O, Desayo is an expression of greeting.*

**Child of Tomorrow (BLC)**.....Mark Patterson

**Laudate eum (KAN, LYR, CH)**.....Amy Branson Fata  
*Praise Him, Alleluia,  
Praise the Lord, Alleluia,  
Every spirit praises the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

**Grow, Little Tree (KAN, LYR, CH)** ..... Andrea Ramsey  
*Soloist: Karina Cisco*

**Oye (KAN, LYR, CH)**..... Jim Papoulis  
ed. Francisco Núñez

*All alone, in the darkness  
They are crying out for your help  
They are hoping, they are dreaming*

*They are asking, for a change to be heard.  
They are watching, they are listening  
They are searching to find their way  
Can you see them, can you hear them calling  
What their voices are trying to say?*

**Nine Hundred Miles (KAN)** .....arr. Philip E. Silvey  
*Traditional American Folk Song*

**Flying (KAN)**..... Erik Whitehill  
*Soloists: Kate Larsen and Lylah Sipes*

**Temen Oblak (Dark Clouds) (IV)**..... Christopher Tin  
*From a poem by Hristo Botev*

*A cloud of darkness has appeared from the mountains and the forest.  
Ah, granddad, these are troubled times! Hard the dragging of the plow.  
Large raindrops have begun to fall, this is no gentle drizzle now.  
A terrifying tempest howls – this is no gentle drizzle now.*

*Tell me, granddad - I remember how you once walked brave and proud.  
Granny Stoyna was alive then – she was singing while you plowed.  
“Ah, my son, why you ask? Listen to the raven croak...  
But when you go down to the village you’ll find out why the tears choke  
an aged chieftan, following his plow.  
For the village gathers all around, in the square to graze upon  
my children, my young men.”*

*A cloud of darkness has appeared, does it mean a gentle drizzle?  
Everyone through the village races, but granddad won’t unhitch the traces.*

**Smile (IV)**..... John Turner, Geoffrey Parsons and Charles Chaplin  
arr. Leeann Starkey

**I Dream a World (IV)** ..... André J. Thomas  
*Text by Langston Hughes*

**Untraveled Worlds (MC Soprano/Alto)**..... Paul Halley

**Tunggare (MC)**..... Stephen Leek  
*Tunggare is an Australian aboriginal word which means “to sing.”*

**Dawn (MC)**..... Steven James Schmidt  
*Text by Cristian Guerrero, Andrew Moorhead and Steven James Schmidt  
From Bravo: A New Musical*  
*Soloists: Morgan Estes and Clive Guidry*

**Wayfaring Stranger (MC)**..... arr. Larry Schackley  
*Traditional American*

**Stand Together (COMBINED)**..... Jim Papoulis

# OUR SINGERS

Registered as of September 22, 2022

## MASTER CHORALE

Ashley Aldridge  
Natalie Allen  
Liz Amy  
Lucy Baker  
Greta Baller  
Brisa Ballesteros  
Melina Bartzis  
Nadia Batiz  
Keith Billmeier  
Emily Boggs  
Kendall Booth  
Natalie Carlson  
Reid Colwell  
Finney Combs  
Morgan Estes  
Cayden Ferens  
Madison Fleener  
Sophie Francis  
Andrew Gibbons  
Marcus Gonzalez  
Mary Gorman  
Sidney Graham  
Abby Greenwood  
Clive Guidry  
Riley Guilmet  
Jacqueline Hall  
Grant Haste  
Vanessa Holloway  
Savannah Huck  
Katharine Hughley  
Caden Johnson  
Ronnie Johnson  
Eva Kilpatrick  
Gavin Kincheloe  
Kimberly LaCava  
Katie Mayer  
Sophia Mays  
Brenna McGaha  
Catherine Miller  
Logan Miller  
Joshua Nguyen-Raymond  
Arielle Ouedraogo  
Jackson Peddie  
Brynn Peterson  
Ella Reed  
Ezekiel Robinson  
Jeremiah Robinson  
Ariah Rowe  
Nisha Roy  
Anastasia Rupp  
Raina Sauley  
Finch Saywell  
Hannah Seaman  
Sabina Seaman  
Sarah Semon  
Sarah Shanklin  
Evelyn Skaggs  
Zen Streit  
Madeline Swick  
Aiden Taylor

Nathan Trinkle  
Sydney White  
Ella Williams  
Kiara Williams

## INDY VOICE 1

Marley Ansted  
Isabell Ayres  
Anna Balaban  
Irina Balaban  
Ayasha Bandaranayake  
Ava Bates  
Madison Berry  
Whitney Bontrager  
Julianne Brown  
Keelin Canada  
Mykell Collins  
Mia Corsaro  
Kylie Cottingham  
Alexa Cruz  
Claire Cuson  
Langston Endicott  
Jamie Fluharty  
Jamison Franks  
Lileigh Gasaway-Catt  
Reagan Gear  
Caitlyn Gibbons  
Jessie Hartnett  
Hannah Harvey  
Oliver Haug  
Ema Hollett  
Maxwell Johnson  
Emilie Martin  
Marie May  
Rachel Meacham  
Mason Moore  
Josselyn Moran  
Hardan Olson  
Annabelle Pedde  
Sarah Pflieger  
Abigail Puster  
Owen Puster  
Felix Radomski  
Joy Roorbach  
Ceilidh Scott  
Eliza Smiley  
Finn Southard  
Aubrey Stratton  
Gabrielle Street  
Hayden Terstege  
Caleb Wolf  
Kayla Yarling

## INDY VOICE 2

Arianna Adkins  
Nicholas Albaugh  
Timothy Bogaerts  
Ainsley Carver  
Bella Cerrie  
June Conder  
Corina Copeland

Julie Copeland  
Coyote Dullaghan  
Marcus Edwards  
Amelia Gamla  
Alicia Harris  
Sean Harris  
Maya Hayek  
Parker Hurst  
Anna James  
Celia Jarzen  
Kamren Johnson  
Lydia Jones  
Elise Kaczorek  
Khushi Khatri  
Arabella Lertzak  
Sophia Li  
Marin Matthews  
Natalie McGill  
Emily Meng  
Ada Mosey  
Libby Munson  
Oluwateleyomi Oladipo  
Alexa Osorio Barrera  
Hillary Osorio Barrera  
Emily Parra  
Josie Perket  
Chris Phillips  
Mia Rakestraw  
Addison Raveed  
Caleb Reynolds  
Corinne Schnepf  
Chiara Seaman  
Eliana Steele  
Claire Uhlenkamp  
MJ Wolfe  
Cara Zeng  
Sarah Zeng

## KANTOREI

Cora Anderson  
Dulce Bethancourth  
Jack Brown  
Sophia Clayton  
Davis Crain  
Olivia Deloney  
Sophie Fenech  
Riley Fields  
Miriam Frangoul  
Alaina Garcia  
Maya Grahame  
Genevieve Granger  
Augustina Greene  
Emma Greenwood  
Ayla Grieve  
Helen Hall  
Annalise Kinslow  
Kate Larsen  
Hunter Manuel Long  
Drake McDaniel  
Mazzy Menyhart  
Jack Moore

Ryleigh Owens  
Layla Ratliff  
Canon Schultz  
Cole Shuhilo  
Lylah Sipes  
Sullivan Southard  
Lucy Tension  
Aidan Troemner  
Evelyn Valier-Harris  
Kendall Vance  
Anika Veerapaneni  
Henry Wiehe  
Owen Williams  
Audrey Zhang  
Rachel Zorn

## LYRIC

Carolyn Becraft  
Lilly Birnell  
Lylah Blocher  
Violet Brooks  
Kaylena Cauley  
Karina Cisco  
Jasmine-Ariona DeVoe  
Sadjo Diallo  
Lillian Edwards  
Caroline Feeney  
Meiana Garner  
Lucy Hill  
Colson Ho  
Zoe Johnson  
Adam Lezon  
James Mayer  
Bryce Montemer  
Anna Nelson  
Anna Neuen  
Leandra Olson  
Grayson Pedde  
Clara Salcedo Sainz  
SaRiya Smith  
Luke Stratton  
Gavin Tedja  
Katie Tedja  
Shay Winter

## CHAMBER

Khaled Allassane  
Aron Beverly  
Spencer Bland  
Ella Casey  
Elise Cohoat  
Mary Dixon  
Jaden Gutzwiler-Tuttle  
Anna Haste  
Abigail Laux  
Christina Mathews  
Lailey McMillan  
Miles Menyhart  
Caroline Newsom  
Adriana Nicholson  
Lamon O'Neal





Alexi Reyes  
 Zoey Rivera-Canada  
 Persephone Robertson  
 Ava Russell  
 Kyla Smith  
 Rhyann Smith  
 Rory Southard  
 Aria Williams

**OCTAVO**  
 Frances Behringer  
 Mayra Gutierrez  
 Gage Kincheloe  
 Isabella King  
 Sophia Lime  
 Jared Montemer  
 Edile Neal  
 Lila Nicholas  
 Quilla Olson  
 Evelyn Puster  
 Annie Rupert  
 Braelynn Sansone  
 Elena Trabanino  
 Lilly Troyer

**BOONE COUNTY  
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
 Audra Domalewski  
 Austin Domalewski  
 Layla Domalewski  
 Logan Domalewski  
 Lucia Qiu  
 Madelyn Satkamp  
 Claire Schumaker

**CARMEL CHILDREN'S  
 CHOIR**  
 Christian Aguirre  
 Ella Casimiro  
 Olivia Cox  
 Quinn Gordon  
 Katie Harris  
 Ellie Haskett  
 Abigail Hudspeth  
 Catalina Joyce  
 Marin McPeck  
 Quinn Mulroony  
 Ella Sever  
 Celia Smith

Quinn Sundheimer  
 Emma Wang  
 Mia Wang  
 Aria Williamson

**FISHERS CHILDREN'S  
 CHOIR**  
 June Billingsley  
 Audrey Cantwell  
 Embry Chambers  
 Eliza Frissore  
 Elias Griggs  
 Allea Kelley  
 Elena Scheele  
 Vishnu Shah-Cooper  
 Talley Thomasson  
 Melodee Williams  
 Asher Wright

**HENDRICKS COUNTY  
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
 Haylee Blanton  
 Jessica Bogaerts  
 Elijah Cervantes

Kaiden Collins  
 Gabriel Fischer  
 Jahiro Flores-Infante  
 Grace O'Malley  
 Alejandro Osorio Barrera  
 Sara Salcedo Sainz  
 Owen Smith  
 Ava Tuley  
 Trinity Volk

**JOHNSON COUNTY  
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
 Ella Burgin  
 Olivia Burgin  
 Molly Hyde  
 Isabelle Schroeder  
 Amber Wang  
 Avynn Watson  
 Brinley Watson  
 Maylee Weidman



# JOSHUA PEDDE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Joshua Pedde is the artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC), one of the largest and most respected children's choir programs in the world. In addition to conducting ICC's advanced treble choirs, Josh is also the artistic director of the Anderson Area Children's Choir. During his 21 years with the ICC, Mr. Pedde has been instrumental in growing the ICC's *Innovations* program which provides free music education workshops to public and private schools throughout central Indiana. In addition, he has pioneered ICC's *Neighborhood Choir Academy* within Central Indiana which provides an introductory musical experience for students to explore the world of choral music and culminates in a performance with the ICC, the creation of ICC *Connects*, which allows singers from around the world to work and sing with the ICC choral program in central Indiana, and the creation of The Indianapolis Children's Choir Publishing House in partnership with Beckenhorst Press. The ICC's new publishing arm will publish choral music for all ages, levels, and voicings of children's/youth choirs, as well as educational materials for use with these ages.

Mr. Pedde is a frequent conductor and clinician throughout the United States including the LCMS Worship Institute Children's Choir, the WELS National Convention Festival and Children's Choirs, Indiana Circle the State with Song festivals, the American Hymn Society, the National Conference of Pastoral Musicians, the National Disciples of Christ Conference, American Choral Directors Association all state choirs in Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, and New Mexico, and the Indiana Music Education Association Middle School and Elementary honor choirs. Mr. Pedde frequently is a consultant to churches on Liturgical Worship and Children's Choir. In 2003 he premiered the work *The Wrangle Taggle Gypsies* by Irish composer Mary McAuliffe at the National Concert Hall in Dublin. He is founder and artistic director of the Coastal Song Choir Festival.

In addition to conducting at Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center, Mr. Pedde was the backstage conductor for the premiere of the children's opera, *The Trio of Minuet*. He recently prepared ICC's most advanced treble choir for a performance at Shift: A Festival of American Orchestras at the Kennedy Center. He has conducted at numerous sporting events including the FINA World Swimming Championships, Indianapolis Fever, NCAA Women's Basketball Finals, the RCA Tennis Championships, the 2008 U.S.A. Olympic Diving Qualifications, the 2012 World Choir Games, and Super Bowl XLVI. He has conducted choirs in performances at the Vatican and Canterbury Cathedral, in Austria, Canada, England, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands,

and Spain. In September 2018, Mr. Pedde's treble choir was a featured performer at the 50th National American Orff-Schulwerk Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Pedde is a member of the NAFME, ACDA, IMEA, and ICDA. He also served as a solo and ensemble and organizational judge for ISSMA and as a clinician for IMEA's ensembles. Mr. Pedde serves as chair for the Consortium of Indiana Children's Choirs.

Mr. Pedde serves at Cornerstone Lutheran Church as director of traditional worship for their four sites in Carmel, Fishers, and Indianapolis. He is the music director of the Carmel Community Choir and Orchestra. He is a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and the AGO. He has received training and certification in Orff-Schulwerk, Kodály, and First Steps methods of teaching. Mr. Pedde was an elementary music teacher in the Zionsville Public School system for five years before joining the ICC as a full-time conductor, and from 2001-2005 Mr. Pedde was the Artistic Director of the Kokomo Youth Chorale.

Mr. Pedde earned his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal music education and a master's degree in choral conducting from Butler University, where he was recognized for his outstanding work in elementary music and a DPM from Concordia Chicago. Josh delights in time spent with his wife, Laura, and children, Annabelle, Grayson, and Savannah.





## AMY HOFFMAN HUGHLEY

**A**my Hoffman Hughley is the Associate Artistic Director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Since joining the ICC staff in 2013 she holds artistic and administrative duties, directing Master Chorale (ICC's high school division), directing the Anderson Youth Chorale, overseeing artistic staff, and assisting Artistic Director Joshua Pedde. In addition to her roles at ICC, she teaches private piano lessons, instructing students of many ages and abilities. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Butler University, where she taught secondary choral methods courses to music education majors.

Mrs. Hughley has served on the board of the Indiana Choral Directors Association (ICDA), as president of the Georgia American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), as Honor Choir Coordinator for the Midwestern ACDA Division, and as Repertoire and Standards Chair for Men's Choirs for Georgia ACDA. She taught high school choral music in Georgia for 14 years, where she directed five choirs and taught both Advanced Placement Music Theory and International Baccalaureate Music. In 2011, she was named Riverwood High School's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Hughley's choral articles have appeared in national and state ACDA publications.

Mrs. Hughley's choirs have been selected to perform at the ICDA Conference in 2017, the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Southern Division Conference in 2010, and the Georgia Music Educators (GMEA) In Service Conventions in 2008 and 2011.

Mrs. Hughley has been a choral clinician and adjudicator for honor choirs and festivals throughout Indiana and Georgia. She received her Master of Music Education from the University of Georgia and her Bachelor of Music degrees in Music Education and Piano Pedagogy from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. During her undergraduate studies, she was a three-year member of the Westminster Choir under the direction of Joseph Flummerfelt, where she toured to Korea, Taiwan, and France, and sang in many of the operas performed at the Spoleto USA Festival in Charleston, South Carolina. She studied piano with Ingrid Jacobson Clarfield, voice with Laura Brooks Rice, and conducting with Joseph Flummerfelt, James Jordan, Andrew Megill, Allen Crowell and Melanie Jacobson. She has led seminars on piano music at Westminster Choir College, and she taught High School Piano Camp at Westminster Choir College for eight summers.

Mrs. Hughley lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Brad and her daughter, Katharine.



## MELISSA GARCIA

**M**elissa M. Garcia is a passionate instructor who inspires children by allowing them to experience music from many genres and cultures. She is an expert at motivating the young singer through activities aimed at music literacy while giving them a foundation of healthy and age-appropriate singing technique.

Mrs. Garcia has served as a conductor with the Indianapolis Children's Choir for the past seven years. She has been fortunate to work with ICC singers of many different ages spanning from the Intermediate-Advanced Choir and Beginning Level Choirs for the Indianapolis Children's Choir as well as all choirs for the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir. As a specialist in youth choirs, Mrs. Garcia has served as a guest conductor for numerous honor choir festivals in Indiana. Additionally, she is on the summer staff of the Heartland Youth Choir in Des Moines, Iowa where she serves as conductor of the Summer Tunes Choir and teaches Kodály Musicianship classes.

Mrs. Garcia is the lower school music teacher at Park Tudor, a private school in Indianapolis. Mrs. Garcia's teaching career spans from pre-school music through high school choral programs. Prior to her work in Indiana, Mrs. Garcia was the Associate Director of the Northern California Children's Choir where she also served as an elementary music educator. While living in Iowa, she served as a private voice teacher and instructor for the Heartland Youth Choir in Des Moines, and as a music instructor for the Des Moines Children's Choruses and the Iowa Youth Chorus. In addition, she served as a director for the middle school and high school choral department in Earlham, Iowa. While a student at Iowa State University, she held an internship position as the Assistant Conductor for the Preparatory Choir with the Ames Children's Choir.

Mrs. Garcia received her BME from Iowa State University in 2005. In addition, she has completed her Kodály Certification from Indiana University. She recently served as a Co-President of Indiana Kodály Educators.



## LAUREN SOUTHARD

Lauren Southard is the Director of Outreach and Choir Programs for the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Now in her 15th year with the organization in an artistic capacity, her directing responsibilities include Music At Play, Preparatory, Beginning Level Choirs, and Chamber Choir. She also developed and directs the Foundations Choir, ICC's choral program for Kindergarteners. In addition, Mrs. Southard directs the Anderson Area Children's Choir Concert and Preparatory Choirs, as well as founding and directing Jubilate, ICC's choir for children with special needs. She recently published ICC's new early childhood curriculum at use in its preschool and toddler age programs, Music At Play.

Mrs. Southard received her Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis degree from Ball State University in 2016 with a Certificate in Autism, and Master of Arts in Education in Educational Administration from Ball State University in 2017. She graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education degree from Butler University in 2006, where she was named Outstanding Student Teacher in Elementary Music and received an Outstanding Future Educator award.

Mrs. Southard is certified in First Steps in Music, has completed the Orff-Schulwerk Certification Program at Anderson University, and has received Kodály training from Indiana University. Mrs. Southard has presented at the Chorus America Annual Conference, the Indiana Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference (IMEA), the Indiana Choral Directors Association (ICDA) annual conference, and the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference. She has also presented at the IMEA Council for General Music Fall Workshop and the Chorister and the Church of the Future Conference at the University of Notre Dame on the topic of special needs in the choral classroom and has participated in Picture Exchange Communication System training conferences. Mrs. Southard also presents musical education workshops to public and private schools throughout central Indiana through the ICC's Innovations program. She was honored to receive recognition from Wayne Township as recipient of the Dare to Dream award, given to a community member who recognizes inclusive practices in the school and community. Mrs. Southard also serves as choir director of the Cornerstone Lutheran Church Children's music program in Carmel, IN. She and her husband Josh live in Whitestown with their sons Finn and Sullivan and daughter Rory.



## LEEANN STARKEY

Leeann Starkey is a music educator, conductor, and composer. Her primary passion is enriching the lives of children through choral music. In addition to being a conductor for the Indianapolis Children's Choir, Leeann has served as a clinician throughout the Midwest at various choral festivals. In 2008, Leeann graduated *summa cum laude* and as Presser Scholar from Taylor University, with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. She earned a Master of Music in Choral Conducting in 2012 from Butler University, where she studied with Henry Leck and Dr. Eric Stark. During her years of classroom teaching, she taught preschool through eighth grade general music and choir in the Tippecanoe School Corporation and Archdiocese of Indianapolis. She also served as a conductor with the Lafayette Children's Choir of the Lafayette Master Chorale for nearly a decade.

Leeann serves as the Curriculum Coordinator and Composer in Residence with the ICC and also as the Co-Editor of the ICC Publishing House. Her choral compositions are published through Colla Voce Music and the ICC Publishing House and have been featured in festivals and honor choirs throughout North America. She is a member of the Organization of American Kodály Educators and recently served as the Co-President of the Indiana Kodály Educators. She is certified in Orff Schulwerk, Kodály, Conversational Solfege, and First Steps in Music.



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## EMILY ARNDT

Emily Arndt is a general, choral, and instrumental music educator from Centerville, Indiana. She enjoys sharing music with students of all ages and in all forms. Her true passion lies in helping young students develop a love for music, especially through movement and play! Emily taught dance for many years and uses that experience to build musical fun and interest through movement.

Emily has been a director with ICC for one year and is excited to have the new opportunity to work with a campus choir. In 2020, Emily graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Ball State University. She has since taught general music to grades K-5 in Clark-Pleasant Community Schools and is pursuing Orff Schulwerk certification. She is excited to start her second year as a director with ICC!



## ED HENNES

Ed Hennes currently serves as the music teacher at Maplewood Elementary in Wayne Township. He is excited to join the staff of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Previously he served as the Cherub Choir director for Young Voices of Indianapolis and as a section leader and soloist at Castleton United Methodist Church. You may have seen him recently in Indianapolis Opera's production of *Elixir of Love*, *La Bohème*, and *South Pacific*. He has previously sung with the Indianapolis Men's Chorus, Indianapolis Arts Chorale, and Circle City Chamber Choir. He has also served as the music teacher at St. Pius X and the music director at Mary, Queen of Peace in Danville.

Ed holds a Master of Music Education degree through Anderson University in addition to receiving his Orff-Schulwerk certification and has completed his Kodály certification coursework through the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from DePauw University in 2011. He is originally an Ohio native but now resides in Indianapolis with his partner and fellow music educator, Ed.



## ANDREW HIMELICK

**A** Andrew M. Himelick has been an elementary music teacher in Carmel, IN for 29 years and an associate director with the Indianapolis Children's Choir for 23 years. He graduated from Butler University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Music degree in music education. He student taught with Meredith Leck. In 1999, he completed the Kodály Certificate of Music Education from Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, WI. He completed Orff-Schulwerk Levels I and II at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN in 2001 and 2002, and Level III at Anderson University in 2005. In 2006, he received the Indiana University School of Education Martha Lea and Bill Armstrong Teacher Educator Award. In 2021, he received the Outstanding Elementary Music Educator Award from the Indiana Association for Music Education. In 2022, he was named Teacher of the Year at Towne Meadow Elementary School. Mr. Himelick is a charter member of the Feierabend Association for Music Education (FAME), is currently Treasurer on the FAME Board, and is a FAME Endorsed Teacher Trainer in both First Steps in Music and Conversational Solfege. He has been a presenter and clinician at national and state music conventions and festivals. He is co-author of GIA Publication's *Feierabend Fundamentals: History, Philosophy, and Practice* and was a presenter on GIA's *First Steps in Music for Kindergarten and First Grade: In Action* [DVD]. He is also a published composer through Colla Voce Music, Inc. He, his wife Lori, and two children live in Indianapolis, IN.





## ABIGAIL HUNTER

**A**bigail (Abbie) Hunter is an elementary music educator and choir director from Avon, IN. Mrs. Hunter is entering her seventh year teaching third, fourth, and fifth grade general music as well as sixth grade choir at Danville Community School Corporation. Mrs. Hunter graduated with honors from the University of Indianapolis in 2016. During her time at UIndy, she served as secretary and president of the university's Collegiate National Associate for Music Education (CNAfME) chapter.

Mrs. Hunter is an alumna of the Indianapolis Children's Choir and has been serving on the ICC Alumni Association Board for the past two years. Prior to serving on the Alumni board, she spent several summers teaching classes and volunteering for ICC Summer Choral Festival Camps. In her free time, Mrs. Hunter enjoys photography, lifting weights, and spending time with her husband Owen, a fellow elementary music educator.



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