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WELCOME!

Greetings friends,

Welcome to the Indianapolis Children's Choir's 2022 – 2023 Concert Season! We are excited to share our performances 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 share their artistry and make our city a better place.

Music is like a family photo album filled with memories and possibilities and where hope and understanding are the focus of the pictures. This season, we invite you to view the world through a new lens as we look back in time and examine how boundaries were pushed and positive changes were made throughout history as we look toward a brighter tomorrow. The ICC will showcase the voices of our singers as the hope for the future as they inspire us to look at the world through their eyes.

Each concert will offer opportunities for our singers and the audience to experience different world cultures which will broaden perspectives and spark innovation. This Concert Season will inspire each of us to think, feel, respond, and make positive changes in our lives, our community, and the world.

We look forward to sharing each concert with you as we unite voices from around our community to celebrate what connects us all – music.

On behalf of the entire ICC family, thank you for joining us this Concert Season.

Sincerely,

Joshua Pedde
Artistic Director

INDIANAPOLIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Now 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.



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.



MASTER CHORALE

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION - AUDITIONED CHOIR GRADES 10-12

The high school division of the ICC is for singers in grades 10-12, or those with changed voices. The **Master Chorale** ensemble enriches vocal technique, fosters outstanding performance etiquette, further improves music literacy skills, explores a wide variety of outstanding repertoire, and nurtures lasting friendships. Each **Master Chorale** season concludes with the performance of a major choral work with a professional orchestra, a unique experience that is typically only available to college-level or higher choral groups!

Conducted by Amy Hughley
Accompanied by David Duncan and Patrick Fata
Choir Coordinator – Rochelle Gibbons
Performance Coordinator – Kristin Swick

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
Finnely 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
Emily Kaufman

Eva Kilpatrick
Gavin Kincheloe
Kimberly LaCava
Katie Mayer
Sophia Mays
Brenna McGaha
Catherine Miller
Joshua Nguyen-
Raymond
Arielle Ouedraogo
Jackson Peddie
Brynn Peterson
Ella Reed
Ezekiel Robinson
Jeremiah Robinson
Ariah Rowe

Nisha Roy
Raina Sauley
Finch Saywell
Hannah Seaman
Sabina Seaman
Sarah Semon
Sarah Shanklin
Evelyn Skaggs
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AMY HOFFMAN HUGHLEY

Amy 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.

AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9: ADVANCED

As singers grow in their musical journey, more challenging advanced choirs help them reach artistic excellence with the ICC. As singers progress, they learn more complex musical skills, build lasting friendships, and perform at special events in Indianapolis and around the world!

The most advanced-level choirs for elementary and middle school singers are **Indy Voice 1 and 2**. These top-tier choirs are routinely called upon to perform at important civic and private events to represent the ICC and the Indianapolis community, a task that requires singers to advance in their skills of responsibility and professionalism.

INDY VOICE 1

ADVANCED LEVEL

Conducted by Joshua Pedde
Accompanied by Sarah May
Choir Coordinators – Carrie Ayres and Angela Bailey
Performance Coordinator – Becky Wolfe

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 Pfleeger
Abigail Puster
Owen Puster

Felix Radomski
Joy Roorbach
Ceilidh Scott
Eliza Smiley
Finn Southard
Aubrey Stratton
Gabrielle Street
Hayden Terstegge
Caleb Wolf
Kayla Yarling





INDY VOICE 2

ADVANCED LEVEL

Conducted by Joshua Pedde
Accompanied by Stacey Edwards
Choir Coordinator – Chyanne Lopez
Performance Coordinator – Becky Wolfe

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
Sophia Li
Marin Matthews

Natalie McGill
Emily Meng
Lyla Meurer
Ada Mosey
Libby Munson
Oluwateleyomi
Oladipo
Alexa Osorio Barrera
Hillary Osorio Barrera
Emily Parra
Josie Perkett

Chris Philips
Mia Rakestraw
Addison Raveed
Caleb Reynolds
Corinne Schnepf
Chiara Seaman
Eliana Steele
Claire Uhlenkamp
MJ Wolfe
Cara Zeng
Sarah Zeng

AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9: BEGINNING-ADVANCED

The beginning-advanced **Kantorei Choir** gives singers even more performance opportunities and introduces a longer rehearsal time to work on expanded repertoire.

KANTOREI

BEGINNING-ADVANCED LEVEL

Conducted by Melissa Garcia
Accompanied by Geoff Stemen
Choir Attendance Coordinator – Sarah Greenwood

Cora Anderson
Dulce Bethancourth
Jack Brown
Sophia Clayton
Davis Crain
Sophie Fenech
Riley Fields
Miriam Frangoul
Alaina Garcia

Maya Grahame
Genevieve Granger
Augustina Greene
Emma Greenwood
Ayla Grieve
Helen Hall
Lucy Hill
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 Tennison
Aidan Troemner
Evelyn Valier-Harris
Kendall Vance
Anika Veerapaneni
Henry Wiehe
Audrey Zhang
Rachel Zorn





MELISSA GARCIA

Melissa 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 Beginning-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.



AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The intermediate-level **Chamber** and **Lyric Choirs** are designed for students who have demonstrated a beginning to intermediate proficiency in vocal techniques and sight-reading abilities. Along with advancing these skills, singers have more performances throughout central Indiana and continue to build upon their friendships and connections in the ICC.

LYRIC

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Conducted by Leeann Starkey
Accompanied by Caleb Crawford
Choir Coordinator – Erin Mayer
Performance Coordinator – Christiann Cauley

Carolyn Becraft
Lilly Birnell
Lylah Blocher
Violet Brooks
Kaylena Cauley
Karina Cisco

Jasmine-Ariona DeVoe
Lillian Edwards
Caroline Feeney
Meiana Garner
Colson Ho
Zoe Johnson

Adam Lezon
James Mayer
Bryce Montemer
Anna Nelson
Anna Neuen
Leandra Olson

Grayson Pedde
Clara Salcedo Sainz
Luke Stratton
Gavin Tedja
Katie Tedja
Shay Winter

CHAMBER

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Conducted by Lauren Southard
Accompanied by Geoff Stemen
Choir Coordinators – Nathan Tuttle and Terran Williams
Backup Choir Coordinator – Tonya Mathews
Performance Coordinator – Trisha Smith
Chaperone – Laura Casey

Aron Beverly
Spencer Bland
Ella Casey
Elise Cohoat
Jaden Gutzwiller-Tuttle
Anna Haste

Allea Kelley
Abigail Laux
Christina Mathews
Lailey McMillan
Miles Menyhart
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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.



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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.



AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9: BEGINNING LEVEL

With choir locations across central Indiana, the **Beginning Level Choirs** offer an accessible next step towards artistic excellence with the ICC. This choir level introduces part-singing and music theory concepts in weekly rehearsals to help children further develop their singing skills along with new friendships.

Beginning Level Choir Locations

Boone County
Butler University - Octavo
Carmel
Fishers
Hendricks County
Johnson County

Directors

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

Accompanied by Caleb Crawford, Jennifer Gates,
Jenny Handshoe, Owen Hartnett, Anna Mounts
Octavo Choir Coordinator – Erin Puster

Boone County Choir

Audra Domalewski
Austin Domalewski
Layla Domalewski
Logan Domalewski
Charlotte Hervey
Noelle Mobley
Lucia Qiu
Claire Schumaker

Butler University – Octavo

Frances Behringer
Mayra Gutierrez
Gage Kincheloe
Isabella King
Jared Montemer
Edile Neal
Lila Nicholas
Quilla Olson
Evelyn Puster
Elena Trabanino
Lilly Troyer

Carmel Choir

Christian Aguirre
Olivia Cox
Quinn Gordon
Katie Harris
Ellie Haskett
Abigail Hudspeth
Catalina Joyce
Skylar Light
Marin McPeck
Keira Mitchell Sims
Claire Moore
Magnolia Schwarz
Ella Sever
Celia Smith
Quinn Sundheimer
Aria Williamson

Fishers Choir

June Billingsley
Audrey Cantwell
Embry Chambers
Eliza Frissore

Elias Griggs

Elena Scheele
Vishnu Shah-Cooper
Talley Thomasson
Melodee Williams
Asher Wright

Hendricks County Choir

Haylee Blanton
Jessica Bogaerts
Elijah Cervantes
Gabriel Fischer
Grace O'Malley
Sara Salcedo Sainz
Owen Smith
Ava Tuley
Laynie Twitty
Trinity Volk

Johnson County Choir

Ella Burgin
Olivia Burgin
Molly Hyde
Avyn Watson
Brinley Watson
Maylee Weidman



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

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.

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ABIGAIL HUNTER

Abigail (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 UIIndy, 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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I softly sing.*

*And if the way grows darker still,
Shadowed by Sorrow's somber wing,
With glad defiance in my throat,
I pierce the darkness with a note,
And sing, and sing.*

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Nor dread whatever time may bring;
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FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-3

The ICC's **Preparatory Choir** is a non-auditioned experience for 1st – 3rd grade students available at several locations throughout central Indiana. Children are introduced to choral techniques in a weekly rehearsal setting where they explore their interest in music and singing. As they learn and grow musically, singers transition into new opportunities in the ICC, like a **Beginning Level Choir**.

ICC Preparatory Choir Locations

Boone County
Butler University - Level 1 Prep
Butler University - Level 2 Prep
Carmel
Fishers
Hendricks County
Johnson County

Directors

Andrew Himelick
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Emily Arndt

Boone County

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Nadia Midla
Henry Miller
Blake Nichols
Kate Pfenninger
Olivia Shi
Arianna Si
Harlow White
Emma Xue

**Butler University –
Level 1 Prep**

Clara Beede
Elizabeth Buckley
Victoria Buckley
Ethan Chernet
Mae Dann
Chloe Gomes

Bailey Harris
Nora Hoover
Archie Hughes
Tyler Laux
Jeannette Lee
Lucinda Lerner
Milo Lisko
Lydia McNally
Felix Morton
Robbie Oehler
Liam Patterson
Zarra Perez
Eme Perpall
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Ellie Morgan
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Lucy Starling
Emily Troxel
Ezmae Wildhack-Cain
Jaina Wolfley

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Thalia May
Ethan Miller
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Liliana Santos
Adeline Street
Sonia Vishal
Aiden Walls
Claire Yu

Fishers

Ella Goad
Layla Gordon
Maya Gordon
Charlotte Grimes

Jaxon Howard
Madeline Shaffer
Chloeann Sprouse
Elaina Sprouse
Krystal Wang

Hendricks County

Lydia Bogaerts
Chase Christian
Josephine Colman
Allie Gonzalez
Josiah Hamilton
Sarah Jones
Parker Sturgeon
Owen Uhlenkamp
Oswin Verhasselt
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BEN BATMAN

Ben Batman is in his eleventh year teaching music, and eighth year at Mount Comfort Elementary School located outside of Greenfield, Indiana. He teaches K-5 general music, 4th-5th choir, and 4th-5th mallet ensemble. This is his fifth year working with the ICC, in which he teaches Fishers Music at Play and Fishers Preparatory Choir. He has completed his Orff Certification through Anderson University, as well as taken additional course work in Dalcroze, First Steps in Music, and Conversational Solfege. He also completed Kodály level 2 certification through the University of St. Thomas. He is a member of the Indiana Orff Schulwerk Association, in which he has presented for chapter share workshops and serves on the board as the membership chair. He has presented workshops for the Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA), as well as serves on the IMEA board as the recording secretary and as the elementary coordinator for the Indy Site's Circle the State with Song. In addition to teaching, he is a saxophonist with the Circle City Sidewalk Stompers Clown Band.



JILL FRIEDERSDORF

Jill Friedersdorf is the primary accompanist for the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir and directs the Columbus Indiana Preparatory Choir. She teaches Choir at Columbus Christian School, and is also active in accompanying other area choirs, ensembles and soloists. She is the founder and director of the Columbus area Christian YouTheatre for Middle and High School students. Mrs. Friedersdorf was the Director of Worship Arts at Community Church of Columbus from 2000-2018, where she directed the adult and children's choirs, musicals, drama productions, summer Music and Drama Camp, and music and multi-media preparation for weekly services in the active 1200-member church. As a composer, she has choral works published with Colla Voce, Hal Leonard, Chorister's Guild and Galaxy Publishing.



PENNY DIMMICK

Dr. Penny Dimmick, Professor of Music and Coordinator of the Music Education Program joined the faculty at Butler University in 1991. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in music education and also serves as the Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Music. Prior to her appointment at Butler, she taught public school general music and percussion in Indiana and was an adjunct faculty member in music education and percussion at Taylor University, Ball State University, and Marian University. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Taylor University, and a Master of Music and Doctor of Arts degrees in Music Education and Percussion Performance from Ball State University. She is certified in Orff, Kodály, First Steps in Music, Conversational Solfege (F.A.M.E.) and Level I of the Teaching Guitar Workshops sponsored by GAMA and NAFME.

Dr. Dimmick's research interests include teacher preparation, curriculum design, arts integration, and the neuroscience of music. She is a recipient of several teaching awards at Butler University and received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the School of Music at Ball State University. She is a frequent clinician at state, national, and international music conferences and has recently served as conductor for the Nebraska All-State Honor Children's Choir and the Indiana All-State Honor Children's Choir. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) for over 20 years, and currently serves on the National Collegiate Advisory Board of NAFME, the National Association for Music Education. She is also an evaluator and team chair of accreditation visits for the National Association of Schools of Music.

Dr. Dimmick is an Associate Director with the Indianapolis Children's Choir, where she directs Level II of the Preparatory Choirs. When she is not teaching, she enjoys traveling, hiking, time at the beach, and attending professional baseball games with her husband John, and her two grown sons John and Joshua.



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Foundations Choir Locations

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TIFFANY SWOPES

Tiffany Swopes is in her fifth year of teaching choral music. This will be her first year with the Indianapolis Children's Choir teaching at Westfield Preschool and Carmel Music At Play classes, as well as directing Carmel Foundations Choir. She received her undergraduate degree in Contemporary & Popular Music Education from the University of Maine Augusta as well as an Associates in Culinary Arts degree from Ivy Tech Community College. During her years as an educator, she was awarded the CTE New Teacher of the Year for the state of Indiana in 2018. Tiffany previously worked as the high school choir director at the Nineveh Hensley Jackson school corporation where her choirs traveled throughout the county performing at festivals, celebrations, and competitions. In addition to her directing, Tiffany serves in her church music ministry singing and accompanying on the piano.





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Music At Play Locations

Boone County
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Carmel
Columbus
Fishers
Hendricks County
Meridian Street UMC
Riviera Daycare & Preschool, Indianapolis
Wayne Township
Westfield Washington Schools All Aboard Program

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CLARE BAIN

Clare Bain has been involved with ICC for many years. Her children Ben and Elizabeth sang and toured with the ICC through high school and are still in touch with their ICC friends. Clare earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Ohio University, and a master's degree in Choral Conducting from Butler University, where she studied with Henry Leck, Dr. Eric Stark, Ruth Dwyer, and Cheryl West. Clare served as Director of Music Ministry at Marian University from 2004-2016, where she developed the Sacred Choir and Pastoral Music Ministry degree program. Clare also served as Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Gabriel the Archangel parish until her retirement this year. She is an experienced preschool music teacher and has taught for ICC for many years. Clare lives with her husband Ben and her St. Bernard, Daisy. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren Rowan and Molly, who live in Westfield.



KAILA LIFFERTH

Kaila Liffert teaches Music At Play early childhood classes for the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir. She completed her Kodály certification through Indiana University in 2018 and has two levels of Orff Schulwerk training through the University of Kentucky, completing her second level in 2021. Kaila has a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Brigham Young University and a Master of Science in Music Education with a minor in Vocal Performance from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Kaila is also a public school music educator for Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation where she teaches preschool through sixth grade and conducts a children's choir.



PRISCILLA SHAW

Priscilla Shaw grew up on a southwest Iowa farm and always loved to sing. She graduated from Simpson College in Indianola and settled in West Lafayette, IN with her husband where she taught elementary music for the Lafayette School Corporation. Priscilla received a Master of Music Education degree in 1985. While residing in Indianapolis, Priscilla taught at Bunker Hill Elementary School, the Carmel United Methodist Preschool and Prairie Trace Elementary School. Priscilla also taught Kindergarten Music and Movement for the Carmel Clay schools. She has achieved Level 1 and 2 certifications for both Orff and Kodály. Priscilla now enjoys making music with her grandson, Thatcher.

ICC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The ICC Leadership Program gives advanced singers the opportunity to make a difference in our ICC community, to work weekly with younger singers as a mentor, and to assist ICC directors. They attend weekly rehearsal of one of the less advanced choirs and serve as mentors. Singer volunteers have a variety of jobs to perform, the most important of which is to represent the ICC in a responsible and professional manner while helping the younger singers throughout the entire season.

2022-2023 ICC Mentors

Ashley Aldridge
Mia Corsaro
Abby Greenwood
Riley Guilmet
Joshua Nguyen-Raymond
Finn Southard

The ICC's outreach efforts 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:

The ICC Neighborhood Choir Academy (NCA)

This after-school program extends the reach and impact of the ICC by partnering ICC artistic staff with school music departments to deliver carefully designed choral instruction. Because rehearsals take place at the participants' school, this allows the ICC to reach children in their own neighborhoods and reduces transportation as a barrier. NCA students participate in ICC concert performances and are encouraged to join the ICC.

Financial Assistance Program

Financial assistance directly helps families by reducing costs so that their economic situation is not a barrier to participation in ICC programs. Assistance is available for costs associated with choir tuition, summer camp registration, and other ICC events. Based on need, eligible families may have up to 85% of tuition expenses relieved.



Music At Play in Schools and Communities (MAP)

MAP is an ICC-developed curriculum that introduces preschool children to music in a playful environment, establishing an important foundation for growing a love and appreciation for music. By offering this program through diverse locations like schools, churches, and community agencies, the ICC is able to bring music to many more children at this important developmental age.

Preschool Outreach Program (POP!)

POP! is a program designed specifically for preschool age children as they take their first steps in their musical journey. POP! events are held throughout the community for a nominal fee.

Young Exceptional Singers Day (YES!)

Created for singers in grades 1-3, YES! allows children to experience the artistry of the ICC in one fun-filled day that concludes with a performance. Held at locations across central Indiana, these events come at a small fee for singers to increase access to the leadership, choral instruction, and friendship that the ICC offers.





COLUMBUS INDIANA CHILDREN'S CHOIR: FOR SINGERS FROM PRESCHOOL – 9TH GRADE

The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC) is a cooperative effort between the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and the ICC. The program offers several opportunities for young singers in the Columbus and Bartholomew County area to come together in friendship and song.

CICC's **Music At Play** is the ideal introduction to music for ages 4-5. The **Preparatory Choir Program** is a non-auditioned experience for kindergarten through second-grade students. The beginning level **Descant Choir** is the next step in the musical journey for singers where they will continue developing their skills with part-singing, music theory, and more performances. The auditioned, ability-based **Concert Choir** takes musical excellence to the next level. Singers participate in several performances per semester and have the option to tour domestically and internationally.

CIP Administrator
Deborah Eikenbary

CONCERT CHOIR

COLUMBUS INDIANA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Conducted by Melissa Garcia
Accompanied by Jill Friedersdorf
Choir Coordinator – Olivia Cain

Elizabeth Alderfer
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Eleanor Davis
Camara Decker
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DESCANT CHOIR

COLUMBUS INDIANA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Conducted by Melissa Garcia
Accompanied by Jill Friedersdorf
Choir Coordinator – Olivia Cain

Daniel Chastain
Jocelyn Congleton
Jordin Edwards
Luciana Escobar
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Jordan Henrichsen
Sandra Henrichsen
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Siu Lee

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PREPARATORY CHOIR

COLUMBUS INDIANA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Directed by Jill Friedersdorf

Hazel Bachmeyer
Sophia Colbert
Claire Copeland
Everly Jensen
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ANDERSON AREA CHILDREN'S CHOIR: FOR SINGERS IN KINDERGARTEN – 12TH GRADE

Located in Anderson, Indiana, this division of the ICC helps school-aged children reach their musical potential with expert guidance. As singers move through the program, they encounter different levels of musical teaching while bonding with friends in their community during rehearsals, events, and performances.

The **Preparatory Choir Program** is a non-auditioned experience for kindergarten through second-grade students. The auditioned, ability-based **Concert Choir** is for singers in elementary and middle school. The **Concert Choir** performs at four major concerts each year. The **Anderson Area Youth Chorale** is the next step for singers in middle and high school. Members of the AAYC exhibit excellent preparation, a strong work ethic, and a high level of commitment to the program.

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ANDERSON AREA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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CONCERT CHOIR

ANDERSON AREA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Conducted by Lauren Southard
Accompanied by Vonda Bowen

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Zachary Ashton
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PREPARATORY CHOIR

ANDERSON AREA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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Accompanied by Vonda Bowen

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Connor Falkenberry
Hazel Mae Harnar

Emi McClurg
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JANET BISHOP

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Janet Bishop has worked in the arts administration field for nearly 25 years. She is currently the Director of Finance and Operations for the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Previous ICC positions include Special Projects Coordinator, Operations Manager and Managing Director.

Mrs. Bishop's initial association with the organization was as a parent of two ICC singers. She became involved in the organization serving as a choir coordinator and managing fundraisers for tours for the ICC staff. She also served in several capacities on the Indianapolis Children's Choir Parents Association, including serving as president for three years.

Mrs. Bishop graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Prior to her work with the ICC, she ran her own small business for 13 years. She has been heavily involved in her church serving on multiple boards and committees. She loves spending time with her family, especially her seven grandchildren.

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MISTY WICK JOHNSTON

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

As a strategic, creative, and solutions-based professional, Misty Wick Johnston has excelled in leading and implementing integrated communications and fundraising campaigns that are results-oriented, raise brand awareness, and yield revenue to support programs. As the Director of Development & Marketing, Mrs. Wick Johnston is responsible for the leadership, planning, and implementation of the ICC's fundraising and marketing efforts. She brings 21 years of experience in the nonprofit industry along with expertise in fundraising, marketing, and event planning.

On a personal note, Mrs. Wick Johnston is a native Hoosier, but has lived across the U.S. and overseas in England. She has a B.A. in English from Hanover College and a M.S. in Journalism/Communications from Boston University. She has served on many boards over the years. She and her husband, Wes live in Fishers with their two cats, Finn and Scarlett. Mrs. Wick Johnston is a long-time violinist and grew up in a music family where she learned to play the piano at a very young age and was also in choir at church and school. Her passion for music and arts education along with her own personal experiences in the arts makes her a great advocate for the ICC.



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As a not-for-profit organization, the Indianapolis Children's Choir depends upon the many parents, grandparents, stepparents, and siblings who volunteer their time and energy in support of the choir. Volunteers serve in multiple capacities each year, including providing snacks at Summer Music Camp, serving as choir coordinators, photographing performances, moving risers, and selling spirit wear. The ICCPA also provides a variety of extracurricular activities and resources for singers and families, including opportunities to promote the choir through singer fundraisers and social events such as pizza parties and ICC graduation/recognition parties. The ICCPA is a vital part of the ICC family.

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TEACHER AMBASSADOR PANEL (TAP)

The ICC created TAP in 2019 as a collaboration of area music educators, active community leaders, and the ICC artistic staff all engaged in bringing choral music experiences to a broader population of children in Central Indiana. TAP builds community and breaks down barriers through commitment to The Four Pillars of the ICC: Artistry, Community, Education and Excellence.

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INDIANAPOLIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Participation in the Indianapolis Children's Choir Alumni Association connects a national network of people with a mutual interest in music and a shared experience with the ICC. Members strengthen ties with fellow choir members, meet other ICC alumni, engage in professional networking, and take part in singing and volunteer opportunities. The legacy of ICC alumni echoes in the rehearsal halls and performance venues whenever singers gather to make extraordinary music.

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HENRY LECK

FOUNDER & CONDUCTOR LAUREATE

An internationally recognized choral director, Henry Leck is a professor emeritus in choral music at Butler University, where he served on the faculty for 27 years. He is the Founder and Conductor Laureate of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, which he served as Artistic Director for 30 years.

Mr. Leck is the founding conductor of the Indiana Children's Allstate Honor Choir and the Indiana Middle School Honor Choir. Mr. Leck has also conducted Mixed, Men's, Women's, Junior High and Children's All-State choirs and festival choirs in nearly every state. He has been a frequent conductor of regional and national honors choirs including the ACDA National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir in New York City, the ACDA National Children's Honor Choir in Chicago and National Honor Choirs for OAKE. In 2011 Mr. Leck conducted the premiere performance of a seven-movement oratorio entitled "Melancholy Beauty" written by Bulgarian composer Georgi Andreev in Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center with the National Philharmonic Orchestra. For nearly 30 years, he has conducted National Youth Choral Festivals in Carnegie Hall annually. In 2016 Mr. Leck was named Artistic Director of the Music for All National Choir Festival.

Mr. Leck has conducted many international festivals including the Pacific Rim Festival, the International Children's Choir Festival in Beijing, China, the Vienna Children's & Boys Choir Festival, and the Festival Internacional de Coro de Niños en Mexico. He is a regular festival conductor for KI Concerts having done festivals in Spain, Austria, and Italy, and has conducted many times in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil. For more than 25 years he has conducted a festival annually at Canterbury Cathedral. He has taught in The Hague, Netherlands and the Libera Universita di Bolzano in Italy and served as an artist in residence at the Singapore American School and the Bangkok International School.

Mr. Leck has received many honors including the *Sagamore of the Wabash*, the State of Indiana *Distinguished Hoosier Award* and the Indiana Governor's Arts Award. Other honors received by Mr. Leck include the "Lowell Mason Fellows Award" by the National Association for Music Education, Outstanding Hoosier Musician in 2016 by IMEA, the Indiana Historical Society Indiana Living Legend Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from Chorus America.

Mr. Leck is widely known as a specialist in choral techniques, the child's voice, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Laban, and the boy's changing voice. He has written a textbook titled *Creating Artistry Through Choral Excellence*. Mr. Leck received his training from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, the University of Colorado, and Indiana University.

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RUTH E. DWYER

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION EMERITA

Ruth E. Dwyer is internationally recognized as a treble and children's choir specialist and Kodály educator. She has been the guest conductor for the HOAKE National Children's Choir, numerous ACDA All-State Choirs and NAFME. She was Founder and Artistic Director of the Hoosier Hills Choral Festival in Southern Indiana. She founded and directed Philanthropy Through Song, which presented choral festivals supporting anti-drunk driving education. Mrs. Dwyer is a frequent guest conductor with Texas International Choral Festival, MidAmerica Productions, the New England Symphonic Wind Ensemble and guest lecturer in São Paulo, Brazil where she conducts the GRAN FINALE Festival Nacional de Corais Infantis e Jovens.

Mrs. Dwyer was a conductor and Director of Education with the Indianapolis Children's Choir for 33 years. She also served as ICC's Composer in Residence, and for nearly 30 years was Founder and Artistic Director of the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir, a cooperative effort of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra and the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Her ICC and CICC ensembles performed for the Indiana Music Educators Association, the AOSA National Conference, in New York City's Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall, across North America and throughout Spain and Central Europe. She prepared ensembles for performances with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Butler Ballet, the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, Indianapolis Opera and numerous other organizations.

Mrs. Dwyer served the State of Indiana for 19 years as a public school music educator. Her teaching experiences include all levels of music instruction from 3-year-olds to post graduate students. She has received the Organization of American Kodály Educator's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Golden Baton Award, the IMEA Elementary Music Teacher of the Year, the Hoosier Musician Award and the Indianapolis Public Schools' Rising Star award. She is an accomplished choral composer, arranger and the editor of the Ruth Dwyer Choral Series with Colla Voce Music, LLC <https://collavoce.com/> distributed by Canticle Distributing Company.

Mrs. Dwyer has authored and published three curriculum books for ICC and is a frequent guest author for the Hal Leonard choral textbooks series. She also teaches at Butler University and works as a studio conductor for a variety of national and international music publishers.

Ruth E. Dwyer is a graduate of Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. She enjoys traveling, reading, crocheting, and gardening.

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The ICC brings singers together from across the community as they unite as one voice in song. We invite you to share our vision of a future where excellence in choral singing is valued and supported for all children in the community – bridging cultures, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds – a future where every singer finds their voice. These gifts enhance the choral experience for singers throughout central Indiana and give each singer their own voice. You help the ICC to serve the community through song by helping us to keep singer participation affordable and accessible to as many children in our community as possible.

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