



# CHESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS

## *PURPLE RAIN* *A NIGHT OF PRINCE*

December 7 - 3:00 p.m.  
Our Mother of Good Counsel  
Bryn Mawr, PA

December 13 & 14 - 4:00 p.m.  
Lang Music Building  
Swarthmore College

John Alston, Executive & Artistic Director  
Sean Tripline, Assistant Music Director

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Lang Music Building, Swarthmore College

**The Skyy Brooks Quartet**  
**Friday, January 9, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Park Avenue Community Center  
Swarthmore, PA

**Mozart's *Requiem* Lecture with John Alston**  
**Sunday, February 22 – 4:30 p.m.**  
Park Avenue Community Center  
Swarthmore, PA

**Mozart's *Requiem***  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Lang Music Building, Swarthmore College

**Spring Concerts**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Lang Music Building, Swarthmore College

Admission to all performances is free.  
Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Dates and times are subject to change.

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# CONCERT PROGRAM

*Jubilate Deo* – Michael Praetorius

*Ubi Caritas* – Taizé Hymn

*O Moon* – Andy Beck

*Pie Jesu* – Gabriele Fauré

*Amarilli, mia bella* – Giulio Caccini

*Deo Gracias; A Ceremony of Carols* – Benjamin Britten

*Carol of the Bells* – Wilhousky/Leontovich

*Bohemian Rhapsody* – Freddie Mercury

## **A Night of Prince**

*I Would Die 4 U*

*When Doves Cry*

*Let's Go Crazy*

*Purple Rain*

*Angels We Have Heard on High, Joy to the World,  
Hallelujah, Salvation & Glory*

## **Instrumentalists**

Drums, Mark Beecher

Bass, Joel Austin

Piano, Lee Hagon

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

A gift from the Preer family supports our winter concert instrumentalists in memory of Jim Preer '65, science educator, Chester volunteer, and lifelong musician.

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## CONCERT CHOIR

### SOPRANOS

Folasade Beckett	London Odom
Jamani Blackwell	Amani Reynolds
Arianna Brice	Cyneathia Rice
Kali Byrd	Brianna Sammons*
Ty'Jani Carpenter-King	Caitlyn Roberts Santos
Naomi Folarin	Samaiya Schell
Princess Jones	Na'Leah Warren
Kennedy Kea	Seoni Williams*

### ALTOS

Chloe Calhoun	Rayna Jones
Makayla Davis	Mahkiah Rawls*
Camari Johnson	Ava Walker

### TENORS & BASSES

Shakur Alston	Zion Jones
Gaven Bannister	Samuel Kassa
David Berry, Jr.	Derrick Prattis, Jr.
Joseph Davis III	Trey'Von Smith
Quandré Davis	Ronald Williams, Jr.
Royal Johnson	

\*CCC alumnus

## FESTIVAL CHOIR

Morayo Beckett  
Jayden Berry  
Hailey Bostic  
Ayden Browne  
Eli Byrd, Jr.

Madisyn Bryant  
Ava Grant  
Marcus Harper  
Prisceda Hickman  
Sa'myiah Johnson

Sanaa Johnson  
Courtney Joe  
Jordyn Lawrence  
Nicholas Lebue

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## JUNIOR CHOIR

Luangeliz A. Aguero  
Noah Ali  
Ava Berry  
Alaynah Bien-Aime  
Jaxson Bazemore  
Aiya Brooks  
Ry'Lee Buchanan  
Nalany Butler  
Aazim Clark  
Bryce Collins  
Selena Cosme  
Jaiya Crews  
Denim Davis  
Nehemiah Dillard  
Nasya Dillard

Kaiden Edwards-  
Carter  
Jaslynn Flamer  
DylanMarie Foster  
Amarisa Frimpong  
Caleef Gillette-El  
La'Myla Gordy  
Zaria Green  
Journey Harris  
Gabriel Hickman  
Luca Hickman  
Jolin Hudson  
Victoria Ihugba  
Parker Jones  
Amauri Liles

Cari Long  
Xavier McNair  
Corey McWilliams  
Messiah Muhammad  
Eva Morris  
Monet Morris-Lowrie  
Cheyenne Olive  
Maurice Robertson  
Morgan Robinson  
McKenzie Salmon  
Bryleigh Tate  
Skylar Trader  
Nakai Weldon  
Kaden Willis  
Xavier Yates

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## TRAINING CHORUS

Harper Bazemore  
Kamryn Bazemore  
Aasim Brown  
Jaylaya Campos  
Zuri Fossie  
Nyla Fluellen

Malia Greene Burton  
Mizuri Harris  
Emmanuella Ihugba  
Miracle Ingram  
Elijah Mensah  
Samia Muhammad  
Karter L. Oakley

Clifford Olive  
Olivia Polk  
Xyla Robinson  
Jennah Robertson  
Ahzirah Smalls  
Damari Whitaker

# CHESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS STAFF

John Alston – Executive & Artistic Director  
Dana Semos – Managing & Education Director  
Sean Tripline – Assistant Music Director  
Carolyn Marzo – Director of Development  
Kevin Downs – Lead Math Teacher  
Christina Meehan – Communications & Outreach Manager  
Becky Slate – Program Coordinator  
Mary Deppen – Development Assistant

**Van Drivers:** Tasha Birtha, Purcell Hollis, Barbie Irving,  
Terry Irving, Anthony Jackson, Sloan Purnell, Doreen West,  
Geri Young

## **Program Assistants**

Ty'Jani Carpenter-King , Mahkiah Rawls  
Brianna Sammons, Seoni Williams

## **2025-2026 Advisory Board**

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# MUSIC & MATH MAKE GREAT GIFTS

Your support makes a difference! A year-end gift enables the CCC to offer our children year-round music and math education at no cost to their families.

Your gift, however, is much more than just music and math lessons. It's a chance for our children to be seen, heard, valued, and accepted for who they are. It's an opportunity for each child to reach their full potential and find success in and beyond their community.

**Donate by December 31!**



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## **By Mail**

Chester Children's Chorus  
Attention: Gift Records  
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Swarthmore, PA 19081

The Chester Children's Chorus is an affiliated program of Swarthmore College and receives generous in-kind support from the College, as well as a generous financial contribution. The CCC raises more than 90% of its own funds to cover direct expenses. Official tax receipts for charitable contributions to the CCC are issued directly by the College.



# CHESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS

## MISSION

The Chester Children's Chorus (CCC) offers an intensive, sophisticated, and joyful choral music and math experience to young people in the city of Chester, supporting their academic achievement and personal development.

## HISTORY

The Chester Children's Chorus was founded in 1994 by then-Swarthmore College Associate Music Professor, Dr. John Alston, who wanted Chester children to have the same opportunity to change their lives through music that he was offered as a boy by the Newark (NJ) Boys Chorus. The CCC began with seven boys from one elementary school; it now serves more than 100 boys and girls in grades three through twelve from every school in Chester.

During their careers, CCC singers will learn and love Mozart's *Requiem* and Handel's *Messiah*, as well as the music of The Beatles, Queen, Stevie Wonder, and Aretha Franklin. The children are proud of their musical accomplishments and know that with every performance, they teach audiences that excellence is possible in Chester.

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