THE CHESTER CHILDREN’S CHORUS
PRESENTS

Up, Up and Away

WINTER CONCERTS
Friday, December 15, 2023
Saturday, December 16, 2023

Lang Music Building
Swarthmore College

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

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Don’t Miss the Next CCC Events!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert
Saturday, January 13, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Lang Music Building
Swarthmore College
Watch live on the CCC YouTube & Facebook pages.

All are invited to a special reception immediately following the concert where a portrait of CCC Executive and Artistic Director, John Alston will be unveiled by artist Robert Shetterly, founder of the not-for-profit Americans Who Tell the Truth.

Spring Concerts
Friday, May 17, 2024 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19, 2024 4:00 p.m.
Lang Music Building
Swarthmore College

Admission is free to all concerts.
Donations benefit the Chester Children’s Chorus.

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Concert Program

Jubilate Deo
Ubi Caritas
Let My Heart and Soul
Praise the Lord
Laudamus Te
Let the Children Come to Me
The Water Is Wide
Ave Maria
Ave Maria
El Grillo
Up, Up and Away
Up Up And Away
Your Smiling Face
California Dreamin’
Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow
I Feel The Earth Move
Bridge Over Troubled Water
Aquarius/Let The Sunshine/
Angels & Joy

Michael Praetorius
Taizé Hymn
George F. Handel,
arr. Jane McFadden
Antonio Vivaldi,
arr. Doreen Rao
Sean Tripline
American folk tune,
arr. Mark Hayes
Medieval Plainchant
Tomás Luis de Victoria
Josquin des Prez
Jimmy Webb
(for the 5th Dimension)
James Taylor
John & Michelle Phillips
(á la Mamas and the Papas)
Carole King
(á la Roberta Flack)
Carole King
Paul Simon
Ragni/Rado/MacDermot

John Alston & Sean Tripline
arranged the second half especially for the CCC.

Instrumentalists:
Bella Amada, bass; Mark Beecher, drums; Luke Farrone, guitar;
Lee Hagon-Kerr, piano
Trumpets: Charlie Barber, Jon Shaw
Trombones: Sean McCusker, Chris Mele, Justin Moore

Our instrumentalists this evening are supported by a gift from the Preer Family in memory of Jim Preer ’65, science educator, Chester volunteer, and lifelong musician.
The Chester Children’s Chorus

**Concert Choir**

**Sopranos**
- Bria Barrett
- Folasade Beckett
- Alisa Dennis*
- Tracell Hill
- Ty’Jani King
- Armani Madden*
- London Paige Odom
- Mahkiah Rawls*
- Na’Leah Reign Warren

**Altos**
- Chloe Calhoun
- Mikynzie Hope
- Sydney Miles
- Makayla Davis
- Rayna Jones
- Amari Winder

**Tenors & Basses**
- Khendall Alvin
- David Berry Jr.
- Joseph Davis III
- Quandre Davis
- Jaiden Denny
- Jaden Flood
- Robert A. Ford Jr.
- Dametrius Harding
- I’re Royal Johnson
- Isaiah Peterkin*
- Brian Gainer
- Justin Johnson
- Samuel Kassa
- Derrick Pratts
- Zayde Mack
- Daion Smith
- Sydney Miles
- Fahti Nelson
- Devin Smith
- Daniel Peterkin
- Trey’Von Smith
- Ronald S. Williams Jr.
- Jaiden Denny
- Quincy Vasquez
- Robert A. Ford Jr.
- Seoni Williams**
- Jaden Flood
- Mikal Young**
- Robert A. Ford Jr.

**Festival Choir**
- Jada Alston
- Isabella Archer-Barber
- KaJhzmir Benson
- Jamani Blackwell
- Kali Byrd
- Aa’Mylah Coston
- Naomi Folarin
- Kashmir Hart
- Kamiah Potts
- London Robinson
- Malyan Stovall
- Ava Walker
- Glorianna Wheeler
- Taraji Williams
- Camari Johnson
- Kennedy Kea
- Jayden Kennedy
- Shantel Kirkland
- Jordyn Lawrence

*Graduating Seniors
**CCC Alumnus
To the Swarthmore College Community:
Thank you to our countless friends who support our program and children. Our work is possible because of all of you!
A New Adventure Awaits

After 18 years, CCC Program Coordinator Elisa DeNofio is retiring in February 2024. Elisa joined the CCC in 2005 as a part-time administrative assistant before transitioning to a full-time role in 2006. We can’t thank Elisa enough for the tremendous dedication she has shown to our children, their families, the Swarthmore College community, and the many CCC supporters.

Elisa, we will miss your energy, enthusiasm, and kindness. You will always be our Italian “mama bear.” Congratulations and best of luck on your next adventure.

“Whenever I see your smiling face I have to smile myself, Because I love you”
- James Taylor
Save the Date to Celebrate!

Get your party hats ready because the Chester Children’s Chorus will be celebrating its 30th anniversary throughout 2024!

What started as an after-school program with seven boys in 1994, has evolved into an intensive, year-round music, math, and mentoring program that has served more than 950 Chester children.

We could not have reached this milestone without you.

Please celebrate with us by joining our Community Circle.

Here’s how it works:

Make a gift of $250 or more in honor of the CCC’s 30th anniversary. Share why you love the CCC on a special anniversary notecard that will be displayed at our 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

For more information or to purchase event tickets, visit ChesterChildrensChorus.org or contact Carolyn Marzo, Director of Development, at ckohn1@swarthmore.edu or (610) 328-8617.
Chester Children’s Chorus Staff

John Alston, Executive & Artistic Director
Dana Semos, Managing & Education Director
Sean Tripline, Assistant Music Director
Elisa DeNofio, Program Coordinator
Kevin Downs, Lead Math Teacher
Carolyn Marzo, Director of Development
Christina Meehan, Communications & Outreach Manager

Program Assistants: Raelyn Jones, Armani Madden, Mahkiah Rawls, Brianna Sammons, Seoni Williams, Mikal Young

Piano Teacher: Adrienne Caddell-Hopkins

Van Drivers: Sloan Guy, Purcell Hollis, Barbie Irving, Anthony Jackson, Darryl Manuel, Doreen West, Geri Young
2023-2024
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Sign Up for Our Email List!

Visit ChesterChildrensChorus.org/signup
or scan the QR code:
Support the CCC!

The Chester Children’s Chorus is an affiliated program of Swarthmore College and receives generous in-kind support from the College, but raises its own funds to cover all direct expenses. Official tax receipts from charitable contributions to the CCC come directly from the College.

Make a gift at ChesterChildrensChorus.org/Gift or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera.
MISSION:

The Chester Children’s Chorus (CCC) provides an intensive, sophisticated and joyful choral music and math experience to young people of the city of Chester and supports 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 improve 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 third through twelfth grades from every school in Chester.

During their careers, CCC singers will learn and love Mozart 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.