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WHO WE ARE

Raleigh Youth Choir educates youth in the art and joy of singing through quality instruction and performances. We envision youth from all cultures and backgrounds joining together to experience the power of song. The Raleigh Youth Choir is a 501(c)(3) non-profit business and benefits from the generous support of direct contributions, in-kind contributions, and grant funding.

At Raleigh Youth Choir, we offer each young person a unique experience. Our instructors meet every child exactly where they are and provide specialized instruction, all while providing mentorship and encouragement. We are all about the power of “yes” and having a can-do attitude. Every youth has a voice and those voices are valued.

At Raleigh Youth Choir, we honor each chorister, their background, and the fullness of their potential. We believe in removing the barriers that prevent youth from accessing our programs. We center diversity, equity, and accessibility at the heart of our decision making process. Our approach creates belonging and an opportunity for every chorister to experience the joy that comes from communal singing – achieving inclusion for all.

Our current recruitment, performance and inclusion/mentoring practices reflect our commitment to this belief. We are constantly striving to be better and welcome comments or suggestions at admin@raleighyouthchoir.org.

Raleigh Youth Choir is funded, in part, by the City of Raleigh based on recommendations of the Raleigh Arts Commission. Raleigh Youth Choir is supported by United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, as well as the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



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PROGRAM

ACORN CHOIR

Encourage One Another.....Mark Burrows

OAK CHOIR

Constellation: A Family of Light.....Mark Burrows

ACORN AND OAK CHOIRS

Seeds.....Mark Burrows

CAPITAL CHOIR

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.....Rollo Dilworth

MOSAIC CHOIR

Two Poems of Emily Dickinson.....Neil Ginsburg
Ikan Kekek.....arr. Jerry Lin

MOSAIC AND CAPITAL CHOIRS

Hold (Love's True Glow).....Coleman Peterson
Stardust.....B. E. Boykin

MOSAIC AND PAGE SINGERS

Grow Little Tree.....Andrea Ramsey

PAGE SINGERS

Hope Lingers On.....Andrea Ramsey
Ad Astra (To the Stars...).....Jacob Naverud

SIBLEY SINGERS AND CAPITAL CHOIR

Join Our Song.....Ken Berg

SIBLEY SINGERS

Does the World Say.....Kyle Pederson
Yashwin Karanam, Nicholas Knox, soloists

I'll Fly Away.....arr. Brandon Boyd

PAGE AND SIBLEY SINGERS

Be Enough.....Stuart Chapman Hill

Premiere Performance

I. Be

II. Enough

ALL CHOIRS

III. Be Enough

OUR TEAM

RALEIGH YOUTH CHOIR ARTISTIC STAFF

Jeremy Tucker

Artistic Director, Conductor, Sibley Singers

Dr. Rebecca Strutt, Conductor, Page Singers

Aaron Brown, Conductor, Capital Choir

Amy Brock Davis, Conductor, Mosaic Choir

Casey Eaton, Conductor, Acorn Choir

Bo Reece, Conductor, Oak Choir

Jennifer Wolfe, Collaborative Pianist

Stephanie Sanders, Rehearsal Manager

RALEIGH YOUTH CHOIR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Rowan Bennett, Administrative Intern

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A special THANK YOU to Jessica McRacken, Tanya Hertel, Ann Johnson, Mark Woodcock, Russell Clark, Gail Barrett, Elizabeth Beilman, WCPSS, and all of our wonderful volunteers and lead choir parents!

The RYC is especially grateful to our hosts here at the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

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Senior Spotlights

Hear from some of our graduating seniors on what their RYC experience has meant to them and where they are headed next!

Claire Skinner

Claire is a senior at Enloe High School with a passion for music and the outdoors. She will be attending the University of Richmond in the fall with an intended major in Environmental Studies and Geography. Throughout her time in RYC, she has traveled to New Orleans, performed in various chorus festivals, and been featured as a percussionist. Her favorite pieces include the traditional Personent Hodie, Ain't No Grave (arr. Paul Caldwell), Homeward Bound (arr. Jay Althouse), and Hope Lingers On (arr. Andrea Ramsey). In addition to choir, Claire plays ultimate frisbee, captains a state champion Envirothon team, serves as a peer leader in her youth group, and shows a sheep named Nutmeg in the North Carolina State Fair. She hopes that every young singer remembers that your voice has value, and is incredibly grateful to all of the directors of the Raleigh Youth Choir for being a place where every voice can be heard, no matter how small.

Nicholas Knox

Nicholas Knox is a senior who has thoroughly enjoyed his time as a member of the Raleigh Youth Choir. For Nicholas, the best part of RYC was the incredible community and the friendships he built while making music. He truly valued the experience of connecting with others to create a great sound. Following graduation, Nicholas plans to head off to college to major in Psychology, taking the empathy and teamwork he learned at the Raleigh Youth Choir with him.

Maddie Townsend

Maddie Townsend is a senior at Broughton High School who has been a member of our chorus program throughout her high school career. She sings Soprano 2 and has also been a member of this choir, as well as singing in her church band. Maddie has truly been surrounded by music her entire life. Following graduation, Maddie plans to attend the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where she will major in Marine Biology.

Yashwin Karanam

Yashwin Karanam is a senior at Panther Creek High School who's been a part of the RYC for a majority of his life and has enjoyed every second of it. The RYC was a huge stepping stone for Yashwin by providing him the opportunities he needed to get his name out in the world of music. Performing the national anthem at the opening of the NC state fair, singing solos with the NC symphony, singing Christmas carols on live television, and living out his dreams of singing with not only friends but a whole family. After graduation, Yashwin plans to major in neuroscience and psychology with the goals of becoming a psychiatrist, already getting a head start on his journey through the learning experiences provided by Duke Health.

Joshua Carlton

Joshua is a senior with the Raleigh Youth Choir who brings heart, connection, and authenticity to every performance. He plans to attend UNC Greensboro to study business with a focus in supply chain management, building on the college coursework he has completed during high school. Outside of choir, Joshua is involved in theatre, where he enjoys performing and connecting with audiences, in addition to competing in track and volleyball and singing with Titan Harmony. He is also active in community service and his church. He strives to create a space where others feel accepted and encouraged to be themselves, and believes the arts have a powerful ability to bring people together. Joshua is grateful to the Raleigh Youth Choir, its directors, and staff for the opportunities, guidance, and community they have given him.

Reality Cromwell

Reality has been passionate about singing since the 4th grade, when I first joined choir and discovered how much I love music and performing. Throughout my years in choir, I've had the opportunity to grow not only as a singer but also as a person, building confidence, discipline, and meaningful friendships along the way. One of my proudest accomplishments has been participating in All-County Choir, where I was able to challenge myself and collaborate with other talented musicians. Being part of RYC has been a special experience that I will always value. It has given me a sense of community and a place to express myself through music. Looking ahead, I plan to attend Chowan University, where I will major in Criminal Justice. My goal is to become a lawyer and use my voice to advocate for others, just as I've used it in choir. Music will always remain an important part of who I am, and I'm grateful for every moment I've spent singing.

2026-2027 Season Highlights

Big Sing Raleigh! **October 2026**

Community festival led by visiting members of the
VOCES8 Foundation!

December 2026 Carols of Christmas

Our annual holiday concert, which has been performed
every year since the Raleigh Boychoir was founded in 1968!

Candlelight Christmas **December 2026**

A special holiday performance alongside the North
Carolina Symphony in Meymandi Concert Hall!

February 2027 The Lost Birds

A special collaboration between RYC, Green Hope, Holly Springs,
and NC State University, performing GRAMMY-nominated work,
The Lost Birds, by Christopher Tin!

Stage and Screen **March 2027**

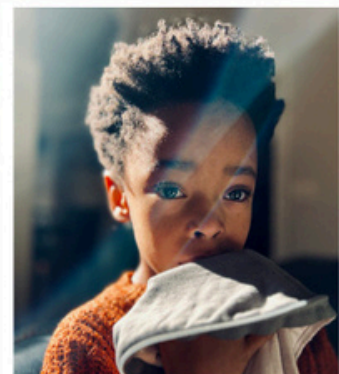
Our annual concert featuring music from the big screen
to Broadway and everything in between!

May 2027 Spring Concert

Our final performance of the year, featuring a special
collaboration with the Cardinal Singers and the premiere of a
brand new piece, written specifically for RYC!

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