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In Our Own

Words



North Raleigh United
Methodist Church

Sunday, May 18th | 6pm



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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Welcome to our Spring Concert,

In Our Own Words!

"Tonight, we celebrate our students' creativity and passion for music. This concert is unique, as it represents a collaboration between our students and composer Stuart Chapman Hill. Throughout the year, our students have contributed their lyrics and perspectives, shaping the music you'll hear tonight.

A special thank you to Stuart for his dedication and expertise in guiding our students and conducting the choir tonight. His presence has been invaluable, and the resulting songs reflect both the artistry of music and the personal voices of our students.

As we celebrate tonight, we also recognize our graduating seniors. Their leadership and love for the choir will be missed, but we are excited for their futures.

I also want to thank our incredible staff for their commitment to our students and their hard work in making this concert possible.

Thank you for being here to witness this special moment. In Our Own Words is a reflection of our journey this year. Enjoy the performance!"

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Tucker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeremy Tucker, Artistic Director



PROGRAM

Senior Spotlight: Savannah Coll

Acorn Choir

How Can I Keep From Singing | arr. Ginger B. Littleton

Senior Spotlight: Josh Huggins

Oak Choir

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing | arr. Mark Hayes

Senior Spotlight: Lila Grow

Acorn and Oak Choirs

It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) | arr. Michele Weir

Senior Spotlight: Alec Hernandez

Senior Spotlight: Allie O'Donovan

Capital Choir

Yonder Come Day | arr. Matt and Adam Podd

Senior Spotlight: Jayden Rudder

Mosaic and Capital Choirs

She Sings | Amy Bernon

Exsultate Justi | Rollo Dilworth

Senior Spotlight: J Evans

Mosaic Choir

Two Sturdy Oaks | Neil Ginsberg

We Won't Stop Dreaming | PinkZebra

Senior Spotlight: Abbygail Hopkins

Mosaic Choir and Page Singers

You'll Never Walk Along (with Climb Every Mountain)
arr. Mark Hayes



PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Page Singers

Breathe | Jeremy Landig

Senior Spotlight: Destin Tan

Sibley Singers

I'm Building Me a Home | Dr. Anthony Trecek-King
Jayden Rudder, Soloist

Senior Spotlight: Alex Jackson

Sibley Singers

Love Then and Still | Susan LaBarr

Senior Spotlight: Beatrice Laskowski

Page and Sibley Singers

Come Travel with Me | Scott Farthing

Earth Song | Frank Ticheli

The Storm is Passing Over | Charles Albert Tindley/
arr. Adam and Matt Pod
J Evans, Soloist

Senior Spotlight: Dexter Gibson

All Choirs

***Featuring special guest conductor,
Dr. Stuart Chapman Hill***

Be Enough | Dr. Stuart Chapman Hill

Special Thanks To:

Hunter Browning, Piano

Andy Eaton

Dr. Rebecca Strutt

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CHOIR ROSTERS

ACORN CHOIR

Aurora Calligan
Sylvia Ortega Cullinan
Evie Filomena
Hunter Newark
Torrence Oronsaye
Lily June Scott
Cecelia Rose Scott
Camila Shertzer
Nathan Tang
Charlotte Tate

OAK CHOIR

Caitlin Baxter
Suhridi Bhattacharjee
Chloe Braganza
Isaah Bristol
Emilia Evans
Wesley Hughston
Maxwell Jimison
Madeleine Leger
Emmelyn McCauley
Hazel McRackan
Helena Millsaps
Hannah Neely
Felix Newark
Evelyn Salter
Therese Sellers
Harbour Swan
Alan Tharp
Zoe Williams

MOSAIC CHOIR

Eloise Bertics
Reese Blum
Zoleiah Dunn
Sylvia Evans
Valeria Firpi
Lucy Forsythe
Ava Hall
Marianne Hertel
Hannah Leonard
Sydney Magno
Grace Marquardt
Hannah McLaughlin
Amber McRacken
Rosie McRacken
Emma Michael
Maribel Wiggins
Johanna Woods

PAGE SINGERS

Piper Barrett
Emily Capps
Savannah Coll
J Evans
Liliana Farrow
Lila Grow
Shivani Halnur
Lucy Heinz
Eleanor Hertel
Abbygail Hopkins
Liliana Angelina Horne
Beatrice Laskowski
Allison O'Donovan
Margot Porper
Sarah Reder
Claire Skinner
Madeleine Townsend
Amanda Toy
Vivi Willis
Alison Willits
Anna Winter

CAPITAL CHOIR

Owen Barnes
Henry Barnes
Caulin Dixon
R. Jacob Salyerds
Ethan Shi
Luca Smith
Christopher Sobel
William Souto
Nelson Tang
Howard Todd

SIBLEY SINGERS

Piersen Bartlett
Callum Coysh
Dexter Gibson
Julian Greenhow
Alec Hernandez
Joshua Huggins
Alexander Jackson
Yashwin Karanam
Nicholas Knox
Bryson Magno
Henry Melomo
Logan Orazi
Jayden Rudder
Jesse Stoddard
Deacon Szeto
Destin Tan
Phillip Towns III
Jaylen Vereen
Felix White
Bardez Whitmore
Zebaniah Whitmore
Fox Zemler
Thor Ziobro



Raleigh Youth Choir Staff

Jeremy Tucker

Artistic Director
Conductor, Sibley Singers

Emily Turner

Associate Artistic Director
Conductor, Page Singers

Aaron Brown

Conductor, Capital Choir

Christopher Short

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Conductor, Mosaic Choir

Casey Eaton

Conductor, Acorn Choir

Bo Reece

Conductor, Oak Choir

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Collaborative Pianist

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Summer Audition Dates

Monday, June 2nd at 6pm

Monday, July 14th at 6pm

Monday, July 28th at 6pm

To register for an audition
visit our website:

www.raleighyouthchoir.org



2024-2025 Season

RYC Hosted Events/Concerts

RYC Director's Choir Teacher Workshop
Treble Choir Explosion Festival
"Songs of Hope" Benefit Concert for Western NC
Carols of Christmas Concert
Piedmont Invitational Children's Choir Festival
Stage and Screen Concert
RYC's Got Talent Fundraising Gala
"Voices Together" Title 1 School Collaboration
"In Our Own Words" Spring Concert

24-25 Season in Numbers

1,000+

Young singers
reached by our
programming

30+

Local school music
programs supported
by our events

\$22k+

Raised for Western
NC Relief Efforts

15%

RYC Singers
supported by tuition
scholarships

Connecting People With the Arts

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission nurtures creativity and enriches our community by championing the arts in Raleigh:

- Partnering with local cultural organizations
- Supporting arts programming
- Advocating for arts investment
- Presenting art exhibitions, public art and special events

Vinculando al Pueblo con las Artes




La Comisión de Artes de la Ciudad de Raleigh sustenta la creatividad y enriquece a nuestra comunidad, favoreciendo las artes en Raleigh por medio de:

- La asociación con organizaciones culturales locales
- El apoyo de la programación de las artes
- El fomento de la inversión en el arte
- La presentación de exposiciones artísticas, arte público y eventos especiales

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- CAM Raleigh
- Carolina Ballet
- Chamber Music Raleigh
- Community Music School
- Cultural Voice of NC
- Diamante Arts & Cultural Center
- El Pueblo
- The Justice Theater Project
- National Women's Theatre Festival
- The NC Chamber Music Institute
- NC Master Chorale
- NC Museum of History
- NC Opera
- NC State LIVE
- NC State University Theatre
- NC Symphony
- NC Theatre
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