

## OUR PAST...



In 1990 founding Director Karen Markey and Maestra Mary Green of the Kennett Symphony of Chester County lay the cornerstone on which the Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus was to be built. In the twenty years since young singers presented their first concert, thousands of enthusiastic audience members have

marveled at the artistry and joyful music performed by these young singers. The Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus has performed across our nation beginning in our home in Kennett Square and traveling across north America to Oahu, Vancouver, Williamsburg, and Hilton Head. KSCC has shared joy-filled music from Philadelphia, the birthplace of our nation, to prestigious performances in our nation's capital.

The dreams and visions from which KSCC was borne flung wide the musical gates for children to experience music of the masters, creative works by contemporary American composers, and energizing music of diverse cultures. Among the major and contemporary choral works made accessible to these young performers over the years include:

### Major Works

- ~ *Carmen*, composed by Georges Bizet
- ~ *Requiem*, composed by Gabriel Faure
- ~ *Carmina Burana*, composed by Carl Orff
- ~ *The Mass of the Children*, composed by John Rutter

### Contemporary Works

- ~ *Polar Express*, composed by Robert Kapilow
- ~ *Snow Day (2008)*, an orchestral suite for chorus and orchestra, composed by Robert Maggio of West Chester University
- ~ *Court of the Lonely White Pine (2005)*, composed by Robert Maggio
- ~ *My Voice is Strong (2010)*, by David Trum
- ~ *Jack and the Beanstalk*, an orchestral suite for chorus and orchestra composed by Melissa Dunphy (2010)



The Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus enriches the lives of children through energizing choral experiences that broaden and enhance their lives and those who hear them.

To learn more about the Children's Chorus, or to schedule an audition, visit

[www.kennettsymphony.org/  
childrenschorus](http://www.kennettsymphony.org/childrenschorus)

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in residence at West Chester University

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To support the growth of these enthusiastic young musicians, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to:

The Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus Fund  
c/o The Chester County Community Foundation  
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West Chester, PA 19382  
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The Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus is an educational outreach of the Kennett Symphony of Chester County. A copy of the official registration and financial information for the Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus Fund of the Chester County Community Foundation (EIN 23-2773822) may be obtained by calling the PA Department of State at 1-800-732-0900 (toll free in PA). Registration does not imply endorsement.

## OUR PRESENT...



In 2007 the Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus moved to its permanent home as children's chorus in-residence at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Numbering more than 80 singers, the children represent public, private, parochial, and home schools in and around Chester County.

Under the artistic directorship of Dr. Kristen Albert, children in the Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus expand their musical horizons while they develop skills that promote achievement in music and in life.

A unique part of the in-residence program at West Chester University provides internship opportunities for qualified music education students to work in tandem with Children's Chorus directors, joining together in their commitment to develop musically literate young artists.

Because of these collaborations and enthusiastic dedication to performing excellence, musical opportunities flourish, friendships grow, and beauty blooms as these expressive young singers live their joy through song.

### *Our Mission is...*

- ~ To empower children of all religious, racial, cultural and economic backgrounds to experience music for its aesthetic and cultural value.
- ~ To teach music literacy as the foundation for the development of musicianship in young singers.
- ~ To enthusiastically collaborate with professional, school, and community orchestras, living composers, and other choral programs, to add a synergistic dimension to the singers' experience.
- ~ To enhance the education of future and current music educators by providing internships, scholarships, and authentic experiences which enhance learning and professional development in the realm of children's choral leadership.



## OUR FUTURE...



To commemorate its 20<sup>th</sup> season and in anticipation of many seasons to come, the Kennett Symphony of Chester County established the

***Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus Endowment Fund*** to insure a reliable, ongoing source of income to meet its vision and mission. The endowment fund will allow our organization to maintain and expand programs to serve generations to come.

### ***Our expanded program goals will:***

- ~ Provide scholarship monies for economically disadvantaged choristers
- ~ Provide the monetary resources to develop orchestral collaborations, support travel opportunities, participate in choral festivals, conferences, choral exchanges, and develop programs for artists in residence
- ~ Fund newly commissioned works for children's voices
- ~ Fund internship programs for future music education candidates, and provide scholarship funds for accompanists in-residence.