



The Boychoir of Ann Arbor

"I'm appreciative for the fellowship of singing together and making beautiful music." — Boychoir chorister, November 2018

Bravo!

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Singing on!

Reflecting on this past year, we find ourselves grateful for the exceptional leadership of our new Music Director, Dr. John Boonenberg. Under his direction, our choristers have already had many wonderful new experiences and given many wonderful performances.

The year got off to great start! In our first time auditioning for ACDA Regional Honor Choirs, we are so proud that all of our choristers were selected to attend the 2018 conference in Chicago this past February. Every chorister had an amazing experience singing with hundreds of other very talented singers from 10 states, in three different Honor Choirs, each



under the direction of talented guest conductors. Every boy (and also every parent!) who participated cited the ACDA Honor Choir opportunity as one of the best singing experiences they have had and highly recommended that all Boychoir choristers should audition in the future. And so we will!

In March, we were honored to be invited to sing again with the Ann Arbor Symphony, singing "Double Trouble" in a special Harry Potter concert. Special shout out to the parent and board members who helped make our fantastic Hogwarts Choir frogs!



In April, we gave a concert to benefit the Family Learning Institute and later joined with Concordia University choirs and an orchestra in a performance of John Rutter's "Gloria," the first movement of which will be familiar to many Boychoir alumni!



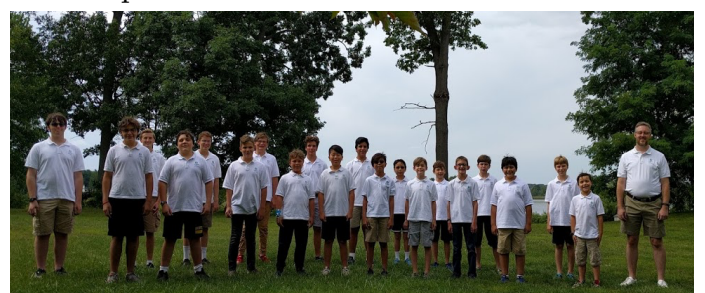
In May, we traveled to the Baltimore Boychoir Festival once again. It was yet another wonderful trip visiting Washington, D.C., the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and of course, the main event, singing with several other boychoirs from across the country.



Our annual Boys' Summer Singing Camp was a great success in June. In addition to singing every morning, and having ice cream just about every afternoon, we went swimming and bowling, and even spent time with hammers and nails and made our very own rain sticks. They sounded terrific in performance!



Our 2nd season under the direction of Dr. Boonenberg started out with our annual overnight retreat where we start bringing together our many talented voices to create our choral sound, while spending plenty of time having fun together, playing games, drumming, eating, swimming, and building friendships old and new.



Just a few weeks ago, we sang a complete Bach cantata (BWV 140) along with Concordia University's Arborsong chamber ensemble in a Vespers service, accompanied by both organ and professional orchestra. It was a wonderful experience for the Boychoir to sing a Bach cantata with orchestra. We look forward to the next Vespers on March 10.



We are currently enjoying the intense preparation for our November/December schedule, including singing for the member Tree Lighting event at the Henry Ford Museum, a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet with the Michigan Opera Theater, a joint performance with the Ypsilanti Symphony on December 2nd, and two performances of "A Boychoir Christmas" — Friday December 7th in the beautiful chapel at Concordia University and Saturday December 8th at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. The boys are busy but having a great time singing together!

In April, we will be joining forces with the Community Music School of Ann Arbor's Brandenburg Project string ensemble, for two collaborative concerts of Tallis, Bach and Pergolesi. Spring also will feature the now traditional annual Young Men's Ensemble concert in May, and of course, our end of the year concert in June featuring all the choirs, followed by the fun of Boys' Summer Singing Camp, just as soon as school lets out!

We are grateful for the ongoing support of all of our Boychoir alumni, fans, friends, and families. We could not possibly offer all these opportunities to these boys without your help. Thank you!

December Performances

<http://www.aaboychoir.org/upcoming.html>

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| Dec. 2 | 3:30 p.m. — Joint holiday concert with
Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra
Towsley Auditorium, WCC
http://www.ypsilantisymphony.org/ |
| Dec. 7 | 7:00 p.m. — " <i>A Boychoir Christmas</i> "
Concordia University
The Chapel of the Holy Trinity
4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor |
| Dec. 8 | 3:00 p.m. — " <i>A Boychoir Christmas</i> "
First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor
1432 Washtenaw Avenue |

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"A Boychoir Christmas" 2018

Please join us on Friday December 7th, at Concordia University, or Saturday, December 8th, at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, for our 32nd annual presentation of "*A Boychoir Christmas*."



Following the traditional processional hymn "Once in royal David's city," with soaring boy soprano solo, the program will accelerate into Paul Mealor's jubilant and virtuosic setting of the "Magnificat," followed by acclaimed composer Abbie Betinis' reimagining of the quintessential carol "In the Bleak Mid-Winter."

"Nigh Bethlehem," by Alfred Burt, will serve the yearly Boychoir tradition of presenting a Burt Family Carol. Other selections include the sparkling "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Sweelinck, a lovely arrangement of "Mary's Cradle Song" set to the iconic tune by Max Reger, and the transcendent "Bogoroditse Devo," by Rachmaninoff.

The Boychoir is committed to championing and performing the works of young, modern composers, and will be presenting both "The Shepherds' Hymn" by David von Kampen and "Arise, Shine!" by Jacob B. Weber.

As is tradition, the audience will once again be invited to join in singing a few hymns, and alumni will, as always, be invited to join the choir for "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day" by John Gardner, a setting that has been performed at A Boychoir Christmas for over 30 years!

Purchase your tickets for "*A Boychoir Christmas*" online <http://aaboychoir.org/reserve.html>, or from a chorister, or by email BoychoirA2+tickets@gmail.com or call (734) 663-5377. We may also have tickets at the door. Order your advance tickets today!

♪ Come hear these wonderful boys sing! ♪

2019 Events

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| March 10 | Bach Vespers @ Concordia University |
| April 16 | Strung Together in Hope
Community collaboration concert
featuring Tallis' <i>Spem in Alium</i>
Unitarian Universalist Church
Ann Arbor
7:00 p.m. |
| April 27 | Joint concert w/ Brandenburg Project
featuring Pergolesi's <i>Stabat Mater</i>
St. Mary Catholic Church, Manchester
7:30 p.m. |
| May TBA | Young Men's Ensemble Concert |
| June 9 | Spring Concert, 5 pm |
| June 17-21 | Boys' Summer Singing Camp |

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