



The Boychoir of Ann Arbor

“Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul; on which they mightily fasten, imparting grace.” — Plato, The Republic

Bravo!

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Sing Boys! Sing On

25 years

After two decades of watching and listening to boys sing in the Boychoir of Ann Arbor, I am still always amazed by the wondrous beauty of the sound of boys' singing, amused at their antics, and awed by the power of music in the lives of boys.

This year, the Boychoir of Ann Arbor is celebrating 25 years of providing boys in our greater community the opportunity to come together and sing, to join in the brotherhood of boys & men sharing the joy of music, to reap the rewards of learning challenging music, and to experience the unique and special power of music created with their own body and spirit.

“Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives, one of the ways in which we express feelings when we have no words, a way for us to understand things with our hearts when we can't with our minds.”

—Karl Paulnack, Boston Conservatory

We believe strongly in the value of choral music in the emotional and spiritual development of boys, and feel both proud and privileged to be able to be a part of the lives of these talented boys as they grow and mature into the wonderful young men they become. The original choristers are now fathers of boys old enough to be choristers today!

And then there are all the camps and tours and pizza dinners and inside jokes borne of common experience, and most especially the people you meet, who may be from a different town, or school, or faith tradition, with whom you become fast friends. Boys who stay in Boychoir year after year love to sing and love to be with their friends. They learn to find common ground, and to work together, and most of all, they share the joy of singing.

As we begin planning our 25th Anniversary Reunion (12 May 2012: save the date!), we would like to hear from you. Send us a note or an email (office@aabochoir.org) or post on our facebook wall. Share a memory, say hello; help us reconnect with all Boychoir of Ann Arbor alumni.

At the 25th Anniversary Concert, we will premier a new composition written especially for the Boychoir by award-winning composer, and Boychoir alumnus, Colin Tucker. We invite all alumni to come back and sing with us in the alumni choir for the Anniversary Concert, or share your talent in the Alumni Showcase, or just come to listen and enjoy.

*“Sing on, sing on, share in our common tongue.
Sing on, sing on, voices and hearts as one.”*

— Bob Chilcott, “The Singing Heart”



“A Boychoir Christmas”

We hope you will join us for the **25th Annual “A Boychoir Christmas”**. This year's program features the first five movements of Antonio Vivaldi's “Gloria” and a variety of carols and hymns, from Ralph Vaughan Williams' “The blessed Son of God” to the beautiful and moving “Candlelight Carol” by John Rutter and the Renaissance carol “Psallite, unigenito,” plus an engaging rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and the energetic Nigerian carol “Betelehemu.”

As in recent years, the audience will be invited to join in singing several traditional hymns, and alumni will once again be welcomed to join the choir for "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day" by John Gardner, a setting that has been performed at every Boychoir Christmas concert for 25 years!



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<http://www.youtube.com/BoychoirA2>

Upcoming Boychoir of Ann Arbor Events

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

- Dec. 4** 1:00 p.m. – Ringing and Singing: Saint Nicholas Day concert with St. Dunstan’s Bell Choir at St Andrew’s Episcopal Church
- Dec. 16** 7:00 p.m. – “A Boychoir Christmas”
First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti
- Dec. 17** 3:00 p.m. – “A Boychoir Christmas”
First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor
- 2012**
- May 12** 25th Anniversary Reunion Concert
- June 3** 4:00 p.m. – Spring Concert

Purchase tickets for “A Boychoir Christmas” online at aaboychoir.org, from a chorister, or at the door. We can also take reservations online, by email tickets@aaboychoir.org and phone (734) 663–5377. Order your tickets today! With only 2 performances, you won’t want to miss out!

Tell Kroger to donate to the Boychoir of Ann Arbor!

Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program and register your Kroger Plus card to support the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Then just scan your card (or enter alt ID) when you check out, and Kroger will donate a percentage of your purchase to the Boychoir. It’s that easy!



<http://krogercommunityrewards.com> NPO # 82892

Buy gift cards through the Boychoir; use gift cards for gas, food and many more things you already buy!

Purchase gift cards to use for your regular and holiday shopping and much of your ordinary spending could help support the Boychoir at no extra cost to you! Now featuring instant ‘e-gift cards’ and many reloadable cards.

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If you shop online, register, and then start your online shopping at iGive.com, and merchants will donate to the Boychoir!

Yes! I want to help the Boychoir of Ann Arbor sing on!

\$2500 \$1000 \$25/month for 25 months \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$ _____

Please allocate my gift to: Use wherever needed Scholarships
 Tours Endowment Fund

Many companies match employee donations; ask your employer for details. United Way contributions may also be designated for the Boychoir.

Please make checks payable to Boychoir of Ann Arbor. We also accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover.

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- Please send me 2 tickets for “A Boychoir Christmas” as a premium benefit with my donation of \$50 or more. (Donations must be received by December 15 for tickets; tickets will be mailed or held for pick up at will call.)
- Thanks, but no tickets needed, please use my full donation to help the Boychoir of Ann Arbor.
- Please update my contact information.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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