

2017 Children's' Honor Choir Grades 4-6

Illinois ACDA Fall 2017 Conference, Saturday, October 28 8:30-4:30
College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Nominate your students for the IL-ACDA 2017 Fall Children's Honor Choir! This opportunity is for unchanged, treble voices. We are thrilled to have Emily Ellsworth, Artistic Director of the Anima Glen Ellyn Children's Choir, to serve as our honor choir director. And we are likewise pleased to announce that William "Bill" Buhr will serve as our collaborative pianist.

Emily Ellsworth

Nationally recognized as a leader in the youth choral field, Ms. Ellsworth has served as Artistic Director of ANIMA- Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus since 1996. Her work with ANIMA received the 2013 ASCAP Adventurous Programming Award from Chorus America, the 2013 Chicago a cappella Tribute Award, the 2009 Dale Warland Singers Commissioning Award given by Chorus America and the American Composers Forum, as well as Chorus America's once-in-an-organizational-lifetime 2008 Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence. In 2016, Ms. Ellsworth was honored as a "Woman of Distinction" by Suburban Life Magazine.

She has prepared various ensembles for performances with Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic, Ravinia Festival, Grant Park Symphony, Music of the Baroque, and others; nine CD recordings; national and regional conferences of ACDA, Kodaly educators, and Chorus America; and concert tours to six continents. Ms. Ellsworth has served on the music panel for the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. and is the advisor of Boosey & Hawkes' Opera Workshop series. From 2012-2015, she was a Lecturer in Choral Conducting at Northwestern University, and spent over 20 years teaching and singing as a voice faculty member in various college and university settings. In frequent demand as guest clinician/conductor throughout the U.S., she has also guest conducted in the Republic of Ireland, England, Hong Kong, and Brazil.

Emily Ellsworth is an award-winning conductor and music educator. Emily has served as Artistic Director of Anima since 1996. In addition to her work with Anima, Ms. Ellsworth has served on the music panel of the National Endowment for the Arts, on the Central Division board of the American Choral Directors Association, and as the Opera Workshop series advisor for Boosey & Hawkes Publishing. She additionally served as Lecturer in Choral Conducting at Northwestern University, where she conducted the University Singers. She is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of youth chorus directors, and is in frequent demand as a guest clinician both nationally and internationally.

Repertoire and Music Vendor Information

Many of these titles are appropriate for winter concert programming. It is each school's responsibility to purchase the music and teach students in advance of the conference. These titles are available at JW PEPPER.

Dancing and Singing Jean Baptiste Lully, arr. Liebergen, BriLee Music BL289 two-part treble. Historic piece, joyful opener and nice teaching options for performance practice/style

Shlof, Mayn Fegele (Sleep, My Little One) Lee R. Kesselman Boosey and Hawkes 48023153, unison and two part and piano

Some Yiddish, but we will do the second 2-part verse in ENGLISH to minimize for time constraints. Soulful lullaby; children offering comfort for children taken too soon in this world of war and violence.

Only a Couple Fishes Elizabeth Alexander, Seafarer Press SEA-116-00 SA children's Choir and piano plus AUDIENCE

All about community: the canon at the end (which will include audience) reads:

"As we share what we have with each other, Let us sing out joyfully.

May abundance lead to gratitude, Then to generosity."

Great message, joyful setting; perfect setting for involving all the conductors/audience!

Practice mp3 files: Participating students and directors will receive director's notes from Emily Ellsworth. Audio practice files of these songs will be made available online for student practice. Students are expected to come knowing their part and ready to be off music.

Eligibility: Students in grades 4-6 with unchanged voices, whose director is an ACDA member are eligible to participate. Singers will be selected based on the nomination of their director. Selection is based in part, on the number of participating schools.

Cost: \$40 per singer. This cost covers their participation in the honor choir. Students receive an honor choir t-shirt to be worn at the concert. Participants will be responsible for the following: transportation, lodging (if needed), a sack lunch, water bottle, and appropriate attire.

Concert Attire: Students will receive their honor choir t-shirt at check-in. Students should come dressed in dark dress pants and dark shoes (no gym shoes, please) and wear something they can put their IL-ACDA t-shirt over-

TENTATIVE Children's Honor Choir Schedule (As of August 9, 2017)
A finalized schedule will be sent in late September

Saturday, October 28

Students should bring their music in a black folder, water bottle, pencil, snack and sack lunch. Please avoid nut related food items due to many who may be allergic. Folders, music, water bottle and lunch should have the student's name and school labeled on them.

Directors and Singers are to report to the McAninch Arts Center, COD, Glen Ellyn, IL

- 8:30-9:00 Registration in Lobby - report to Room 140-Choir Room
- 9:00 - 9:05 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:05 - 10:30 Rehearsal with Ms. Ellsworth,
- 10:30 - 10:40 Snack/water/bathroom break
- 10:40 - 10:45 Clean up and return to seats
- 10:45 - 12:05 Rehearsal with Ms. Ellsworth
- 12:05 - 12:10 Announcements
- 12:10 - 12:15 Leave for sound check in Belushi Hall
- 12:15 - 12:40 Soundcheck in Belushi Hall
- 12:40 -12:45 Leave for Room 140
- 12:45 - 12:50 Report to Room 140 - Choir Room for lunch instructions
- 12:50 - 1:00 Walk to SCR for lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 1:40 Clean up and walk back to Room 140 - Choir Room
- 1:40 - 2:45 Final Rehearsal
- 2:45 - 2:50 Announcements
- 2:50 Depart for Belushi Concert Hall – Final Performance
- 3:00 -4:15. Final Concert, Belushi Theater. This concert is free.

Please return the attached nomination form to Renee DeJager by Wednesday, September 6, 2017. If you have any questions, email: dejager@timothychristian.com. This will be a terrific experience designed to encourage and inspire our youngest choral students!

Sincerely,
Renee DeJager
II-ACDA R & R Children's Choir Chair
Dejager@timothychristian.com
630-833-7575 x 222

Childrens' Choir Nomination Form IL-ACDA FALL Conference, October 28, 2017

Director's Name _____

School Name & Address _____

Work Phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail Address _____

ACDA Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Rank students in order of preference. For good balance, please try and send an equal amount of voice parts. Registration is \$40.00 per individual participant.

Student's Name	Grade	Part*	Circle student's T-shirt size						
1.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
2.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
3.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
4.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
5.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
6.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
7.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
8.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
9.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL
10.	4 5 6	1 2	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AXL

*1 = Soprano, 2= Alto

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Checks are to be made payable to **IL-ACDA.**

____ # of participants X \$40.00 = \$_____ (TOTAL \$\$ ENCLOSED)

Please send registration forms and check by Wednesday, September 6, 2017 to:

Renee DeJager, Timothy Christian Schools, 188 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126

Questions? Email dejager@timothychristian.com

