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Cary Youth Voices: Bringing Songs to Cary

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When we look back to our childhood, we often recall our favorite childhood memories and favorite songs. Singing invokes emotional responses and helps us recall and retain our memories.

Cary Youth Voices has a long history in our community. Launched in 2000 as the Cary Children's Concert Choir, under the umbrella of the Concert Singers of Cary, the original choir served 28 children in grades 3 through 6. As interest in the choir grew and the number of children auditioning swelled, additional choirs were added to serve youth in grades 2-12. In 2016, the Cary Children's Concert Choirs became an independent non-profit group and the name was changed to Cary Youth Voices to better represent the age range of the close to 80 youth now being served. Their mission is to provide young participants with the skills and experiences conducive to life-long music-making.

Cary Youth Voices seeks to provide opportunities for children and youth from all segments of the greater Cary area to learn and perform as part of a professionally trained chorus. In addition, participants in the various choirs and their families are exposed to many diverse styles and types of music. The singers learn to value the joy that singing brings to their own lives and to the audiences for whom they perform.

The Cary Youth Voices consists of three choirs and each performs several concerts annually:

Prep. Training choir for grades 2 and 3 (girls & boys)

Treble. Grades 4-8 (girls & boys)

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

May 1	Jordan Oaks Retirement Living 7-8:00pm
May 5-6	Spring Tour to Florence/Myrtle Beach, SC (Treble and Concert choirs)
May 8	Dress rehearsal 5-7:00pm
May 11	Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, "Poetry in Song" 7-8:00pm
May 15	Auditions for new singers and PARTY!
June 29- July 3	Crescent City Choral Festival, New Orleans

Concert. Highest level performance choir for grades 6-12 (girls)

The choirs have additional opportunities to travel and perform each year. They have performed concerts in Cary; Florence, SC; and in New Orleans. Interested youth are invited to audition for the choirs. A parent or guardian must be present.

Auditions are required to identify specific strengths and to determine if and how the choir can accommodate any special needs.

Donations to Cary Youth Voices are tax deductible. For information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, visit <http://www.caryyouthvoices.org/>.