



Dear Colleagues,

The Ohio Choral Directors Association is pleased to announce the 16th annual Ohio Choral Director's Association Children's Honor Choir, to be held at Otterbein University during the OCDA Professional Conference, June 22-24, 2020. Music teachers and community children's chorus directors who are members of OCDA and/or OMEA are invited to recommend their best treble singers who have just completed grades 4-8.

This extraordinary choir will be comprised of 120 of YOUR most committed and advanced singers. The combination of these wonderful children and the excellent teaching of our guest conductor will create an experience your singers will remember for years to come.



Celebrated for her artistic vision and top-tier choirs, Jeanne Wohlgamuth is a champion of choral education. Since beginning her tenure as Columbus Children's Choir artistic director in the spring of 2011, Mrs. Wohlgamuth has paved the way for a new and exciting era of the organization. Under her direction the New World Singers received a special invitation to sing with the Vienna Boys Choir in a tour of Austria and Hungary in 2017. She has expanded community engagement efforts to make Columbus Children's Choir a point of pride for the city of Columbus.

Alongside her work with Columbus Children's Choir, Mrs. Wohlgamuth is the fine arts department chair and director of choirs at Dublin Jerome High School, the vocal affairs chair for the Ohio Music Education Association, and a recipient of countless awards including the Community Champion Award presented by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Wohlgamuth has served as an adjunct professor in the master's of music education program at the Kodály Institute at Capital University and taught undergraduate choral methods. She has presented workshops on developing sight-reading in the choral rehearsal, and middle school choral techniques and repertoire for the Midwest Kodály Music Educator's Conference, The Ohio State University, Capital University, Columbus City Schools, the Tri-City Kodály Music Educators, and the Ohio Music Educators Association state professional conference.

Nomination procedure

Online nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2019. You may nominate up to 10 singers using the online nomination form at <https://forms.gle/iXvqNzkH6PgfZTDf6>. Please make sure you have a valid phone number and current parent email address for each singer you nominate. A helpful parent letter is available for download on the OCDA website. <http://ohiocda.org/SummerConference/childrenschoir/>

Please rank your singer in the order in which you want them to be considered. This will help us select the singers from each school that will be most ready for this intensive experience.

After your nominations have been submitted, parents will receive a congratulations email with the link to register their child after April 1st. If you have questions at any time, please email ocdachc@gmail.com.

Chaperones

- OCDA Children's Honor Choir will provide chaperones for this event.
- Parents who would like to stay with their children should register their singer as a commuter and then secure off-site housing.

Deadlines

Nominations will be accepted: February 15 – March 15, 2019.

All singer registrations must be complete by April 15, 2019.

Detailed information will be sent via email directly to parents and teachers after May 1, 2019.

Music preparation

Participating students will begin preparations for the choir in two **required** satellite rehearsals held around the state. Dates and locations of satellite rehearsals will be published on the OCDA website as soon as they are available. Please email ocdachc@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns about the satellite rehearsals.

Without the support from the music teachers and children's chorus directors from Ohio, OCDA would not be able to offer opportunities such as this to our young singers. Please support this event by recommending your most outstanding singers and pass this invitation along to colleagues and friends!

Thank you for your support of choral music in the state of Ohio and for OCDA!

Sincerely,

OCDA Children's Honor Choir Team
Jennifer Call – OCDA Children's Honor Choir Chair
Michael Grimm - onsite Honor Choir Coordinator
Emily Capece