

Celebrating 25 years of Singing!

ND ACDA Showcase Concert

featuring Angelica
February 3, 2023 • 7:30 pm
Bismarck High School

A Celebration of Women's Voices

featuring Angelica
April 23, 2023 • 3:00 pm
First Baptist Church

CDCC Music Classes

Tuesdays, January-May 2023
4:00 pm *Treble Makers (1st grade)*
5:00 pm *Singing for 2nd Graders (2nd grade)*
Bismarck Event Center

2023-2024 Auditions

May 3 & 4, 2023 • 4:00pm -6:pm
Bismarck Public Library

Cantus Unabridged

featuring Cantus
May 7, 2023 • 7:00 pm
McCabe United Methodist Church

CDCC Limited Edition Concerts

March 5, 2023 • Bismarck High School
2:00 pm featuring Jubilate & Kantorei
3:30 pm featuring Bel Canto, Angelica & Cantus

Spring Concerts

featuring All Choirs
May 19 & 20, 2023 • 7:00 pm
Belle Mehus Auditorium

2nd & 3rd Grade Educational Outreach Concerts

featuring Bel Canto
April 18, 2023
Simle Middle School

Join us for the premiere of CDCC's newest commissioned work, "And We Will Have Music" composed and conducted by Dr. Tom Porter

YOU can make a difference...



From 2015 to 2019, we had 94 singers in our 3rd and 4th grade choir, on average. In 2020, that number dropped to 37. With your help, we were able to weather the storm, but numbers don't lie. We'll be feeling the ripple effect for years to come. **YOUR gift this**

Giving Hearts Day ensures CDCC will be here for children for the next 25 years! Will you help us reach our goal of \$20,000? Donations will help fund our elementary music classes, outreach programs and more. Every voice matters and every dollar counts!

Join the chorus of giving on February 9th!

- ♥ Schedule your gift **today** at givingheartsday.org. (Scheduled giving ends February 7.
- ♥ Donate by check. Make check out to CDCC, memo line GHD and date February 9.
- ♥ Donate online at givingheartsday.org on February 9.
- ♥ ♥ ♥ **Thank You!!** Your support is needed now more than ever! Plus, the impact of your gift will be multiplied by **MATCHING** funds from generous community donors!

Be a Giving Heart!

Giving Hearts Day gifts made by check should be **dated 2-9-23** and received by February 9. Please write "Giving Hearts Day" in memo line on check.

Return to: Central Dakota Children's Choir
921 S. 9th St., Suite 115
Bismarck, ND 58504

Name _____
(As you would like it presented in the program)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Donations can also be made online at givingheartsday.org

Thank you for inspiring kids!

IN THIS ISSUE 25 Years and Counting/ Crescendo of Care Update--YOU Did It!!
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25 years and Counting You've Made A Lot of Dreams Come True!! ...Can't wait to see what happens next!



"I love to sing in CDCC!
It's so much fun!"

It's been 25 years since Karen Traeholt first dreamed of starting a children's choir. She would be the first to tell you she didn't do it alone. A lot of people lent their input and expertise. **If you were one of the people who supported Karen's dream all those years ago--thank you!! You made the dream a reality!**

What started as one choir of 65 singers has grown to 5 choirs and two elementary music classes **servicing over 300 young people** in grades 1-12! That's amazing!! And it's all because of YOU! Without your support, none of this would have happened! **As we celebrate 25 years of singing, what we are really celebrating is YOU!!**

Because of you, thirty-two 1st graders and thirty-four 2nd graders have begun their journey to developing a **lifelong love of music.** A journey that will bolster their confidence, enhance foundational learning skills and set them up for success.

Because of you, we have a new performing ensemble, CDCC Echoes, comprised of local CDCC alumni who are excited to share their song and **give back to their community!**

Because of you, more than 2500 talented young people have found a place to belong, grow and develop character traits such as **empathy, compassion and acceptance.**

The list goes on and on. No matter why or when you became a supporter of CDCC, **we want to thank you!** Thanks for joining us on this journey of inspiring tomorrow's voices. **You've helped so many dreams come true!**

And the best is still to come! The dream that began 25 years ago is alive and strong. We're so happy you're on this journey with us! **What happens next is up to YOU!**

Your Support Matters Thanks for showing kids you care! Crescendo of Care--A Celebration of Children's Voices

THANK YOU!! People support Central Dakota Children's Choir for a million different reasons, but back in November, sandwiched somewhere between snow storms and a broken arm that sidelined me for several weeks, we had a chance to do an after-action review of our annual Crescendo of Care fundraiser. During our discussion, I was reminded of **why so many people from so many different walks of life support our program!**

"It was fun! The place was packed and the Mystery Boxes were a hit! The singers loved the cake and it was nice to see our families visiting and getting to know one another!" --Jennifer, talking about our Open House

"Everything was great! The food was good, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves....Oh, next year we need to bring Kleenex because everyone was crying! Moms were crying, singers were crying, directors were tearing up. When Teri read the senior's quotes, there were tears. When the directors spoke, tears. When the singers came up to get their awards, more tears...We need tissues!" --Amy, the night of the Awards Banquet

"Just lovely! The choirs sounded so good! I had a chance to visit with the mom of one of our newest singers. They just moved here from California and she was so impressed! She couldn't believe how many singers we have and the quality of the performance. She's just so happy her daughter gets to experience this!" --Teri, following the performances at Kirkwood Mall

Each of these examples reminded me that **performances are just tip of the iceberg.** There's so much more to being in choir than "meets the eye." Yes, our concerts are wonderful, but **if you support CDCC to build community, it's happening! ...If you support CDCC to give kids a place to connect with their peers and find friends, mark it done! ...If you support CDCC to help mold and mentor the next generation of leaders, you're doing it!**

Whatever your reason for supporting us, **WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!** Thanks for impacting kids, families and our community in a million positive ways!

"Singing in CDCC has never failed to lift my spirits and fill me with joy!" --Bella



2023 Seniors celebrate at our Senior Recognition Dinner



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YOUR Song--YOUR Impact

Thanks for creating echoes that will resound for years to come!!

In order for there to be an echo, there first must be a sound--a note, as it were. In 1998, Karen Traeholt, Teri Fay, and a choir of 4th, 5th and 6th graders put a note into the universe. In the years that followed, many more notes were added. Every person who's attended a Central Dakota Children's Choir performance, every singer, guest conductor, commissioned composer, every donor, sponsor, board member, grandparent, mom, dad, sibling ... each has contributed their own note. And each note creates its own unique echo. Including **YOURS!!**



5th and 6th graders hang out with friends backstage at the historic Belle Mehus.

Close your eyes. ... Can you hear it? ...

It's the song of Central Dakota Children's Choir echoing throughout our community.

It's YOUR song. ... YOUR impact.

Thank you for impacting young lives with the gift of music!

*Excerpted from Share in the Song letter from Adrienne Riehl, CDCC Board President



Singers from 44 different schools are participating in CDCC this season!

"Singing for CDCC has been a normal part of my routine for most of my life....All my directors have impacted my life immensely and I wouldn't be the person I am today without the people in this choir community being so supportive." --Paige (11 yr singer)

Unique Choral Experiences

You make moments like this possible!! Thank you!

Angelica, CDCC's all-women's high school choir, has been selected to perform during the Showcase Concert at this year's ND ACDA State Conference!! The choir was chosen, by audition, by the performing choirs selection committee comprised of judges from across the nation. These talented young choristers have worked hard preparing for this concert and we commend them on their accomplishment!



Thanks for giving youth in our community yet another unique choral experience!!!

"CDCC has given me the opportunity to surround myself with like-minded people who make singing a priority."