

Creating MUSIC & Spreading JOY!

The Concordia Choir Concert

featuring Cantus
March 2, 2024 • 4:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus Concert

featuring Jubilate
April 27, 2024 • 7:30 pm
Belle Mehus Auditorium

CDCC Limited Edition Concerts

March 3, 2024 • Legacy High School
2:00 pm featuring Jubilate & Kantorei
3:30 pm featuring Bel Canto, Angelica & Cantus

Cantus Unabridged

featuring Cantus
May 5, 2024 • 7:00 pm
McCabe United Methodist Church

2nd & 3rd Grade Educational Outreach Concerts

featuring Bel Canto
April 17, 2024
Simle Middle School

2024-2025 Auditions

May 8 & 9, 2024 • 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Bismarck Public Library

A Celebration of Women's Voices

featuring Angelica
April 21, 2024 • 3:00 pm
First Baptist Church

Spring Concerts

featuring All Choirs
May 17 & 18, 2024 • 7:00 pm
Belle Mehus Auditorium

Multiply your impact...



From 2015 to 2019, average enrollment in our 3rd and 4th grade choir was 94 singers. In 2020-21, enrollment dropped to 37. With your help, we were able to weather the storm, but we're still feeling the ripple effect of that decrease in enrollment and will be for some time. **YOUR gift this Giving Hearts Day helps ensure CDCC**

will always be here for children! Donations help fund elementary music classes for our youngest singers, free outreach programs and more. Plus, with \$5,000 MATCHING funds from generous community donors, your dollars make an even greater impact!

Join the chorus of giving!

- ♥ Give **today!** Early giving is open now at givingheartsday.org.
- ♥ Donate by check. Make check out to CDCC, memo line GHD, dated & received by Feb 8.
- ♥ Donate on Thursday, Feb 8 at givingheartsday.org.
- ♥ ♥ ♥ **Thank You!!** Your gift makes a difference!

Be a Giving Heart!

Giving Hearts Day gifts made by check should be **dated 2-8-24** and received by February 8. 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 our concert programs.)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Thank you for impacting lives!

Donations can also be made online at givingheartsday.org



What the World Needs Now...

...is Joy! Lots of Joy!!

Thanks for giving children a place to find their joy and a way to share it with others!



"CDCC brings so much joy to not only me, but my family."

Truth be told, the world needs a lot of things, but one thing it can never have enough of is JOY! Which is actually kind of great because **joy is baked into everything we do!** (And since you support us, you're automatically a curator of joy, too! How cool is that?!?)

Very few things are more inherently joyful than children singing. Just the thought of it makes me start to smile. I love **being in the business of facilitating joy and amplifying the "joyful noise" of children's voices!** Thank you for joining Central Dakota Children's Choir on our quest to bring an extra dose of joy to the world! Doing so may not cure every ill, but it most certainly impacts lives because **when you give young people access to quality choral education...**

--You **enrich lives** with choral performances that are both moving and memorable. (Can I get an "amen" from anyone who attended our Christmas concerts at the Belle? The choirs sang the roof off the place and the audience loved it!!)

--You combat inequity by giving students access to award-winning teachers, caring mentors and challenging repertoire. You also ease the burden of parents who are searching for a **safe place for their child to learn and grow.**

--You give 1st and 2nd graders a place to **explore music and discover new abilities.** To date, you've helped 340 six and seven-year-olds begin their journey toward a lifelong love of singing!

--You are a **source of hope and encouragement** for teenagers going through a tough time, empower middle school singers to **master their voices** and bravely share their talent with others, provide a point of **connection** for families being pulled in a million different directions, instill **confidence** in shy singers and the value of **teamwork** in others and help countless young people become better musicians as well as more caring, compassionate, community-minded adults.

The world isn't perfect, but thanks to you it is more joy-filled. That's a win for everyone!

You Make a Difference

Thanks for showing kids you care!

Crescendo of Care--A Celebration of Children's Voices

THANK YOU!! There are many reasons people support Central Dakota Children's Choir but back in October, somewhere between snow storms, we held our annual Crescendo of Care fundraiser and you all stepped up to support us in a big way! Every year, we make adjustments or try something new--usually prompted by feedback we've received from parents or supporters. This year was no different.

We kicked off the weeklong event with free public performances by all five choirs at Kirkwood Mall. While the acoustics of these types of performances aren't always perfect, you do get a sense of where the choirs are in terms of repertoire and cohesiveness. This year's concert was definitely one of the best! Each choir showed up and showed off. **It was obvious that these singers had put in the time and done the hard work.** They performed with poise and proficiency!



Eight seniors were recognized for singing with CDCC for 11 years--since they were in the second grade.

The following night, as the wind began to really howl, our loyal (and North Dakota hardy!) families and supporters showed up at the Event Center to listen to more performances, bid on our silent auction and partake in all the Family Fun Night activities. To those of you who braved the weather and those who were with us in spirit, Thank You!! We love you, each and every one! **(Special thanks to our amazing volunteers throughout the week--you rock!!)**

Finally, we gathered with our Class of 2024 families for a senior recognition banquet and awards ceremony. It's always hard to think about losing our seniors, but when there are 27 of them, some of whom have been with us since the 2nd grade and others who just joined this year, it's especially difficult. Regardless of the number of years we've had with them, we have enjoyed them immensely! Side note: **If you support CDCC to help mold and mentor the next generation of leaders, mission accomplished!** This is a remarkable group of young adults.

Whatever your reason for supporting us, **WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!** Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, silent auction items, Mystery Boxes, etc. You helped get our season off to a great start!!

"My daughter always has a countdown for the Christmas concert on her calendar because it is her absolute favorite." -- CDCC Mom

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Your Support Matters

Thanks for giving young people unforgettable experiences!

We kicked off our 26th season in September and it's been a whirlwind of activity since. With only a few weeks of rehearsal under their belts, all five choirs performed brilliantly at our free public concert at Kirkwood Mall. We continued the celebration the following week as Kantorei and Bel Canto performed during our 1st ever Family Fun Night at the Bismarck Event Center.



"Choir has given me the chance to make friends while doing something I truly enjoy. It brings me a lot of joy to sing with CDCC."

November saw Bel Canto performing with the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra--such a wonderful experience for these 5th and 6th graders! They then joined with Jubilate to perform for Bismarck Public School first graders as part of their SIPs programming. These concerts are one of the highlights of the season for these talented young singers. Kantorei closed out the month with a performance for the Celebration of Lights ceremony. It's wonderful to partner with other organizations as part of the caring community in which we live.



Singers from 45 different schools are participating in CDCC this season!

We're not finished yet. There is still so much to come! Cantus will have the honor of performing with The Concordia Choir on March 2nd and the very next day all our choirs will perform at our Limited Edition concerts.... It's going to be a wonderful year, all because of you!*

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

Thank you for impacting lives with music!

"Singing in CDCC has profoundly impacted my life in ways I could have never imagined. This choir has not only nurtured my love for music, but also helped me build a deep sense of discipline and teamwork. Through countless rehearsals and performances, I developed strong bonds with fellow choir members, learning the value of collaboration and harmony, both musically and socially. Beyond the music, it's been a source of lasting friendships and unforgettable memories, making my journey with the Central Dakota Children's Choir an irreplaceable part of my life."

--Cade, 11 year singer



"Being in CDCC since 2nd Grade helped me gain the skills needed to make it into other choirs."
- Ethan, 11 year singer