



Mennonite Children's Choir OF LANCASTER

Testimonials

As a professional cellist and music educator who performed with the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster on numerous occasions, I can't say enough about the benefits that this organization provides to its members and to the community. Their mission statement, "... training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing" sounds simple enough, but anyone who works with students knows that "excellence" requires hours and hours of behind-the-scenes effort. It is to the credit of its talented directors that the MCCL choirs make singing with a pure, unified tone, rhythmic precision and expressive phrasing seem easy, but their students are not the only beneficiaries of this attention for detail; by bringing these skills back into their own schools the Lancaster community as a whole benefits. MCCL singers, representing a wide variety of area churches, are united by a common thread of faith. That commitment shines on each choir member's face as the meaning behind the texts is beautifully and expressively conveyed to their audiences. - Elizabeth Lavender

Our daughter has really enjoyed giving her all at the concerts. She comes home counting down the days until the next time she gets to sing again. And this weekend, she was counting down the hours. We are thankful for the way you have made singing come alive for her! - Parent

I studied much research on creating a "set-to-learn" which is necessary for learning to occur. I was amazed at the teaching skills of the directors. It was evident that they both had the students in the palm of their hands, eager to learn and succeed. This is a skill many educators never develop. - Guest Artist

The choir left an indelible mark on the church with their talent, enthusiasm, and kindness. - Pastor of a host church

I am always amazed at how well-rehearsed and attentive MCCL singers are. - Guest Artist

It's good to see children being inspired and enjoying music! - Wheatland Chorale singer

I really enjoyed the concert and was amazed how well the directors interacted with the kids. - Concert attendee

I leave your concerts inspired and loving what I do (choral music education) because it's satisfying to see such success in the field. It takes special folks to create excellence in the arts - for any ensembles of any age. MCCL artistic and administrative staff should be thrilled with their efforts. - Board Member and music professor

My sister and I played one of our choir songs for our church's prelude this morning. And, my dad, two sisters and I sang in four-part harmony as special music for the service. I really enjoy putting into practice everything I've learned in choir in things like this! I am thankful for all you have taught me through the choir, and I can't wait for the new semester! - Chamber Choir singer

Congratulations on a magnificent performance of *Carmina Burana*! The purity of tone and intonation of the children was nothing short of amazing - as well as their tremendous discipline and ability to follow the conductor. It is good to see young people receiving excellent instruction and choral opportunities. - Professor at Millersville University

We have been delighted to see the growth our son has experienced musically while participating. Thank you for the excellence you push the choir members to achieve. The end results are always amazing and enjoyable to hear. - Parent

