



# WCC News & Notes

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## Fall Newsletter

This fall, the WCC is pleased to welcome 102 members, ages 8 to 17, as they participate in five different ensembles. Choristers travel from as far as Smyrna, DE, Salem County, NJ and Ridley Park, PA to take part in weekly rehearsals. Our recent appearance at the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Awards was a great hit, and we are looking forward to the concert with the Delaware Symphony with great excitement. We are also thrilled with the development we have observed in Youth Choir and The Preparatory Division, and we eagerly await their big debut at our Candlelight Concert on December 19th!

This quarter's newsletter is packed full of useful and exciting information about recent and upcoming performances as well as an overview of the newest addition to the WCC, **The Friends of the Wilmington Children's Chorus**. Please take a few minutes to read about ways you can help to make this group a success.



## WCC serenades Bank of America Awards Recipients

Members of the WCC got the performing year off to a fast and fantastic start. On Monday, October 19, these choristers performed as special guests for the **2009 Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiatives Award Celebration**. The WCC sang "American Anthem" by Gene Scheer with guest soloist Tina Betz and David Christopher on piano, and the African folk song "Lizela". We congratulate the choristers on a fantastic performance.

This event recognized several groups and individuals in Delaware that are working hard to address a range of issues and challenges facing Delawareans. Recipients included The Delaware Food Bank, projects focused on Alzheimer's Disease, HIV treatment and awareness, The Boys and Girls Club of Delaware, mentoring for at risk urban youth, and La Esperanza, which provides transitioning services for Latino and Latina immigrants.

The WCC was honored to perform in this awards ceremony and to support the hope and commitment to a better tomorrow that this project represents.

## Friends of the Wilmington Children's Chorus

This season marks the birth of **The Friends of the Wilmington Children's Chorus (FoWCC)**. This group has been formed with the goal of being an integral part of the support structure of the WCC. While this support will take many forms, they fall under the main categories of Member Engagement, Volunteerism, and Fundraising. The FoWCC is led by an Executive Committee of volunteers who possess a wide array of personalities, skills and backgrounds, and who share a common interest in supporting the WCC organization. You will learn more about each committee on the following pages.

**Every** parent and guardian of a WCC member is a part of the Friends of the Wilmington Children's Chorus. The success of this organization will only be as successful as **your help and support**. Please contact any of the executive members and learn more about how you can assist us in this very important work.



## The Committees of the FoWCC:

As was stated in the orientation meeting, each parent and guardian is expected to volunteer time in support of the WCC. Please look over the committees below to see which areas meets your skills or interests. Please contact the related chairperson and let them know you are interested in helping out. ***Everyone has something to contribute and no contribution is too small!***

**Member Care:** Sanya Tucker, chair – This committee will focus on member orientation, recruitment, retention & alumni relations with WCC members & families. **Please contact Sanya at 302 570-4821 for more information.**

**Academic Mentoring:** Steph Harmon, chair - This committee will assist WCC members with academic support and assistance. **Please contact Steph at 302 529-5718 for more information.**

**Volunteers:** Anne Barker, chair - Anne coordinates and schedules volunteers for rehearsal and performance events. We especially have a need for chaperones during Wednesday evening rehearsals. **Please contact Anne at 302 426-1776 for more information.**

**Special Events:** Sharon Lee & Julie Black, co-chair – This committee will organize social events and volunteering experiences for WCC members and their families. **Please contact Sharon at 302 824-3252 or Julie at 302 824-3118 for more information.**

**Concert & Performing Events:** Jim & Lori Issel, co-chair - This committee will focus on organizing and providing the logistical needs and tasks of WCC produced concert events (i.e. stage crew, ushers, etc.). **Please contact the Issels at 302 994-8861 for more information.**

**Cabaret:** Phil Doucette, chair – Join the planning committee for our major fundraising event (concert & silent auction scheduled for March 2010). **Please contact Phil at 302 762-3637 for more information.**

**Fundraising:** Sarah Nelson, chair – This committee will develop long-term and short-term fundraising strategies and initiatives strategies, goals and priorities as well as implement specific fundraising events. **Please contact Sarah at 302 528-3168 for more information.**

**Merchandising:** Alisha Hall – This committee will develop and create several WCC related products for sale and distribution at WCC events, create and manage WCC merchandising table at WCC events and WCC online store. **Please contact Alisha at 302 588-0839 for more information.**

**Budget:** Terri Fisher – This committee will track and document the finances of FoWCC. **Please contact Terri at 302 998-3995 for more information.**

**Communication:** Ivy Brock – This committee will assist in public awareness advocacy and communications initiatives of the WCC. **Please contact Ivy at 302 740-7484 for more information.**

***Remember, each of these initiatives will only succeed with YOUR HELP. Please call and offer your help today!***



***Lyric Tucker, Mandy McHale, Kennedy Hall and Piara Biggs performing "Lizela" at Bank of America***

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***We believe that together, the WCC staff, choristers & families can uphold the mission of an organization that aims to provide positive life-changing experiences for each child.***



***Members of Youth Choir in concert- December 2008***

## Place your orders for concert tickets, photos, and *new* WCC apparel!

FoWCC will be taking advance orders for WCC Candlelight Concert Tickets, ensemble photos and a full line of WCC apparel and merchandise. You will be able to place your orders online or pick up advance order sheets at WCC rehearsals. Visit [www.WilmingtonChildrensChorus.org](http://www.WilmingtonChildrensChorus.org) to learn more!

## Support WCC Fundraiser -- Holiday Flowers

WCC is selling poinsettias and other holiday plants throughout November. We have included an order form in this newsletter. Please invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to support the WCC by ordering some flowers. Orders can be placed until Nov 21. All flowers will be available for pickup during rehearsal on Dec. 5. For more information, please contact Sarah Nelson at 302 528-3168.

## WCC welcomes Eva Young, pianist



We are pleased to announce that pianist Eva Young will be joining the WCC staff for our upcoming holiday appearances. Ms. Young is a highly acclaimed pianist and has made numerous appearances throughout the world, including the Royal College of Music Orchestra, London, the Taipei Contemporary Chamber Orchestra, Taiwan, and the Pacific Music Festival in Sapporo, Japan.

Ms. Young holds degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory and the University of Michigan. She is on the faculty of Lincoln University, PA and the director of the Oxford Art Alliance Music Series. Ms. Young has 17 years of teaching experience and is a Licentiate in Piano Teaching of the Royal Academy of Music in London, and has served as a faculty member at Interlochen Center of the Arts as vocal coach and accompanist.

We welcome Ms. Young to the WCC team and look forward to making music with her!

## WCC staff catches up with Mayor Baker

Members of the WCC staff met with Mayor James M. Baker and his staff to discuss all latest happenings of the organization. In addition to updating him about the Bank of America appearance and the exciting developments surrounding the Friends of the Wilmington Children's Chorus, we discussed some exciting opportunities for the Spring and next concert season. We look forward to sharing these plans with you once they are confirmed—hopefully very soon!

## Preparatory and Youth Choir members invited to ride on Mayor's Float in Holiday Parade!!!

CALLING ALL PREP and YOUTH CHOIR KIDS!!!! Mayor Baker has invited YOU to ride on his parade float this year! The parade will take place the morning of Friday, November 27 (the morning after Thanksgiving). Space is limited, so reserve your space right away!!! To take part, please contact Ms. Anne at 426-1776.



**Mayor Baker and  
members of the WCC**

Tina Betz,  
Kimberly Doucette,  
WCC in concert,  
October 2009.



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## Upcoming Dates-Fall 2009

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 4: P/YC/SC rehearsal

Nov. 7: SC/YME/Ch rehearsal

Nov. 11: P/YC/SC rehearsal

Nov. 12: DSO rehearsal --Select Choir Only

Nov. 13: DSO Performance --Select Choir Only

Nov. 14: DSO Performance --Select Choir Only

**\*\*no SC/YME/Ch rehearsal**

Nov. 18: P/YC/SC rehearsal - FoWCC meeting

Nov. 21: SC/YME/Ch rehearsal

Nov. 25: NO REHEARSAL

Nov. 28: NO REHEARSAL

### DECEMBER

Dec. 1: REHEARSAL (**Tuesday**) Select, YME, Chamber Choir – 6:00-8:00

Dec. 2: LONGWOOD GARDENS Select, YME, Chamber Choir - call time 5:30

Dec. 4: DE ART MUSEUM Select, YME, Chamber Choir - call time 5:30

Dec. 5: SC/YME/Ch rehearsal

Dec. 9: P/YC/SC rehearsal FoWCC meeting

Dec. 12: SC/YME/Ch rehearsal

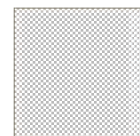
Dec. 16: all ensembles DRESS call time TBA

Dec. 18: all ensembles DRESS call time TBA

Dec. 19: CANDLELIGHT CONCERT call time TBA



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