

2008-2009 Concert Schedule*

November 8, 9	Pennsylvania Girlchoir with Lyric Fest
November 16	Keystone State Boychoir with Andre Watts in Concert
December 14	Pennsylvania Girlchoir Holiday Concert
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December 21	Holiday Concert, Combined Choirs Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square
February 20, 22, 25 March 1, 6	Keystone State Boychoir <i>Turandot</i> with Opera Company of Philadelphia
April 24, 26, 29 May 1, 3	Pennsylvania Girlchoir <i>L'enfant et les sortilèges</i> with Opera Company of Philadelphia
May 10	Keystone State Boychoir Spring Concert
May 17	Pennsylvania Girlchoir Spring Concert
June 16	Fifth Annual GALA CONCERT Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

*a partial listing—please visit www.cychoirs.org for more details and more performances

Sing with Us! **How to audition**

It's an easy, low key and fun experience. Auditions for KSB and PG are scheduled several times a year. If you're between the ages of 7 and 17 and love to sing—we encourage you to sing with us! Call the CY office at 215.849.1762 or email us.

ksbmembership@cychoirs.org for boys

pghmembership@cychoirs.org for girls

Support Us! **How to donate**

Our programs depend on the financial support of our choir families and friends. Visit our website at www.cychoirs.org to make a secure, tax-deductible donation online, or mail your check payable to Commonwealth Youthchoirs, 35 West Chelton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

Stay in Touch! **Join our mailing list**

Email us at contact@cychoirs.org to join our email or postal mailing lists—we'll send you announcements of our upcoming concerts and other Commonwealth Youthchoirs events.

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Keystone State Boychoir

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Keystone State Boychoir

find out more at www.paboychoir.org

- Enthralling, diverse repertoire: classical choral literature, world-music, American genres of spirituals, gospel, jazz and Broadway.
- Founded in 2001
- In a *Philadelphia Inquirer* review of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, music critic David Patrick Stearns summed up the Boychoir in a word—*"excellent."*
- Collaborations with Philadelphia's major music groups, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Singers, Singing City, and the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia
- Internationally, KSB has performed at the Manaus Opera House in Brazil, the Hanoi Opera House in Vietnam, and the Petronas Philharmonik in Malaysia, as well as venues throughout Alaska, Canada, South Africa, Canada, Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia, Monaco, France, Germany, Austria, and Bulgaria
- Over 145 boys
- Rehearsal home: the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, in the northwest section of Philadelphia.



"I like the experience and the opportunity to sing with kids who share my musical interests, and I get to make new friends."
—Nick, 12

"I love that I've been able to go to many places in the world that many adults have never been to."
—Lars, 12



"I like everything about KSB."
—Chandler, 14



Pennsylvania Girlchoir

find out more at www.pagirlchoir.org

- Repertoire steeped in the classical tradition, including music from many cultures and time periods.
- Founded in 2004
- *The Philadelphia Inquirer* lauded PG as "a happy addition to the musical resources of the region." PG's stellar performance in Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* with Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia led its Music Director Alan Harler to declare Pennsylvania Girlchoir "the finest girlchoir I've ever worked with."
- Collaborations with many important Philadelphia groups, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, Lyric Fest, WHYY, University of Pennsylvania, the Network for New Music and the Girls Composition Workshop.
- Over 145 singers in five individual choirs
- Rehearsal home: the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, in Philadelphia's northwest section.

"I've made so many friends here!"
—Anna, 11



"I've learned so much about how to be a singer/musician."
—Frances, 13



"It's a wonderful way to express myself."
—Nicolette, 15



"It's an opportunity to let your heart sing."

—Amanda, 12

About Commonwealth Youthchoirs

Co-founded in 2001 by Joseph P. Fitzmartin and Steven M. Fisher, the mission of Commonwealth Youthchoirs, Inc. is to offer world-class choral music education and performance opportunities to young people from diverse economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds, while nurturing leadership skills, building character, and encouraging self-discipline.

PG and KSB membership has grown to almost 300 young men and women between the ages of 7 and 17, and represents five counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. The choirs have performed hundreds of concerts, enchanting audiences with their joyful music-making and polished sound. They continue to serve as musical ambassadors for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, both at home and internationally.

Commonwealth Youthchoirs, Inc. is the 501(c)(3) umbrella organization that administers Keystone State Boychoir and Pennsylvania Girlchoir.



Commonwealth Youthchoirs Staff

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