



Keystone State Boychoir

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KSB was founded in 2001 and currently consists of 160 members between the ages of 8 and 18 from diverse backgrounds.

Performance History 2001 – 2011

As of February 21, 2011

2011

- Monday, March 21 Concert at Cathedral Village
- Sunday, March 6 CY Treble Concert with Pennsylvania Girlchoir and FYI! Singers
- Wednesday, February 23 Concert with Orpheus Club at Verizon Hall, Kimmel Center
- Sunday, February 13 Concert at Chestnut Hill College
- Saturday, February 6 Concert at Spring House Estates
- Sunday, January 9 St. Monica's Church Concert Series, Berwyn, PA

2010

- Saturday, December 31 First Night Performances in Ocean City, New Jersey
- Sunday, December 19 Joint Concert with Pennsylvania Girlchoir at Church of the Holy Trinity
- Sunday, December 12 Two KSB Holiday Concerts
- Sunday, December 5 Oratory of St. Francis Concert Series
- Sunday, November 14 – Joint Concert with the Princeton Girlchoir, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Friday, November 5 Performance at Gwynedd-Mercy College
- Monday, November 1 Performance – Wesley Retirement Home at Stapeley
- Sunday, October 24 German Society Concert
- Sunday, October 10 Concert at Abington Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, September 26 Concert at FPCG
- Sunday, July 4 Celebration of Freedom at Independence Hall
- Sunday, June 20 Dads & Grads Concert
- Sunday, June 6 CY Gala
- Wednesday, May 19 Keystone State Boychoir Festival
- Sunday, May 16 KSB Spring Concerts
- Sunday, May 2 Brittany Pointe Estates
- Saturday, April 24 Concert at Beth Or
- Friday, April 9 Lancaster Concert
- Thursday, March 25 Concert at the Cathedral
- Sunday, March 7 Treble Concert
- Thursday, February 11, 2010 ACDA Performance

2009

- Chile Tour – Concerts in Santiago, Punta Arenas, Antarctica, Frutillar, Valparaiso, and Valdivia

- Sunday, December 13, 2009 KSB Holiday Concerts
- Sunday, December 6, 2009 Oratory Performance
- Monday, November 30, 2009 Antarctic Treaty System Concert, Smithsonian Institute
- Saturday, November 21, 2009 Williamsport Concert Series, Williamsport, PA
- Sunday, October 25, 2009 German Society Concert
- Sunday, October 18, 2009 Normandy Farms Concert
- Sunday, September 27, 2009 Concert at FPCG
- Europe Concert Tour
- Tuesday, June 16 CY Gala, Perelman Theater, Kimmel Center
- Sunday, May 31 Graduate Choir Concert
- Wednesday, May 20 Keystone State Boychoir Festival
- Saturday, May 16 Maryland State Boychoir Festival Concert
- Sunday, May 10 KSB Spring Concerts
- Sunday, April 26 Brittany Pointe Estates
- Saturday, March 14 Lansdale Concert Series, Lansdale, PA
- Sunday, January 25 Concert at St. Monica's Church, Berwyn PA
- Sunday, January 18 Martin Luther King Day Service Gwynedd-Mercy Academy
- January 9, 2009 Shabat Service at Keneseth Israel
- January 4, 2009 "Amahl and the Night Visitors" Opera, with Germantown Oratorio Choir

2008

- December 28, KSB Alumni Service and Pancake Breakfast
- December 21, Glad Tidings Tour, Center City Philadelphia
- December 21, KSB and PG Annual Holiday Concert on the Square
- December 14, KSB Annual Holiday Concerts
- December 6, 2008, Franklin Institute
- December 7, Oratory of St. Francis Concert Series
- November 16, 2008, Andrew Watts in Concert, with a special appearance by KSB
- October 25, 2008 "Govberg Watch Fair" Boyd's, Philadelphia
- September 28, 2008 "German American Day Celebration and Homecoming" FPCG, Philadelphia
- September 14, 2008 Concert in Brigantine, New Jersey,
- June 19 – July 20 Concert Tour of Europe. Performances in Monaco, Paris, Heidelberg, Speyer, Stuttgart, Bad Fuessing, Salzburg, Vienna, Sofia, Nesebar, and Plovdiv
- June 18, Brown Bag Concert Series, Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia
- June 16, West Philadelphia Children's Choir, James Rhoades School
- June 15, Our Town, Arden Theatre, Philadelphia
- June 8, 2008, Commonwealth Youthchoirs Gala Concert, Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
- June 1, Graduate Choir Concert, Germantown Friends Meeting House, Philadelphia
- May 21, "We are the Boys" Festival, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
- May 18, KSB Spring Concerts, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Philadelphia
- May 3, 2008, Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia
- April 27, Brittany Pointe Estate, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
- April 16, 2008, Rydal Park Senior Home
- April 11, Keneseth Israel, Evening Service
- March 27, Harvard Glee Club, Church of the Holy Trinity
- March 9, Fauré Requiem, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown

- March 2 KSB Treble Concert with Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
- February 11, 2008 , National Anthem at the 76er's Game
- January 6, 2008, Service and Mini-Concert, St. Bridget, Philadelphia

2007

- Wachovia Holiday Party, Philadelphia December 2007
- 2nd Annual Holiday Concert on the Square with Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, December 2007
- Annual KSB Holiday Concerts, December 2007
- The Oratory of St. Francis Christmas Concert, December 2007
- Live from the Borgata Casino and Spa, Atlantic City, November 2007 and December 2007
- *Britten's St. Nicolas Cantata* with Westminster Choir College, Princeton University, Oct. 2007
- National Boys Choir of Australia, joint performance, FPCG, Oct. 2007
- Concert Series, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, September 2007

Operas

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- Philadelphia Art Museum, De La Salle University private event, September 2007
 - *A Tribute to Mario Lanza* with Ocean City Pops, Ocean City, New Jersey, September 2007
 - Australia Concert Tour July 1 – July 23, 2007
 - KSB Tour Choir Bon Voyage Concert, Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia June 2007
 - Annual Gala Concert with Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Kimmel Center June 2007
 - Strawberry Festival, Plymouth Meeting Friends School, June 2007
 - 2nd Annual Graduate Choir Concert, Lutheran Seminary, Mt. Airy, June 2007
 - 6th Annual Spring Concerts, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, May 2007
 - Mt. Airy Day, May 2007
 - First Friday Concert Series at Lutheran Seminary, Mt. Airy, May 2007
 - Rydal Park, Brittany Pointe Estate Retirement Centers, Montgomery County, April 2007
 - KSB in Concert with Pennsylvania Girlchoir and West Philadelphia Children's Choir, Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, March 2007
 - *Voices of the Future* in Concert with Singing City, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia
 - National Anthem at the 76'ers game, February 2007
 - Northwest Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, New Covenant Church Mt. Airy
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Zion Baptist Church Philadelphia, Jan 2007
 - Wachovia Holiday Party, Philadelphia; caroling at Center City locations, December 22, 2006
 - Holiday Concert on the Square, with Pennsylvania Girlchoir, December 17, 2006
 - 6th Annual Holiday Concerts, First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, December 10, 2006
 - Army/Navy Gala Event, Philadelphia Convention Center, December 2006
 - Carols led by the Keystone State Boychoir and the Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Treelighting Ceremony, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, November 2006
 - *La Boheme*, with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, October/November 2006
 - First Presbyterian Church of Germantown Concert Series, September 2006, 2007
 - Tribute to September 11, with the Ocean City Pops, September 2006

- Lunch Concert Series at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, June 2006, June 2007
- Gala Concert with Pennsylvania Girlchoir, Kimmel Center, Perelman Hall, Philadelphia, June 2006, June 2007
- National Anthem performance for Philadelphia International Cycling Championship, June 2006
- The Graduate Choir in Concert, First Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, June 2006
- 5th Anniversary Spring Concert with Philadelphia Children's Choir, St. Luke, Glenside, May 2006
- *Children's Choir Festival*, Abington Presbyterian Church, April 2006
- *Concert with Peter Yarrow*, Mt. Airy, April 2006
- Hiroshima Boys' Choir in Concert, Church of the Holy Trinity, March 2006
- Wachovia Bank Annual Holiday Party, Philadelphia, 2005, 2006, 2007
- *Arts in City Hall*, City Hall, Philadelphia (2005)
- Fairmont Park Conservatory, 150th Anniversary, Governor Rendell honoree (2005)
- Inauguration of Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell (2003)
- Union League of Philadelphia Holiday Party (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- Valley Forge Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Annual Meeting Luncheon (2005)
- Memorial Service for Prince Rainier of Monaco, St. Bridget's, East Falls (2005)
- *Lord of the Rings Symphony* with the Philadelphia Orchestra (2004, 2005)
- *Messiah* with the Germantown Oratorio Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- Holiday Concert Series Artists, The Oratory, St. Francis Xavier (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- Concert Series Artists at the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- National Anthem performances for the Phillies, 76'ers, Kixx (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)
- *Carmina Burana* with the Philadelphia Orchestra (2004)
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Concert, Beth Or Synagogue (2004)
- Junior Achievement National Awards Ceremony, (2004)
- City of Philadelphia Christmas Tree Lighting (2003, 2004)
- Gala Concert with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Union League (2003) Perelman Hall (2004)
- WHYY Lifetime Learning Award Presentation to Tom Ridge, National Constitution Center (2004)
- St. Vincent's (2002, 2003, 2004)
- St. Luke's (2002, 2003, 2004)
- *St. Matthew Passion* with the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia (2003)
- *The Wright Stuff* Concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Verizon Hall (2003)
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert, Old First Reformed Church (2003)
- Special Emmy Awards presentation, Washington, DC (2003)
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2003)
- Performance on the floor of the Pennsylvania State Senate (2002)
- Christmas concert at Fairmont Park's historic Boat House Row (2002)
- Summer Solstice Festival at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts (2002)
- *Umcolo!* Benefit Concert, St. Ignatius of Antioch Church (2002)
- Trump Marina Holiday Concert, Atlantic City (2001, 2002)
- Thanksgiving Concert, Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd (2002)
- Trinity Center for Urban Life (2002)
- Pennsylvania Society, New York City (2002)
- Grand Opening of the Independence Visitors Center (2001)
- Christmas Eve Concert at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts (2001)

Festivals:

- 2nd Annual Keystone State Boychoir Festival, “We are the Boys”, May 2008
- “We are The Boys and We Sing”, Keystone State Boychoir Festival, May 2007
- KSB festival featuring the Maryland State Boychoir, Newark Boys Chorus at First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, 2005

Concert Tours and Performance Highlights:**Europe 2008** (details at www.paboychoir.org)

Tour Blog

- Monaco, Paris, Heidelberg, Speyer, Stuttgart, Bad Fuessing, Salzburg, Vienna, Sofia, Nesebar, Plovdiv

Australia 2007 (hosted by Australian Youth Choir) details at www.ksbtourblog.org

- Melbourne, ASME Perth, Adelaide, Sydney, Bathurst, Bundaberg

Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia (2006)

- Hanoi Opera House with the Vietnam Children’s Choir
- Benefit concerts for the Karen tribe and the tsunami victims in Thailand
- ISME World Conference and Philharmonik Hall, Petronas Towers in Malaysia

Japan (2005) Commemorating 60 years of peace between the US and Japan

Osaka, Kyoto, Mt. Koya, Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Tokyo

- 4th of July performance at the home of Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer
- Joint concert with the Hiroshima Boys Choir

Pacific Northwest Tour (2004): Calgary, Banff & Vancouver, Canada; Anchorage, Denali, Seward,

- Benefit concert to help keep music in the schools in Seward, Alaska

Wild West Tour (2003): Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas

- Performance for Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Brazil (2002): Iguacu Falls, Rio de Janeiro, Ouro Preto, Manaus

- Sold out performance at the Manaus Opera House

South Africa (2001): Cape Town, Knysna, Kimberley, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Soweto

- Performance in the Hector Peterson Museum, Soweto

Commissions:

The world premiere of CY’s first commissioned piece: *Shebecheyanu: Prayer of Gratitude and Psalm 15: Haleluyah!*, by Andrew Bleckner

Repertoire:

KSB sings a diverse repertoire from the classical to the contemporary, with music from around the world and specializing in Americana: folk, spirituals, gospel, jazz and Broadway. The Boychoir’s success for an ensemble so young can be attributed to its truly joyful music-making. The boys’ angelic sound is enhanced by an enthralling stage presence. KSB’s music directors believe that if choral music is to continue to thrive as an art form and attract new audiences, it must not only be heard, but seen and felt.

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