



Keystone State Boychoir

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KSB was founded in 2001, and currently consists of 150 members between the ages of 8 and 18 from diverse backgrounds.

Performance History 2001 – 2009

Summary as of January 13, 2009

Annual Performances:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
- Shabat Services at Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park
- Alumni Service and Pancake Breakfast, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown (FPCG), Philadelphia
- Wachovia Holiday Party, Philadelphia
- Union League of Philadelphia Holiday Party
- Glad Tidings Tour, including Staircase at City Hall, Philadelphia
- KSB and Pennsylvania Girlchoir (PG) Annual Holiday Concert on the Square, Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia
- KSB Holiday Concerts, December, FPCG, Philadelphia
- Concert at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia
- Concert Series: Christmas Concert Oratory of St. Francis, Philadelphia
- “KSB at the Shore,” Brigantine, New Jersey
- Brown Bag Concert Series, Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia
- Joint concert with West Philadelphia Children’s Choir, James Rhoades School
- Commonwealth Youthchoirs Gala Concert, Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
- Graduate Choir Concert, Germantown Friends Meeting House, Philadelphia
- KSB Spring Concerts, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Philadelphia
- National Anthem at the 76er’s Game

Opera and Theatre:

- January 4, 2009 “Amahl and the Night Visitors” , with Germantown Oratory Choir
- June 15, 2008 Our Town, Arden Theatre, Philadelphia
- *Haensel and Gretel*, with Opera Company of Philadelphia, 2008
- *La Bohème*, with Opera Company of Philadelphia, October/November 2006
- *Carmen*, with Opera Company of Philadelphia, 2005

Classical Collaborations:

- *Fauré Requiem*, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
- *Britten’s St. Nicolas Cantata* with Westminster Choir College, Princeton University, October 2007
- *Voices of the Future* in Concert with Singing City, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia
- *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)
- *Carmina Burana* with the Philadelphia Orchestra (2004)
- *St. Matthew Passion* with the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia (2003)
- *The Wright Stuff* Concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Verizon Hall (2003)

- Gala Concert with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Union League (2003), Perelman Hall (2004)

Joint performances with Visiting Choirs:

- Harvard Glee Club, Church of the Holy Trinity, March 2008
- National Boys Choir of Australia, joint performance, FPCG, Oct. 2007
- Hiroshima Boys' Choir in Concert, Church of the Holy Trinity, March 2006

Inaugurations, Grand Openings, Award Ceremonies:

- Fairmont Park Conservatory, 150th Anniversary, Governor Rendell honoree (2005)
- Junior Achievement National Awards Ceremony, (2004)
- WHYY Lifetime Learning Award Presentation to Tom Ridge, National Constitution Center (2004)
- Inauguration of Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell (2003)
- Special Emmy Awards presentation, Washington, DC (2003)
- Performance on the floor of the Pennsylvania State Senate (2002)
- Pennsylvania Society, New York City (2002)
- Grand Opening of the Independence Visitors Center (2001)

Senior Centers:

- Brittany Pointe Estate, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, 2008
- Rydal Park Senior Home, 2007, 2008

Other Performances (excerpts):

- Live from the Borgata Casino and Spa, Atlantic City, November 2007 and December 2007
- *A Tribute to Mario Lanza* with Ocean City Pops, Ocean City, New Jersey, September 2007
- Strawberry Festival, Plymouth Meeting Friends School, June 2007
- Army/Navy Gala Event, Philadelphia Convention Center, December 2006
- Tribute to September 11, with the Ocean City Pops, September 2006
- National Anthem performance for Philadelphia International Cycling Championship, June 2006
- *Concert with Peter Yarrow*, Mt. Airy, April 2006
- Memorial Service for Prince Rainier of Monaco, St. Bridget's, East Falls (2005)
- *Umcolo!* Benefit Concert, St. Ignatius of Antioch Church (2002)
- Trump Marina Holiday Concert, Atlantic City (2001, 2002)

Festivals:

- 2nd Annual Keystone State Boychoir Festival, "We are the Boys," May 2008
- "We are The Boys and We Sing," ACDA-PA Boychoir Festival, May 2007
- *Children's Choir Festival*, Abington Presbyterian Church, April 2006
- KSB festival featuring the Maryland State Boychoir, Newark Boys Chorus at First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, 2005
- Summer Solstice Festival at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts (2002)

Commissions:

- The world premiere of CY's first commissioned piece: *Shebecheyanu: Prayer of Gratitude and Psalm 15: Haleluyah!*, by Andrew Bleckner
- The world-premiere of Edward Bilous's *Benedictus* with the Choral Arts Society (2004)
- The world-premiere of Howard Yermish's *Silver Reflections* with the Choral Arts Society

Concert Tours and Performance Highlights:

2008 “Ties in Europe” (details at www.paboychoir.org Tour Blog)

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

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

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

2006 Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia

- 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

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

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

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

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

- Performance for Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

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

- Sold out performance at the Manaus Opera House

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

- Performance in the Hector Peterson Museum, Soweto

Master Class Workshops:

Eric Owens (2008); Professor Alan Harler (2007); Dr. James Litton (2005); Maestro Georg Stangelberger (2004); Pamyua Yu’pik Eskimos (2004); Jeffrey Brillhart (2004); Dr. Donald Dumpson (2003, 2004, 2006); Dr. David Tang (2003); Dr. Donald Nally (2001)

Television and Radio Appearances:

2008 December: WHYR Radio interview with Steven Fisher, ABC 6 and Fox 29; *Comcast Holiday Spectacular*

September: KYW 1060; Radio 1540 AM “ German American Show” ; July: Bulgaria National TV

June: ABC 6, 10; March: ABC 6

2007 December: ABC 6, NBC 10 at 10; October: Channel 17, NBC 10; June: ABC 6, Action News; Feature story and interview in “Creatively Speaking” WRTI, Philadelphia; January: ABC 6, Comcast Channel 10

2006 December: CBS 3, NBC 10’ at 10’, ABC Channel 6, CBS Ch. 3, NBC 10, NBC 10, News

November: ABC Channel 6, CBS Channel 3; June: ABC Channel 6

2005: ABC Channel 6, News at Noon and 6, KYW, NBC 10, CN8, ABC Channel 6, News at 6

2002: NBC 10 at 10 Holiday Show, Feature story on Comcast CN8, Feature story on FOX 29

Newspaper and Magazine Articles: (TBA)

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