

Colorado Children's Chorale ... an unforgettable experience!

For more than three decades, the Colorado Children's Chorale has brought its artistry and charm to audiences throughout the world. With a diverse repertoire ranging from fully staged opera and musical theater to standard choral compositions in classical, folk and popular traditions, the Chorale performs with an innovative stage presentation and a unique theatrical spirit. In recognition of its artistic excellence, the Chorale was awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and the prestigious El Pomar Award for Excellence in Arts and Humanities.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director, Deborah DeSantis, and Associate Director, Mary Louise Burke, the Colorado Children's Chorale annually trains 400 members between the ages of 7 and 14. Since its founding in 1974 by Duain Wolfe, the Chorale has sung countless performances with some of the world's finest performing arts organizations, including the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Central City Opera, Opera Colorado, Opera Omaha, Toledo Opera, the Aspen Music Festival, the Grand Teton Music Festival, and the BBC Orchestra and Chorus of Wales. The Chorale has appeared with world-renowned artists Placido Domingo, Zubin Mehta, James Levine and Richard Hickox. It also has performed for numerous dignitaries, including Pope John Paul II and the Dalai Lama, as well as presidents, emperors and first ladies of the world. Broadcast appearances include NBC's Today Show, CBS' Christmas special with Kathie Lee Gifford, the annual Spirit of the Season broadcast on CBS 4 Denver, and BBC broadcasts of the Chorale's Promenade Music Festival performance at Royal Albert Hall.

The Children's Chorale produces its own series of concerts and performs by invitation nationally and internationally. National tours have taken the Chorale across the U.S.A., including performances at the American Choral Directors Association National conference in Los Angeles, The White House and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. International tours have brought the unmatched sound of the Chorale to China, Hong Kong, Japan, Switzerland, Taiwan, the BBC Promenade Music Festival in England's Royal Albert Hall, the Ste. Baume and the AICLER Provence International Choral Festival in France and Italy, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Aberdeen International Music Festival in Scotland, and the World Vision Children's Choral Festival in South Korea.

The Chorale's mission includes outreach programs for children who have limited exposure to the arts. Through the Conservatory, the Chorale reaches 1,000 children in underserved schools each year with workshops that augment music programs in inner-city schools and community after-school programs. This unique program was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant and received Chorus America's Education/Outreach Award.