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**Concert Program &  
2020-2021 Annual Report**

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## OUR 2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, PHILIP MONTGOMERY

Dear WCC Friends,

As I write this letter, I will not have been President of the Children's Chorus for several months. This is actually a good thing, as I am excited to turn my focus to the artistic and educational aspects of our program as our organization emerges from the pandemic and looks to the future.

My time as President of the organization goes back to its founding more than fifteen years ago. At that time, the chorus was an idea developed by co-founders Malcolm Halliday and Jennifer Kane. As a music educator and local musician, I was asked by Kane and Halliday to serve as the steering committee chair as the program was launched under the 501(c)3 of the Master Singers of Worcester. I then became the incorporating President when WCC became an independent, non-profit in 2008.

As President, I have seen WCC through its infancy and adolescence as an organization. This past year, however, I was witness to a board of directors that stepped up to the challenge of shepherding WCC through the challenges (artistically and financially) of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The board truly rose to the occasion: a new website was designed and launched, a complete rebrand was rolled out, an online program was created, a "WCC Strong" committee was established, a marketing plan was developed, and a strategic plan was begun.

Not only did the board respond to the challenges of 2020, the community stepped up as well. As you will see in this report, the Annual Fund had a large and generous response. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Program Manager, Artistic Director, and others our corporate sponsorships increased as well. We were also the recipients of grants from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, MA Cultural Council and Choral Arts New England.

As we enter our 2021/2022 season, efforts are well underway to partner with the Worcester Public Schools to launch two all access, after school singing opportunities for Worcester youth. Our corporate sponsorships continue to grow, and we are poised to scale up as an organization like never before.

It is with all of this success that I have complete confidence in our new board President, Chris Wychorski, as she takes the helm and steers our organization forward. Great things lie ahead for WCC, and I am excited to continue as part of the artistic leadership that will see our program grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Best Regards,

Philip Montgomery  
WCC Associate Director







The mission of the Worcester Children's Chorus is to enrich the lives of children throughout Worcester County by providing a quality musical experience through training in choral singing. Membership offers professional-level instruction in vocal technique, music theory, sight singing, ear training, and presentation, as well as an exposure to a variety of choral styles. This program enhances young people's lives, helping them to develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence in their abilities.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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## ARTISTIC & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**DR. PAMELA MINDELL**  
Artistic Director

**PHILIP MONTGOMERY**  
Associate Director

**JOHN F. DELOREY**  
Director, Baritones

**ILANA CADY**  
Accompanist

**CHRIS WYCHORSKI**  
Program Manager

## ENSEMBLES

### Da Capo

Sara Ballard  
Lydia Blumhofer  
Caelynn Bowley  
Bianca Brown  
Suveer Chhabra  
Carter Gowdy  
Anya Hoemann  
Harper Holyoak  
Hillary JeanPierre  
Cailyn Kindorf  
Miles Koning  
Besty Li  
Sophia Naras  
Gabriella Regelous  
Emma Viruet

### Bel Canto

Delyan Aguirre-Lopez  
George Bejune  
Lucia Borda  
Nuala Cady Meltzer  
Lyla Chesney  
Marlena Delfeld  
Anais Delfeld  
Syd Gay  
Leila Jordan  
Grace King  
Charlotte Kinney  
Natalie Kleiner  
Jose Levy  
Yetzlyn Lopez  
Emeliene Moroney  
Arianna Riendeau  
Rachel Rutkiewicz  
Riley Sequeira

### Cantare

Elvira Garamy  
Elizabeth Gros  
Samantha Johnson  
Sophia Jordan  
Madisyn Kaijala  
Helen Kennedy  
Julia Leitko  
Arianna Michael  
Katia Nicholson  
Myra Page  
Angelina Riendeau  
Lila Tallagnon  
Kylan Tremblay

### Baritones

Jack Hastings  
Gabriel Tetreault  
Jovan Tremblay

“

WCC has provided a beautiful community for our daughter outside of school. The diverse membership and common love for music within the chorus has helped her grow as a singer and a person. She loves every minute of it!

”

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Worcester Children's Chorus, Inc.

July 2020 through June 2021

## Income

Gross Tuition	\$ 29,125
Donations	5,871
Grants	11,525
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 48,291</b>

## Expenses

Tuition Scholarships & Discounts	\$ 4,472
Business Expenses	<b>5,557</b>
Contract Services	2,500
Operations	3,486
Insurance - Liability D and O	2,308
Payroll Expenses	52,680
Meetings and Other	472
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 71,475</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (23,184)</b>

## SPECIAL THANKS TO SPONSORS & GRANTORS

Our organization gratefully received generous support from sponsors and grantors over the last year to empower the possibility and successful execution of key initiatives. These included funding to develop and launch a new website, funding to rebrand our organization, pro-bono consultations, shared advertisements, shared fundraising costs, DEIA training, as well as funding and collaborations to commission a composer for the creation of *River of Hope*.





# THANK YOU TO OUR 2020-2021 DONORS & SPONSORS

We are grateful for the generous and sustained support of donors, sponsors and partners who share our goal of enriching the lives of children in Worcester county through choral music! Donors and partners make it possible for the WCC to provide students with a strong choral education that helps them to develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence.

## Maestro - \$500 & Up

Andres Barraza  
Abigail Childs  
Pamela & David Mindell  
Phyllis Mindell in honor of Clara Mindell  
Philip Montgomery  
Henry T & Katharine M Michie

## Maestro Level In-Kind Giving of Time & Talents

Each and every one of our Board members leveled up their time and attention to the choir over the last 18 months. A few of our devoted Board members took on larger leadership roles during the pandemic to ensure that the Worcester Children's Chorus remained strong and ready to sing together again and we want to applaud them for their commitment and hard work!

Susie Cabral  
DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld  
Christopher Kardos  
Jen Tallagnon

## Composer - \$250 & Up

Maureen Curley & Ken Stone  
in honor of Sammy Johnson  
Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy  
& Khoa Kennedy  
Alfred & Gail Hargrave, Jr.  
Chris, Marc & Vivienne Wychorski

## Soloist - \$100 & Up

Susan & Steven Almy  
Rebecca Blumhofer  
Mary Callahan & Oliver Gros  
DeMisty & Neal Delfeld  
Paul Dexter  
Glenn DeMallie  
Richard & Paula Getnick  
Kenneth & Judith Gorsuch  
Michael Guilfoyle  
Sarah Johnson  
Kathleen Kasdorf  
Patricia McEachen  
Ramona Michael  
Jay & Janet Montgomery  
Jane Neslusan  
Jen Tallagnon  
Moir Rouse  
Virginia Vaughan

## Section Leader \$50 & up

Daniel Bejune  
Diana Bowley  
Patsy Cecil  
Sherral & Eric Devine  
Bailey Girvan  
Polly Kimmitt  
Timothy Olevsky  
Kenneth Prince  
Sarah & Joseph Smongeski

## Singer - \$25 & Up

Amelia Bergmann  
Timothy Hastings  
Cretel & Brian Koning  
Betsy Koss  
Larry Smith  
Paula Wyble

## Friend - \$10 - \$24

Beth Gale  
Anna Granquist



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# 2021-2022 SEASON CALENDAR

November 14, 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist Service | Trinity Lutheran Church Worcester, MA

November, 2021 | Release of River of Hope

November 26-28, 2021, The Nutcracker | The Hanover Theatre, Worcester, MA

December 5, 4:00 pm, Holiday Concert | Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA

December 14, 5:00-7:00 pm, Mid-Season Auditions | Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA

December 18, 7:30pm, Festive Baroque and Beyond | Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA

January 4, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Mid-Season Auditions | Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA

January 15, 2022, 7:05 pm, Worcester Railers vs. Reading Royals | DCU Center, Worcester, MA

May 8, Spring Celebration Concert | Location & Time To Be Announced

Congratulations,  
Syd, on 5 years  
with Worcester  
Children's  
Chorus.  
Keep singing!

With love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Mirabel & Jarvis



*Syd Gay*

Emeliene and  
Rachel,  
we are so  
proud of how  
far you have  
come! Keep  
Singing!  
Love you!

Mom (Jill), Mom (Jess),  
Dad (Pete), Kara, Dad  
(Stephen), Jenn Adam,  
Natalie, Luke, and  
Aaron



*Nuala Cady Melzer*

We are so proud of you Nuala!  
Keep singing joyfully.



*Anaïs and Marley*



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you sing. Keep on  
singing!  
Congratulations  
on your 1st year  
performing with the  
Worcester Children's  
Chorus.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad



*Natalie Kleiner*

We are so proud of  
you! You are brave,  
kind, hard working,  
and musical! Keep  
up the great work!

Love,  
Daddy, Mommy,  
Ben, Clark, Willow,  
and Daisy



*Lydia Blumhofer*



*Charlotte Kinney*

We are incredibly proud of your dedication  
to your music and can't wait for what  
the future holds for you!

All our love,  
Mom, Dad and Jocelyn



*Emma Virulet*

Congratulations, Emma V., on a Great Year.  
You have a wonderful voice! Papa & Babchi  
love you to the Moon and Beyond!

We are so proud of  
your commitment  
to WCC this year!  
Congratulations on  
another beautiful  
performance.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Annika,  
Christian & Lillian



*Cailyn Kindorf*

Congratulations  
Gabriella on your  
first year at WCC!  
She has been using  
her powerful voice  
since the day she  
was born and we are  
so proud to see her  
perform with other  
young singing stars!



*Gabriella Regelous*



*Lyla Chesney*

Congratulations,  
Lyla Chesney, on your  
first year singing with  
Worcester Children's Chorus!  
We love your love of music  
and singing and are so  
happy to see you  
chase your dreams.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Hudson,  
and Bo



*Elvira Garamy*

My Special Daughter Elvira  
It takes many special qualities  
To make a daughter like you,  
A lot of care and kindness  
And understanding, too...  
It takes a special kind of love  
That seems to know no end  
And the thoughtfulness and patience  
Of a true and trusted friend...  
It takes many special qualities  
To make a daughter like you,  
And that's why you  
Are loved so much  
Today and all year through

Love you always,  
Mom





*Samatha Johnson*

**"When words fail,  
music speaks"**

*- Hans Christian Anderson*

Thank you to the Worcester Children's Chorus for 9 years of friendship, opportunity, and memories of one beautiful performance after another. Sammy, we are so proud of the person you have grown into. We can't wait to see your future unfold.

Love,  
The Johnsons  
(Mom, Dad, and Justin)



*Myra Page*

It has been our joy to watch you with the WCC for 5 years. We are proud of you & love you bunches!

Mom, Dad  
& Hayden



# HOW TO DONATE

The Worcester Children's Chorus is grateful for the generous and sustained support of our donors who share our goal of enriching the lives of children in Central Massachusetts through choral music education! Your tax-deductible donations enable the WCC program to provide tuition scholarships, purchase new music, and support other vital functions of the organization.

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