

CELEBRATING OUR YEAR!

Tacoma Youth Chorus celebrates 25 years

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We are grateful to you for your support this past season! We want to share with you some of the highlights from this 25th anniversary season -- it was a special year, indeed!

Our New Look Tacoma Youth Chorus was fortunate to receive a grant this past season from the Norcliffe Foundation to help increase our presence within South Sound communities!



We participated in a rebranding process which has redefined our visual identity, web design and marketing strategy. We are receiving feedback that our new colors and style better reflect the energy that all of our singers bring to our program. Our new website is more user friendly -- and we are seeing significantly increased traffic visiting our website! Our new weekly blog, authored by Leann Conley-Holcom, provides a wonderful mix of educational information, interviews with staff and singers, past and present, and highlights of fun things to come! Please visit our website to see our new look, which we love -- we hope you do, too! www.TacomaYouthChorus.org.

Performance Highlights Performance opportunities provide the motivation for the excellent music education that is at Tacoma Youth Chorus's core. Our 25th anniversary year was rich in performance opportunities -- TYC choirs performed for more than 4,000 concert-goers this season!

Our singers collaborated with extraordinary artists, including Sarah Ioannides, Music Director of Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, internationally acclaimed composer Dr. Rollo Dilworth (Temple University), Dr. Svend Rønning (Pacific Lutheran University), violinist and Concertmaster of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Geoffrey Boers (University of Washington), conductor of the Tacoma Symphony Chorus, and Dr. David Flood, long-time friend of TYC and Master of the Choristers/Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, England.



We also had the great privilege and honor to share the stage with two of our alums who are rising stars in the music world -- Laurel Semerdjian, resident artist with the Pittsburgh Opera, and Leann Conley-Holcom, who is not only former associate music director of the Grammy award-winning Pacific Boychoir Academy, but performs often as a member of the Grammy award-winning True Concord Voices and Orchestra. It has been a very inspiring year at Tacoma Youth Chorus!

Benefit Organ Recital Raises Money for Need-Based Scholarships During Dr. David Flood's week-in-residence with Tacoma Youth Chorus, he graciously and generously presented an organ recital on the Brombaugh organ at Christ Episcopal Church in Tacoma. The Chorale joined Dr. Flood for two songs. More than \$12,000 was raised from this concert, which benefits need-based scholarships. In 25 years, Tacoma Youth Chorus has never turned away a child/youth because of a family's financial situation.



Accolades for our Founder and Artistic Director

Judith Herrington, TYC's Founder and Artistic Director, is in high demand as clinician, guest conductor and composer. Judy was chosen to direct the Treble Honor Choir at the Western American Choral Directors Association convention in Pasadena, California, this spring. She has been commissioned to write a choral piece for a children's choir series at Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center. This past February, Judy was inducted into the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame, which was established to give recognition for exceptional support, inspiration and outstanding contribution to the growth and development of music education, public and private, in the state of Washington.

Our Legacy, our Alums! Teachers, health care professionals, artists, professional musicians, athletic trainers, scientists and so many more -- Tacoma Youth Chorus alumnae are out in the world sharing the passion we saw in them as singers in TYC. This year, more than 100 alums returned for two opportunities to join the Legacy (alum) Choir and share music with our audiences one more time. We are so grateful for their generosity!

"Being in TYC taught me the value of commitment, responsibility, accountability, artistry, work ethic, confidence, and most importantly, success." K. Eck, 2008



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