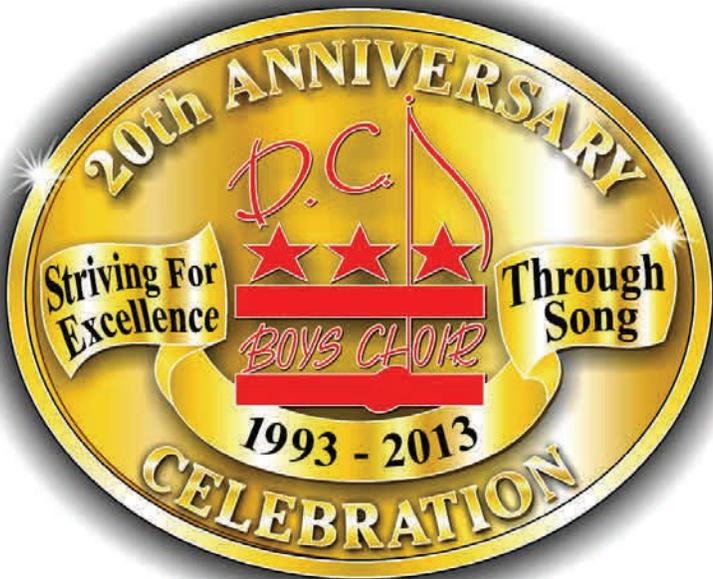


D. C. BOYS CHOIR



Greetings friends and supporters of the D.C. Boys choir. As we approach our 20th Anniversary Spring Concert, there is a lot to celebrate!

We were graced by Mr. Edward Jackson, vocal coach from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts who conducted a clinic for the boys and their parents. He talked about the importance of music in our lives and how important it is for our young men to have the opportunity to express and create using their vocal talents. Mr. Jackson taught the boys vocal techniques and had everyone in the room singing together. We truly enjoyed his time with us!

Our regular performance schedule began in December 2012 at Bowie State University with sold-out performances of "The Christmas Story," directed by Dr. Emory Andrews, music director of the award winning Oxon Hill High School Choir. "The Christmas Story" was sponsored by the Foundation for the Arts and Music



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Education (F.A.M.E.) and it's founder and President, Ms. Toni Lewis. The boys sang the following Sunday for the morning worship service at St. Paul's Rock Creek Episcopal Parish.

In March of 2013, the Boys Choir was off to Baltimore, MD for a concert at the Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan State University for the 2nd Annual High Academic Achievers Awards.

Also in March the Boys Choir performed with the prestigious Morehouse Glee Club at the Shiloh Baptist Church in N.W. Washington. Each year, the choir enjoys this wonderful partnership with the Glee Club. The boys not only sing with the choir but are also able to dine with the young men from Morehouse and enjoy conversations about college life as well as getting to know these young men.

We will be closing out our 2012-2013 season with a fun-filled trip to Hershey Park, PA.

I would like to especially thank the parents for your help, support and commitment to our staff and members of the D.C. Boys Choir.

On behalf of the D.C. Boys Choir and the

staff, we are deeply grateful to our friends and community supporters for your generosity and continued support for not only this year but for the past 20 years!

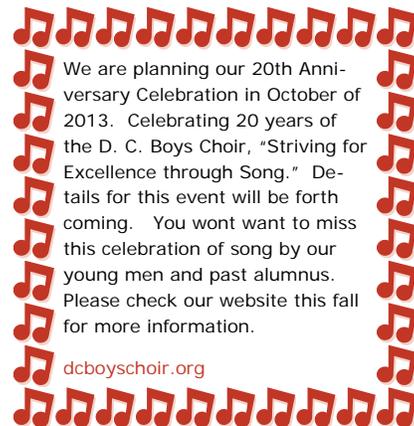
We are always looking for talented young men who hold the gift of song within them. Auditions are open for boys ages 9-13 who are interested in being a part of the D.C. Boys Choir.

Eleanor Stewart



On June 8, 2013, the parents of the D.C. Boys choir will be attending an information seminar for a tentative trip to Rome, Italy in 2014. The D. C. Boys Choir has been invited by Music Celebrations International to represent Washington, D.C. at the 2014 American Celebration of Music in Italy. This is a

very prestigious international festival. We are very excited about the opportunity to take the boys to Italy. It will surely be a great experience for these young men. As we go forward we will be depending on your support towards this endeavor.



We are planning our 20th Anniversary Celebration in October of 2013. Celebrating 20 years of the D. C. Boys Choir, "Striving for Excellence through Song." Details for this event will be forthcoming. You won't want to miss this celebration of song by our young men and past alumnus. Please check our website this fall for more information.

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A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

F.A.M.E. PERFORMANCE AT BOWIE UNIVERSITY



"To have the esteemed D.C. Boys Choir be a major participant in our Cantata was a real special treat."

Toni Lewis,
President F.A.M.E.

ST. PAUL'S ROCK CREEK EPISCOPAL PARISH



"Magnificent! The D.C. Boys Choir looked and sounded so good in their red blazers...singing to sold out performances."

Dr. Andrews

CONCERT WITH MOREHOUSE GLEE CLUB



As always, I enjoyed the Choir; you do amazing things with these young men."

Jim Henry,
Morehouse Alumnus

As a parent raising a young boy in today's society, I feel that it is my utmost responsibility to have a direct hand in shaping my son's outlook on his future, society and the world around him. It is our duty as parents to nurture our children's gifts and talents. It is our duty as parents to help them find those gifts inside them by exposing them to various outlets of culture, travel and the arts. Just being around the house, I would hear my son singing. He would sing cartoon themes, commercials, songs that prelude to his video games and music playing over the radio. I can remember the day that I actually stopped and listened to him singing. He was singing a song that played before his "Kingdom of Hearts" video game would begin. I can remember asking him, "Christian, what are you singing?" It was so melodic and enticing to the ears. The song had very high pitches in it that my son seemed to effortlessly deliver. I just looked at him because I couldn't believe that he was able to make those sounds with his own vocal chords. "You know, you have a nice voice," is what I told him. To a 9 year-old boy, that really had little impact on him but it impacted me. Coincidentally, days after that moment, my mother called to tell me about a boy's choir that her sister had told her about. I called my aunt to find out more information and it was then that I decided to take my son for an audition. I am proud to say that he started the 2012 season as a member of the D.C. Boys Choir. If left to his own devices, my son would start his day with cartoons and video games and would end it the same until his eyelids shut-down. If I left it up to him, he would skip choir all-together...but it's not up to him! He's nine, still growing, still learning and does not quite have a grasp on his full potential yet; so, it is up to me to guide him and help him find his way. When I look back at the years of my youth, I didn't want to do any of the things my mother signed me up for. Now, as an adult, I appreciate her stance as a parent and I am grateful for my experiences as a majorette, singing in my youth choir, taking piano lessons and all the exposure to arts starting at a very young age. As my son continues on with the D.C. Boys Choir, I hope that he too one day looks back and can appreciate the wealth of his experiences.

Kimberly Smith

"I have been superbly entertained by the D.C. Boys Choir for the past two years and I look forward to many more years of their extraordinary talent." Veris R. Lee, Dir. of Development, Northwood Appold Community Academy

THE BOYS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



Meet some of our outstanding young Men

I am 13 years old and have been in the D.C. Boys Choir for 3 years. The D. C. Boys Choir is a really special opportunity for young boys to express themselves through their voices. It is a really good experience and we get to travel to many places. People like us a lot and wherever we go, we are treated like superstars. People want to take pictures with us. We sing a lot of different types of music including gospel, classical, jazz, blues and all that good stuff! We also sing using sign language and dance. The D.C. Boys Choir is a great experience and I just love it!



My name is Thomas Nash. I am currently a sophomore at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. This is my 6th year being a member of the D.C. Boys Choir. When I joined the choir, I was also playing football. My mother gave me a choice; either to continue playing football or to join the choir. I chose the choir because I felt I would be able to express myself through singing more than I could by playing football. The D.C. Boys Choir has taught me many things; discipline, determination, commitment and respect for myself and others.

In 2008, I travelled to China for the Pre-Olympic Music Festival with the Choir. It was a great experience! This opportunity introduced me to a different culture and gave me the opportunity to perform for audiences in different Chinese provinces. Had I not been a member of the D.C. Boys Choir I would not have had the many experiences that the choir has provided.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Stewart for helping me become the person I am today.

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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MUSIC WORKSHOP



Jaden Jones



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