# Indianapolis Children's Choir SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SONG



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### A Place Where Young Singers Belong!

WE ACCEPT NEW SINGERS YEAR-ROUND

The ICC offers music experiences across central Indiana for children ages 18 months – 18 years old.

#### **LEARN MORE AND JOIN TODAY!**



For more information about opportunities with the Indianapolis Children's Choir, please visit: www.icchoir.org/join

### **SING WITH US!**

#### **Our Impact**

**2,500** singers from all over central Indiana

45 choirs & programs

100% graduation rate of seniors & 100% college acceptance rate for seniors

**100%** of programs are subsidized by generous donors; **100+** singers receive financial assistance annually







The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) was founded on the belief that all children from ages **18 months to 18 years**, regardless of their background, have the potential for incredible artistry.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Joshua Pedde, the **ICC nurtures and inspires student achievement** through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance. The ICC is recognized locally and throughout the world for its impressive musical accomplishments.

### **Choir Programs**

High School:
Master Chorale
& AAYC

Advanced Choirs:
Indy Voice 1 & 2

Beginning Advanced Choirs:
Kantorei & CICC Concert Choir

Intermediate Choirs:
Chamber, Lyric, and AACC Concert Choir

Beginning Level Choirs: Octavo, Boone County, Carmel,
Fishers, Hendricks County, Johnson County, CICC Descant
Choir, and Neighborhood Choir Academy

Music At Play, Foundations Choir, Special Needs (Jubilate),
Preparatory Choirs: Butler, Boone County, Carmel, Fishers, Hendricks
County, Johnson County, ClCC Prep, and AACC Prep Choir

Children can join the ICC at any age to begin their own musical journey!

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## **MORE THAN CHOIR...**

**A COMMUNITY** 

## Become a member of the ICC!

The ICC has been uniting voices from our community for nearly 40 years. From downtown Indianapolis, to the north side, to the south side, to the west side, and to the east side, the ICC is more than a choir – we are a community.

The ICC provides a safe and inclusive environment that encourages singers to come together to embrace their potential, express themselves boldly, and strive for excellence – on stage and off. Singers make **new friends** from across central Indiana, encounter and appreciate **cultural differences**, learn to be **responsible** and **professional**, and work as a part of a **team to make a positive difference in the community.** 

The ICC provides children with more than a choir experience, we help children to discover their own **artistic excellence** as music ambassadors for Indianapolis with a global impact.



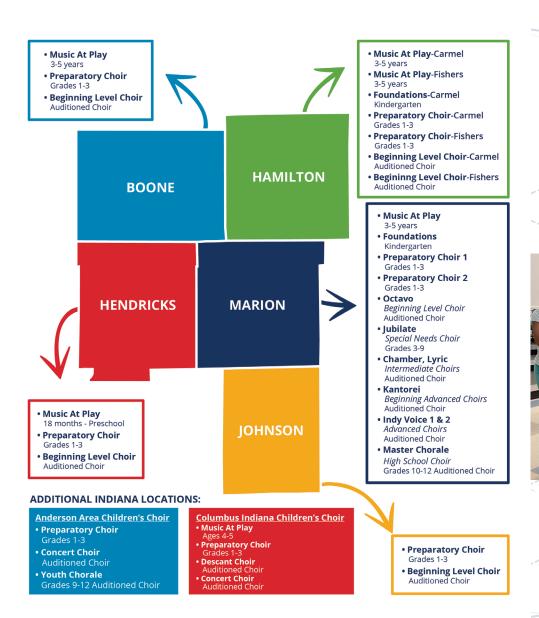
## Serving the Central Indiana Community Through Song

The ICC has locations across central Indiana to share the gift of song with children throughout the community. Our **Music At Play** programs, **Preparatory Choirs**, and **Beginning Level Choirs** all have several regional locations surrounding Indianapolis so that younger singers can begin their ICC journey within their community. As singers grow and advance their skills, the ICC provides additional opportunities to challenge singers all the way through high school with our **intermediate**, **advanced**, and **Master Chorale** choirs.

In addition to these locations, the ICC offers the **Anderson Area Children's Choir** that accepts singers from grades K-12, and the **Columbus Indiana Children's Choir** that has programs for preschoolers through 9<sup>TH</sup> graders.



## WHERE TO FIND THE ICC



## Susic At Play

#### FOR PRESCHOOLERS AGES 18 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

Learning through imagination and music, singers begin their choir journey with the ICC's **Music At Play (MAP)** program. This program provides fun, engaging activities that promote school readiness, spark creativity, and encourage socialization for young learners. Once singers have experienced **MAP**, they will be excited to move up to the ICC's kindergarten choir, **Foundations**.



#### FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN

The **Foundations Choir** is an excellent introduction to choral music. Singers learn symbols, patterns, and more as they develop skills that are important for learning! Singers' hard work culminates with participation in an ICC Season Concert where they experience the magic of performing on the big stage for a live audience.

**Foundations Choir** lays the foundation for musical concepts that singers will encounter as they move up to the **Preparatory Choir** in 1<sup>ST</sup>–3<sup>RD</sup> grade.



## Indianapolis Children's Choir Preparatory Choir



#### FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-3

The ICC's **Preparatory Choir** is a non-auditioned experience for 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> grade students available at several locations throughout central Indiana.

Children are introduced to choral techniques in a weekly rehearsal setting where they explore their interest in music and singing. As they learn and grow musically, singers transition into new opportunities in the ICC, like a **Beginning Level Choir**.



#### **AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9**

With choir locations across central Indiana, the **Beginning Level Choirs** offer an accessible next step towards artistic excellence with the ICC. This choir level introduces part-singing and music theory concepts in weekly rehearsals to help children further develop their singing skills along with new friendships.

**Beginning Level Choir** participants are included in several ICC Season Concerts, giving singers the exciting opportunity to perform in locations across the city.





#### FOR SINGERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The **Jubilate Choir** is comprised of singers with varying abilities who meet each week to grow musically. This **tuition-free** choir focuses on proper singing techniques, music theory, sight-reading, part-singing, and developing social skills which are involved in being a member of a musical ensemble.

The choir has, at its core, the same goals as other choirs in the ICC! Singers in **Jubilate Choir** engage in additional activities like visual and tactile experiences that are catered specifically to the current members of the choir.

## **INTERMEDIATE CHOIRS**

#### **AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9**

The intermediate-level **Chamber** and **Lyric Choirs** are designed for students who have demonstrated a beginning to intermediate proficiency in vocal techniques and sight-reading abilities. Along with advancing these skills, singers have more performances throughout central Indiana and will continue to build upon their friendships and connections in the ICC.

Upon mastering the music and performance abilities at the intermediate choir level, singers can grow into new opportunities with the advanced ICC choirs of **Kantorei** and **Indy Voice**.



### **ADVANCED CHOIRS**



#### **AUDITIONED CHOIRS, GRADES 4-9**

As singers grow in their musical journey, more challenging advanced choirs help them reach artistic excellence with the ICC. As singers advance, they learn more complex musical skills, build lasting friendships, and perform at special events in Indianapolis and around the world!

The beginning-advanced **Kantorei Choir** gives singers even more performance opportunities and introduces a longer rehearsal time to work on expanded repertoire.

The most advanced-level choirs for elementary and middle school singers are **Indy Voice 1 and 2**. These top-tier choirs are routinely called upon to perform at important civic and private events to represent the ICC and the Indianapolis community, a task that requires singers to advance their skills in responsibility and professionalism. Best of all, these opportunities open singers' eyes to new and exciting things right in their own city.

## Indianapolis Children's Choir Master Chorale

#### **AUDITIONED CHOIR, GRADES 10-12**

The high school division of the ICC is for singers in grades 10-12, or those with changed voices. The **Master Chorale** ensemble enriches vocal technique, fosters outstanding performance etiquette, further improves music literacy skills, explores a wide variety of outstanding repertoire, and nurtures lasting friendships. Each **Master Chorale** season concludes with the performance of a major choral work with a professional orchestra, a unique experience that is typically only available to college-level or higher choral groups!

Singers practice and perform as a full ensemble, and in smaller groups of all treble or all changed voices, which allows for a truly multi-faceted approach to musical excellence. Rehearsals are held on Sundays to best fit into singers' busy high school schedules.





#### FOR SINGERS IN KINDERGARTEN - 12TH GRADE

Located in Anderson, Indiana, this division of the ICC helps school-aged children reach their musical potential with expert guidance. As singers move through the program, they encounter different levels of musical teaching while bonding with friends in their community during rehearsals, events, and performances.

#### **Preparatory Choir Program**

A non-auditioned experience for kindergarten through second-grade students; children are introduced to choral music in the rehearsal setting that emphasizes singing, learning, and fun.

#### **Concert Choir**

This auditioned, ability-based choir is for singers in elementary and middle school. The Kodály-based training in this group includes music reading and writing, songs, and activities that will enhance the artistry of developing singers. The Concert Choir performs at four major concerts each year as well as other performances within the community.

#### **Youth Chorale**

The Anderson Area Youth Chorale is the next step for singers in middle and high school. This auditioned group works on vocal technique, musical literacy, musicianship, and performs high levels of choral literature. Members of the AAYC exhibit excellent preparation, strong work ethic, a high level of commitment to the program.



#### FOR SINGERS FROM PRESCHOOL - 9TH GRADE

The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC) is a cooperative effort between the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and the ICC. The program offers several opportunities for young singers in the Columbus and Bartholomew County area to come together in friendship and song.

#### **Music At Play**

This ideal introduction to music is for ages 4-5 and incorporates singing, dancing, movement, instruments, and games for a fun weekly class.

#### **Preparatory Choir Program**

A non-auditioned experience for kindergarten through second-grade students; children are introduced to choral music in the rehearsal setting and take part in singing, learning, and fun.

#### **Descant Choir**

This beginning level choir is the next step in the musical journey for singers where they will continue developing their skills with part-singing, additional music theory concepts, and more performances.

#### **Concert Choir**

This auditioned, ability-based choir takes musical excellence to the next level for singers, who will have several performances per semester and the option to tour domestically and internationally.

## **SUMMER MUSIC CAMP**

This annual experience is ideal for children entering grades 1-8 who are interested in growing their love of music! This week-long camp is highly interactive and features ICC's renown choral instruction from our artistic staff in part-singing, leadership skill building, music theory lessons, plus movement and instrument classes too. All participants will have the opportunity to audition for the ICC during camp and financial assistance is available for camp tuition. The week concludes with a concert so campers can share all that they've learned with their families and the public.

The **Anderson Area Children's Choir** and **Columbus Indiana Children's Choir** also host annual summer music camps for the singers in their respective areas. These experiences range from day-long to multi-day camps and offer an excellent introduction the ICC's choral instruction as well.





The ICC's outreach efforts directly reflect our vision to bridge across cultures, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds to bring choral music to all children. Through this commitment to serving the entire central Indiana community, the musical excellence of the ICC is available through many outreach initiatives, including:

#### The ICC Neighborhood Choir Academy (NCA)

This after-school program extends the reach and impact of the ICC by partnering ICC artistic staff with school music departments to deliver carefully designed choral instruction. Because rehearsals take place at the participants' school, this allows the ICC to reach children in their own neighborhoods and reduces transportation as a barrier. NCA students participate in ICC concert performances and are encouraged to join the ICC.

#### **Financial Assistance Program**

Financial assistance directly helps families by reducing costs so that their economic situation is not a barrier to participation in ICC programs. Assistance is available for costs associated with choir tuition, summer camp registration, and other ICC events. Based on need, eligible families may have up to 85% of tuition expenses relieved.









#### Music At Play in Schools and Communities (MAP)

MAP is an ICC-developed curriculum that introduces preschool children to music in a playful environment, establishing an important foundation for growing a love and appreciation for music. By offering this program through diverse locations like schools, churches, and community agencies, the ICC is able to bring music to many more children at this important developmental age.

#### Preschool Outreach Program (POP!)

POP! is a program designed specifically for preschool age children as they take their first steps in their musical journey. POP! events are held throughout the community for a nominal fee.

#### Young Exceptional Singers Day (YES!)

Created for singers in grades 1-3, YES! allows children to experience the artistry of the ICC in one fun-filled day that concludes with a performance. Held at locations across central Indiana, these events come at a small fee for singers to increase access to the leadership, choral instruction, and friendship that the ICC offers.





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