

Voices For Charity

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Press Release

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HYC partners with NBCS Concert Chorus to benefit *Voices For Charity!*

Flemington, NJ: On Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 4 PM, the *Hunterdon Youth Choir* is once again performing to benefit ***Voices For Charity***. This year the *Hunterdon Youth Choir* will be joined by the *Concert Chorus* of the *Newark Boys Chorus School (NBCS)* in a performance to be held at JP Case Middle School in Flemington. We hope you will join us for this special performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors. Proceeds will benefit *Voices For Charity* as well as the *Newark Boys Chorus School*, both of which are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. A reception will immediately follow the concert.

A workshop preceding the concert will provide the opportunity for the two choirs to practice together and get to know each other. This is an important musical and cultural event, because it brings together two long-standing New Jersey youth choirs that have been of great importance to their respective communities.

About the Ensembles:

Hunterdon Youth Choir has performed statewide in youth festivals, community concerts, and benefits for local charities for more than 10 years. It is part of *Hunterdon Academy of the Arts* in Flemington. *Hunterdon Youth Choir* has grown over the years, and now comprises three distinct sections to accommodate choristers of different age groups and skill levels: *Training Choir* (grades 1-3), *Advanced Choir* (grades 4-6) and *Bel Canto Singers* (Grades 7-12).

Training and *Advanced Choirs* are directed by Kimberly Hill, and their focus is on learning proper vocal techniques (diction, proper breathing technique, etc.), voice development, as well as gaining experience in part-singing, sight-singing, and musical interpretation.

Founded in 2008 and directed by Rosemary Nagy, *Bel Canto Singers* is the Concert Choir of *Hunterdon Youth Choir*. *Bel Canto Singers* represents a women-only group comprised of up to 30 highly motivated, ambitious young singers, grades 7 and up. Striving for excellence in choral performance, this ensemble requires an audition for new members. Many of *Bel Canto Singers* also take voice lessons and are very strong singers.

NBCS Concert Chorus

The *NBCS Concert Chorus* is a renowned performing group, recognized widely for its artistry. Comprised of students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades, the *Concert Chorus* is conducted by NBCS Music Director, Donald C. Morris. Students in 4th and 5th grades make up the *Apprentice Chorus*, directed by Michael SanFlippo. Both choruses have stylistically diverse repertoires that include African folk songs,

classical music (Renaissance to 20th century), spirituals, contemporary show tunes, pop music, and jazz.

The *Concert Chorus* performs at venues throughout the state and region and tours internationally every third year. Its travels have included Japan, Australia, South Africa, Russia, China, New Zealand, Finland, Latvia, the Czech Republic, and England and Wales.

About Voices For Charity:

Voices For Charity has been living the dream to make a difference in the world through music since it was founded in 1996. The all-volunteer non-profit organization has donated close to \$97,000 to various Hunterdon County and central New Jersey charities from the proceeds of special events, concerts, recordings and community contributions. Our benefiting charities for 2010 are: Brideside Adult Day Centers, Good News Home for Women, Hunterdon County Teen Arts, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Meals on Wheels, and Safe in Hunterdon.

For more information about the concert, ***Voices For Charity*** and other fundraiser, please call 908-806-3719 or visit our website at www.voicesforcharity.org. Inquiries and donations may be sent to: ***Voices For Charity***, P.O. Box 188, Stanton, NJ 08885.