Madison Youth Choirs’ 20th anniversary season provided SO MANY opportunities to reflect on the wonderful musical journey we’ve taken together as MYC singers, staff, audience members, supporters, and collaborators. As we look back in gratitude at this marvelous year that each of you helped to make possible, here are just a few of the many reasons we have to celebrate:

The season began with a delightful gathering of over 50 alumni representing Madison Boychoir, Madison Children’s Choir, and Madison Youth Choirs, all of whom carry a piece of our collective MYC memory.

Our new home at MYArts has finally provided the accessible and affordable space necessary to host a vibrant array of summer programs for over 100 students (a 20% increase in enrollment over last summer) including multiple introductory choir sessions, a solo/small group class, a summer choir, and a Future Music Educators Workshop.

We welcomed our highest student enrollment EVER in our performing choirs, while using our two semester themes, *Liquid Architecture* and *The Little Prince*, to explore the fascinating connections between music and science, engineering, literature, and history.
The key to all of these incredible moments was YOU! Every singer, concertgoer, donor, Big Sing attendee, and collaborator played a special role in composing MYC’s phenomenal 20th anniversary season.

To see a list of the champions who helped support MYC’s work through their contributions this year, visit: madisonyouthchoirs.org/support-us

To see a list of MYC board and staff members, visit: madisonyouthchoirs.org/contact

MYC was honored to receive two special grant awards from Madison Arts Commission and Madison Community Foundation this year. This funding will significantly expand our capacity to invest in diverse musical guest artists, increase access to choral participation for young people, and serve a rapidly growing population of young singers.

Hundreds of community members, many making their first visit to MYArts, had the opportunity to learn about Haitian and Native American musical traditions from guest artists Gergens Polynice and Kelly Jackson through MYC’s brand new “Madison’s Big Sing” event series. Hearing multiple generations of families sharing their voices in multiple languages was so beautiful!

We closed our 20th anniversary season with an extraordinary journey to Scotland, where 84 singers (MYC’s largest touring ensemble ever) performed in centuries-old structures and collaborated with colleagues of all ages, while deepening their understanding of music’s power to connect and uplift a community.

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