



MADISON YOUTH CHOIRS

2024 -2025 ANNUAL REPORT

MYC's 2024-2025 season was filled with marvelous milestones, from welcoming our largest-ever community of young singers, to revelatory special sessions with fascinating guest artists, to a life-changing international tour to Scotland. Here's a brief snapshot of the amazing musical adventure you helped to make possible:



Our Cantilena, Ragazzi, and Cantabile ensembles each welcomed a record-high number of singers, and this May we celebrated the graduation of our largest senior class of all time, watching with pride as they shared their wisdom and encouragement with incoming choir members.

Hundreds of community members of all ages joined us for two joyful sessions of Madison's Big Sing, MYC's free, intergenerational choral event series. It was thrilling to be present in the Starlight Theater as inspiring culture bearers like Tamera and Leotha Stanley and Yanzel Rivera (and friends) expertly crafted a lively spirit of musical fellowship among a vast collective of audience members.





Our 400+ young singers embarked on a yearlong exploration of composition, through our two semester themes, The Hero's Journey and Music on the Mind. We discovered how composers portray struggle, suspense, and resolution through musical elements that satisfy our minds' yearning for meaning and resonance, connecting personally within a broad range of listeners, even when our lives are very different.

Our beloved colleague Lisa Kjentvet led her final concert after 25 extraordinary years shaping MYC and Madison Children's Choir's music education programs. Lisa is a treasured member of our musical family whose leadership has been a guiding light, and we are honored that she will serve as MYC's first Conductor Emerita.



Nearly 70 MYC singers traveled to Scotland on a musical, historical, and cultural adventure they'll always remember. From hiking to an extinct volcano at dawn, to collaborating with fellow young artists, to performing in Edinburgh's stunning St. Giles' Cathedral, these young people served as curious and compassionate ambassadors of MYC and our entire community.

Our phenomenal community of singers, families, donors, sponsors, alumni and musical colleagues played a pivotal role in making each step of this journey possible, and we are so grateful for your investment in MYC! Just a few examples of what we accomplished together:

\$75,420 in scholarship support

179 new MYC singers

525 singers, doubling enrollment since our first season

10,000 participants and audience members

See more of the amazing year you made possible and hear what these opportunities meant to singers and families in our

2024-2025 SEASON REVIEW VIDEO



Thank you for investing in these outstanding music education opportunities!

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

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