

# ANNUAL REPORT

## SEASON 57 | 2021-22

### *Lafayette Master Chorale & Children's Choir*

*proudly presents*

# Celebrate!

**SEASON 57**  
**2021-2022**

Michael Bennett  
Artistic Director





## From the Artistic Director | Michael Bennett

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Thank you! Thank you for helping us through another difficult year. While not as difficult as the previous year, Season 57 was not without its challenges. But it had several positive moments, not the least of which was the return of live performances! The LMC and LCC each enjoyed two successful concerts between

November and April. Whether you attended all four, or came to only one, your presence in our audience was a visible sign of encouragement and joy for the singers.

The LCC offered two contrasting performances to large audiences: first, a slate of selections with connections to familiar famous composers such as Bach, Handel, Mozart, Brahms and Copland. After the season 56 hiatus, it was an excellent program to kick off our year. In a complete turnabout, their spring concert featured non-Western music containing a slew of world languages, which the children expertly rendered. Congratulations to Kirsi Seagraves for leading her first successful season with the LCC under unprecedented circumstances!

The LMC had three concerts scheduled, but due to the Delta variant of COVID-19, our rehearsal schedule in the fall was delayed. This caused us to cancel the February concert, leaving *Candlelight, Lessons and Carols* in December and the

Long Center Celebration in April. Similar to the LCC, having the first concert of the LMC post-hiatus be in a familiar format with “traditional” musical fare was a blessing. The two performances allowed our community to sing and hear many favorite carols during the special holiday season after not being able to the previous year.

After a recess during what turned out to be the Omicron variant surge in our area, rehearsals resumed mid-February for *Celebrating a Century of the Long Center*. Under the direction of guest director Eric Van Cleave, an eclectic array of time travel through music was performed by the LMC and guest singers: classical, pop, Broadway and show tunes were all featured to display a century’s worth of creativity.

In addition to performing for ticketed audiences, we were visible in the community in other ways this year. Singers were invited to perform for some other special events, including the Haan Museum open house, an event commemorating Juneteenth and the funeral of a former chorale singer. In all of these ways we continue our mission of promoting, inspiring, educating and enriching through song. Thank you to our dedicated staff who work most excellently in various ways and capacities to further the mission of the BCS Inc. and continue its 57 years of viability. Thank you to all who support us by any means possible! 🍷

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## From the LCC Director | Kirsi Seagraves

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The 2021-22 season for the Lafayette Children’s Choir was a success! After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, the children’s choir was able to start rehearsals in August 2021. We had about 50 singers enrolled in the program. This year, we had two choirs, Concert Choir and Youth Chorus. The Children’s Choir is

dedicated to making these next few years enriching for our current singers while also building our program with a goal to increase our numbers to further benefit the community.

The fall concert, *A Children’s Look at the Classics*, was held in November and featured gorgeous works that are standards in the choral repertoire. This was the organization’s first concert since the pandemic and there was a wonderfully full, engaging audience present.

In late April, the spring concert, *Folk Songs from Around the World*, featured music from nine different countries and six continents.

Throughout the season, students grew as musicians and in their friendships with each other. Singers were very dedicated and rose to the many challenges given. In total, the singers sang in 11 different languages this year. They were resilient to the ever-changing safety measures and were always positive and encouraging to one another.

New this year to our staff was Julie Peretin, who served as our LCC Coordinator. She did an outstanding job and is already a vital member of our LCC team. A search is underway to hire another LCC director for next season.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful year! 🍷

## From the Board President | William McInerney

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As a Stephen Sondheim song has it, “Back in business and ain’t it grand?” I won’t say that COVID is totally in the rearview mirror, but between vaccinations and boosters and masks and social distancing, we’ve come through to where we are singing again, and “ ... ain’t it grand!”

We had a happy return to concerts at First Baptist for our Lessons and Carols service. Attendance was good, and the high spirits of the singers and the audience were even better. Thanks so much to Michael and Charles and Karen and the choir and everyone who worked so hard to put that on, including our readers, who always make that concert special for me. Our Lafayette Children’s Choirs gave two concerts, both of which were well attended and very well sung. Kirsi and Julie and Lisa and the children (and the parents who support them) have had a great year, and they are all very much appreciated.

And then in May we threw a birthday party! The Long Center turned 100 last year, but COVID was still running things (and ruining things). But, this year we got to celebrate! What an important facility the Long Center is, for the LMC and the LSO and for everyone who performs and attends performances in

that venerable space. Thanks to Eric and Scott and Marcy and the singers and guest artists and everyone who worked so hard to make that special night happen.

Thanks to Cindy and her team of volunteers who organized and carried out a donor event after the show in the Lafayette Theater. Cindy organized another donor event, a gala dinner, later in the spring. We appreciate our donors so much — we couldn’t have the LMC without them — and we intend showing our appreciation even more in upcoming seasons.

Thanks to our board and committees for all the work behind the scenes, improving the organization in so many ways that may not always be visible to the public, but which help us run more efficiently and effectively. Most of that was driven, as always, by Cindy Gerlach, our indefatigable and indispensable managing director. Thanks, Cindy, for all you do, and do so well. Thanks to Vicki and Hannah and Gail and others who work behind the scenes to keep the finances current and the music organized and all of the countless tasks accomplished so that we can prepare and offer the concerts that mean so much to all of us.

Back in business! I can’t wait to see you all when the baton drops again. 🎵

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## From the Managing Director | Cindy Gerlach

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One would think that, for an arts organization, putting together a successful season and seeing performances come to fruition would be a given.

Yes, one would think. Cue 2020 and COVID-19.

Yet we persevered. Season 56 ended up being a success in that we did not go under. This year, we had to regroup and figure out how to put together programming that took into account changes in protocols, in suspending norms, and learning new and different ways to manage expectations and deal with sudden roadblocks, while always remembering our mission of bringing choral music to the community.

And yet, we did it, with minimal disruptions. We managed to make Season 57 — albeit truncated — a reality. We thought numbers might be down in the LCC, but, in fact, parents and

children were anxious to be part of the program. We didn’t know how many Chorale members would be willing to come out amidst the health dangers. Yet singers did return, and we gained several new ones. We put on four successful concerts; we sold program ads and received grants. Our donors continue to support us.

We also made some meaningful changes to our governance, including updating our bylaws. With completion of my Certificate in Not-for-Profit Executive Management, our organization has more tools at our disposal to continue to improve governance and operations. We have new office computers, a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System, and a more streamlined workflow.

Everything just continues to move in the right direction. Thanks to our board, our staff and our volunteers for being always willing and ready to learn, adapt and change.

Who’s ready for Season 58? Bring it on! 🎵

# Our Mission

**To promote**, support and sustain interest in choral music by providing opportunities for singers of all ages to learn and perform under the direction of professional musicians.

**To inspire** the citizens with programs featuring great choral music performed at the highest artistic level.

**To educate** future generations by providing music education opportunities for youth in our community.

**To enrich** the lives of singers and audience by linking them to diverse musical heritages.

**To lead** the arts community by creating opportunities to incorporate various art forms in our performances and to collaborate with other arts groups.

## Season 57

*A Children's Look at the Classics*  
Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021

*Candlelight, Lessons and Carols*  
Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021

*Folk Songs from Around the World*  
Saturday, April 23, 2022

*Celebrating a Century of the Long Center*  
Saturday, April 30, 2022



A CHILDREN'S LOOK AT THE CLASSICS  
A Lafayette Children's Choir Concert

An afternoon filled with familiar tunes by Bach, Handel, Brahms, Mozart and Copland – a delightful exploration of musical history.

Saturday, November 20, 2021 • 4 P.M.  
Christ United Methodist Church  
3610 S. 18th St., Lafayette

\$10 for Adults  
\$5 for Students 18+  
Free for Adult-Accompanied Children under 18  
www.lafayettemasterchorale.org  
(765) 429 - 5151



A Lafayette Children's Choir Concert

A musical journey around the world, exploring folk tunes from Zambia, Serbia, Korea, Cuba, and Canada!

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## Financials

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022				
<b>INCOME: \$140,127</b>				
Individual Giving 34 %	Grants 35 %	Concert Admissions 8 %	Singer Dues 8 %	Corporate/ Business Support 15 %
<b>EXPENSES: \$129,239</b>				
Personnel 64 %		Concert Expenses 18 %		
Administration 10 %	Marketing & Development 5 %		Operations 3 %	

*\*\*as of June 8, 2022*

# Lafayette Master Chorale & Children's Choir



Lafayette  
Master Chorale  
& Children's Choir

## Concert Choir

Novah Anthony  
Aaliyah Bacurio  
Meenakshi Chawla  
Zayla Cuebas  
Abiygail Dowden  
Adelaide Edwards  
Dejah Grant  
Aisha Jain  
Krish Jain  
Sara Ji

Evangeline Karns  
Daniel Krismartanto  
Jake Lawrence  
Bethany McVey  
Lucia Neal  
Ella Neff  
Holly Nelson  
Elena Peretin  
Esther Peretin

Anna Perkins  
Solomon Phillips  
Mia Rhode  
Jeremy Sison  
Emiko Soldati  
Rylie Soldati  
Sophia Stetler  
Millie Travis  
Lillian Wilson

## Youth Chorus

Jarrold Byrd  
Madeline Cannon  
Mishelle Carmona  
Flavia Closs Maggio  
Nevaeh Collins  
Lucy Edwards  
Danielle Henderson

Jalene Hernandez  
Aubrey Learman  
Lili Lescun  
Audra McCarty  
Evan Mott  
Monica Rush  
Isabella Shoop

Kimberly Stewart  
Nico Stewart  
Theron Stewart  
Kailie Wilson  
Morgan Young  
Amy Zhang



## Lafayette Master Chorale

### Soprano

Jessica Collaco  
Sarah Dawber  
Elizabeth Ewigleben  
Janie Fischbach  
Renée Gaarder  
Karen Goff  
Lynn Griffin  
Maggie Haas  
Chandler Johnson  
Sarah Kavanagh  
Jennifer McDonald  
Olynn McInerney  
Marcy Miller  
Emily Ohland  
Deborah Reppert  
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Emily Ulrich

Hilary Cooke  
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Kerry Kiphart  
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Lauren Ann Metskas  
Alaina Orchard  
Gail Polles  
Amanda Rumba  
Cynthia Stauffacher  
Hannah Strayhorn

Peter Meckl  
David Peana  
John Polles  
Eric Rodriguez  
Ramon Williamson

### Bass

Zak Bahm  
Karl Brandt  
Austin Burge  
Miles Gresham-Miller  
John Grutzner  
Mark Hermodson  
Matthew Lapcheska  
Michael Ulrich  
Braden Vorhees  
Mitch Witt

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Andrea Arsene  
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### Tenor

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*\*\*as of June 8, 2022*



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