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**CHOIR DIRECTORS**

**Donna Knott (Junior Honors Choir)** is a middle school festival conductor, clinician and adjudicator throughout Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland. She is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) having served a six-year term on the Board. A Graduate of West Chester University (B.S. Music Education) and Penn State University (Master of Education), Mrs. Knott's thesis focused on an extensive study of the developing male voice. After teaching secondary choral music in the West York Area School District for 10 years, she served as Director of Music at Zion United Methodist Church in York, conducted the State Youth Choir and hosts various choral festivals.

**Susan Feldmann (Associate Director Junior Honors Choir)** previously worked at York Hospital as a registered nurse in step-down cardiac care. She later earned her degree in music education from York College in 2008, with a concentration in voice. Sue enjoys using vocal technique to help singers learn how to shape the vocal tract to make healthy singing easier. She has an active studio of voice and piano students in York.

**Randy Yoder (Senior Honors Choir)** is a graduate of Susquehanna University with a Bachelor of Science degree in music education and Westminster Choir College, with a Master of Music Degree in choral conducting. He did additional studies in jazz at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Following 35 years as the choral director at Northeastern and William Penn High Schools and teacher of piano and music theory, Randy is currently the Director of Music at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in York and adjunct professor of piano at York College of PA. He has led choruses in concert tours of Europe and Great Britain. Randy is the past president of the Pennsylvania American Choral Directors Association.

**Michal Buchanan (Assistant Director Senior Honors Choir)** Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education with an emphasis on piano from Asbury College in Wilmore, KY studying under the direction of Margaret Therkelsen. At Millersville University she earned a Master of Education degree. Presently she is the Director of Choirs in grades 4-12 for the School District of the City of York.



In 1998, a choir of high school students from across York County was formed to participate in the county's 250th anniversary celebration. Twenty-one years later, there are now two main choirs and two smaller performance groups, including students in grades 7 to 12, who are invited to audition from every school district in York County. The choirs are administered by a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which has fostered unique relationships with school districts, private music instructors, and homeschoolers to represent all of York County. Our singers have performed in York County, New York City, Baltimore, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Annapolis, Carnegie Hall, and the great cathedrals of England and France.

**Mission Statement**

To engage the hearts and minds of its singers by providing choral education and performance opportunities to diverse young people from throughout York County. As a result of our efforts and activities, we enhance the quality and culture of our community.

## CONCERT SCHEDULES 2019-2020

### Senior Honors Choir

Sunday, November 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
25 West Springettsbury Avenue, York, PA

Sunday, February 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
311 Haines Road, York, PA

Sunday, March 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
Church of the Open Door  
8 Carlisle Court, York, PA

Sunday, April 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Paradise Lutheran Church  
3241 Church Road, Thomasville, PA

Sunday, May 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Concert and Senior Recognition  
First Church of the Brethren  
2710 Kingston Road, York, PA

### Junior Honors Choir

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Zion UMC  
1030 Carlisle Road, York, PA

Sunday, February 16, 2020, a.m. worship  
Union Lutheran Church, 408 W. Market St., York, PA

Sunday, March 29, 2020, 3:00 p.m.  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
9 North Main Street, Dover, PA

Sunday, May 3, 2020, 3:00 p.m.  
Concert and 9th Grade Recognition  
First Presbyterian Church  
225 E. Market Street, York, PA

Saturday, May 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Synergy Vocal Ensemble  
St. John Episcopal Church, 140 N. Beaver Street, York, PA

\* Sunday, May 31, 2020, 6:30 p.m.  
Junior and Senior Honors Choirs  
Appell Center for the Performing Arts  
50 N. George Street, York, PA 17401

### Your gifts:

**SUPPORT** our choir directors and staff—they are truly an inspiration to our singers

**DEVELOP** our singers to honor citizenship, volunteerism, community, cooperation, hard work, and philanthropy

**RESPECT** the male singer and his ever-changing singing voice

**FIGHT** to keep music alive in our community

**EXPLORE** different languages, culture, and music theory—we are a teaching organization

**INCLUDE** students who feel uncertain in other groups

**TRANSFORM** a student's shyness into strength

**NETWORK** with the same love of music and level of dedication

**PARTICIPATE** in invitational events:

National Choral Festivals in Carnegie Hall and Washington DC; choral workshops at Penn State, Temple, and Westminster Choir College; performances at ACDA and PMEA conferences

**BLEND** talent of 200 singers from the York community—over 20 public and private school districts, homeschools, private studios and church choirs, joining together to be ambassadors of York County

**How you can help:**

Visit our website at [www.theYCHC.org](http://www.theYCHC.org) and click on the DONATE NOW button to keep us singing. With singers' tuition contributing a small portion of actual costs, we rely on businesses, sponsors, and private patrons to support the group financially.

**CARNEGIE HALL BOUND** Saturday, June 27, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

\* Choirs of America Nationals for Top Choirs  
Carnegie Hall, 881 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019  
Junior and Senior Honors Choirs

## ANNUAL REVIEW 2018-2019

- 186 Singers from 20 School Districts + Homeschool
- 146 Singers in Elementary Choral Festival
- 4500 Concert Attendees
- 11 Performance Venues
- 16 Financial Assistance Scholarships

### DONATIONS

FREE WILL	\$ 4,959
PATRON	\$ 44,539
PARENT	\$ 14,503
ALUMNI	\$ 480
CORPORATE	\$ 3,050
SEASON SPONSORS	\$ 13,500
RANDY YODER FUND	\$ 1,900
DONNA KNOTT FUND	\$ 4,570

### 2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Honors Choir was honored to perform with Penn State Glee Club at The Pullo Center

Concorde joined Deer Creek Chorale for the "With One Voice Choral Festival" at Goucher College in Towson

Junior Honors Choir was privileged to perform at the US Navy Academy Chapel

11th Annual York County Elementary Choral Festival at Kennard-Dale High School

Both choirs performed the Season Finale Concert to a near sold out audience at the Appell Center in downtown York with 30 alumni joining in "Why We Sing"