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Singing Together

Oberlin Choristers Kindermusik™ Programs
 by Brenda Glasure



We see it everywhere. When music is playing toddlers bounce and giggle, teenagers share headphones, adults tap their toes to the beat. Music is a basic part of the human experience. It is social. It is universal across all borders, languages, ages and cultures.

Three to Five year olds participate in Imagine That which incorporates time for the children to experience independent peer interactions as well as parent participation in an unhurried, pressure-free approach to learning.

Oberlin Choristers recognizes the importance of early childhood exposure to music by offering Kindermusik™ programs for children from 18 months through 5 years old. The educator is Cathy Nicholson.

"My daughter has gotten to meet lots of different kids. Her confidence has grown so much," said Carol London whose daughter has participated in Kindermusik™ for the past four years. London says she appreciates how the lessons extend beyond the class. "My daughter is always singing songs at home and even recognizes things that my son is learning in his piano lessons. Ms. Cathy creates a total experience for the kids."

"I adore and respect children," said Nicholson. "in the ten-plus years that I have been teaching Kindermusik™, I have witnessed how early childhood music education has enhanced the parent/child bond as well as enhanced the child's love of learning."

The merits of the program can be profound. Just last year, Powell discovered that her son is 50% deaf. "If it weren't for Kindermusik™ he would have been in a very deep, dark, isolated world," she said. "He has improved ten-fold. I don't know what we would have done without it."

Inga Powell's children have been involved in Oberlin Choristers Kindermusik™ programs over the past few years. "Ms. Cathy's energy, enthusiasm and spirit is just unbelievable," said Powell. "She has taught both my children to appreciate all types of music."

Often, the children who participated in Kindermusik™ classes move on to sing in Oberlin Choristers Primary Choir for children from Kindergarten through second grade. The Primary Choir children build on the concepts they learned in Kindermusik™. They develop serious musical skills in a fun environment. These early childhood programs stimulate the social and musical growth of children instilling a lifelong love of music and learning.

Nicholson discussed the class for 18 months through three year olds. "Our Time starts with easily imitative words and motions, then gradually introduces new games and songs to help a toddler learn to control her body, speak her mind and guide him or her on that all-important search for independence.

Registration Form

Please complete and send with \$1.50 registration fee by March 15, 2010 (\$17.5 after 3/15/10) to:
The Oberlin Choristers
39 S. Main St., Suite 242
Oberlin, OH 44074

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Entering Grade _____
 Height in inches _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Adult T-shirt size (please circle) _____
 Small Medium Large X-Large
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 Father's Name _____
 Email _____
 If different from above: _____
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If needed, call (440) 774-4079 to request a financial aid form.

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 See back page for details

Kindermusik™ Classes
 taught by Cathy Nicholson

Our Time
 (18 months - 3 yr olds)
 15 sessions beginning February 9, 2010
 10:00 am - 10:45 am
 New Union Center for the Arts
 \$165/semester
 (includes take-home materials)

Imagine That
 (3 - 5 yr olds)
 15 sessions beginning February 9, 2010
 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
 New Union Center for the Arts
 \$165/semester
 (includes take-home materials)

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Spring Choristers Concerts

Showcase of Choirs

All choirs
Sunday, February 21, 2010
3:30 pm
Lorain Palace Theatre
617 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio
tickets \$ 8.00, \$10.00
Purchase tickets through the Palace
440-245-2323 or
www.lorainpalace.com

Lorain County Children's Honors Choir 2010

Saturday, March 13, 2010
3:00 pm
Stocker Center Theater, LCCC
Guest Director: Elaine Goldsmith
Admission fee: donation

Touring Choir Special Performance

"Made in America: Songs from the Homeland"
Wednesday, April 14, 2010
10:00 am
Stocker Center Student Matinée Series

A Singing Celebration

Touring Choir and Youth Chorale
Sunday, April 18, 2010
7:30 pm
Westlake Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$8.00

Touring Choir Ensemble

performs in the national premiere of
Plague and the Moonflower
April 21, 23, and 25, 2010



May Songs

Primary, Intermediate, and Concert Choirs
Saturday, May 8, 2010
3:30 pm
First Church, Oberlin
Tickets: \$8.00

Special Performance

Touring Choir
Friday, May 21, 2010
St. Pauls Episcopal
317 E. Liberty, Medina Ohio
Fee: donation

World Music Festival Concert

The Music of Japan
Friday, June 18, 2010
4:00 pm
Warner Concert Hall
Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Fee: donation



Plague and the Moonflower

Illustration by Ralph Steadman

A group of Choristers' Touring Choir members have been invited to sing in three performances of Plague and the Moonflower during April 2010. This will be the United States' premiere of this work. These 30 young people will be directed by Richard Harvey, British composer best known for his film and television soundtracks, and will be honored to sing with numerous esteemed soloists and the adult chorus Quire. (Quire is an ancient spelling of Choir)

Plague and the Moonflower was commissioned by Richard Gregson-Williams in 1989 for the Exeter Festival. The work, composed by Richard Harvey, celebrates the Millennium and the life and work of the English artist and traveler, Margaret Mee. Ms Mee was a botanical artist who specialized in plants from the Brazilian Amazon rainforest.

The work encompasses the art of Ralph Steadman and the music of Richard Harvey. The story is that of the Plague Demon representing the dark side of human endeavors. From a world in the depths of despair, the story takes a hopeful turn when the Plague Demon meets and falls in love with the Moonflower, a strange, magical Amazonian cactus that blooms but once a year in the moonlight. The work ends hopefully with the chance to rebuild lives and reshape human influence.

Anne Hawk of Oberlin worked for almost four years to secure funding and sponsoring organizations so this work could be brought to the United States. All performances of Plague and the Moonflower are presented free of charge in collaboration with City Music Cleveland.

Conductor: Richard Harvey
Soloists: Soprano: Chabrelle Williams
Chorus: Quire Cleveland
Children's Chorus: Oberlin Choristers
Guitar: Jason Vieaux
Viola: Roger Chase
Violin: Amy Schwartz Moretti
Narrators: TBA

Concert Schedule

Wed: April 21 - 7.30 pm St. Noel, Willoughby Hills
free childcare - for reservations call 440-946-0887
Fri: April 23 - 8.30 pm Shrine of St. Stanislaus, Slavic Village
Sun: April 25 - 3.00 pm Stocker Center, LCCC, Lorain

Save Your Treasures for the Oberlin Choristers



Saturday
January 30,
2010
9 am-2 pm

New Russia Township Hall

46268 Butternut Ridge Road
Oberlin, OH

Drop off donations at New Russia Township Hall:
Thursday, January 28, 2010
Friday, January 29, 2010



Youth Chorale, Touring Choir, Concert Choir and Chorister's Alumni sing at the Songs for the Season concert December 2009

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