



**CHILDREN'S CHORUS
OF GREATER DALLAS**

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Local Composer Honored

Women's Youth Chorus debuts at October 25th concert

September 11, 2009 (Dallas, Texas) — If the name Dede Duson isn't instantly familiar, check your hymnal. She is known nationwide for her beautiful choral arrangements of hymns, anthems, and secular songs. On October 25th, the Children's and Youth Choruses of Greater Dallas will honor Ms. Duson with a concert at the Mesquite Arts Center. The new Women's Youth Chorus, directed by Kelly Pfaffenberger, will also make its debut at this performance.

The concert "Of Love" is a tribute to love in all its forms. One highlight will be Duson's composition by the same title. The concert is sponsored by the Dede Duson Music Endowment as designated by Jean Rogers Winchell and by the Mesquite Arts Council.

"Of Love"

4:30 PM on October 25, 2009

Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite
\$7.00; available at <http://www.thechildrenschorus.org/tickets>
or at the door

The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas organization now includes more than 500 singers in ten choirs, including two high-school choruses. CCGD choirs have sung at such

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prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall and St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and with groups including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Opera, the Dallas Bach Society, and the Vocal Majority. A thirty-second video clip is available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yLaziKqc6Q>

About the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas (CCGD): This chorus was founded in 1996 to give Dallas-area children the experience of musical artistry and excellence, in a group reflecting the diversity of the Metroplex. The chorus includes singers in the fourth through twelfth grades. Six choruses — Prelude, Apprentice, Concert II, Concert I, the Youth Chorus, and the Women's Youth Chorus — rehearse on Monday evenings in downtown Dallas. In addition, CCGD sponsors four tuition-free Neighborhood Choruses at schools in west and south Dallas.

The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas performs extensively in north Texas. Its choruses have been guest performers with the Dallas Opera, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Bach Society, Orpheus Chamber Singers, the Mesquite Civic Chorus, and Voices of Change. They have also been featured performers at festivals in the U.S. and Canada, including a 2005 performance at Carnegie Hall, New York City, and a 2006 performance in the Vatican. In 2007, they were featured on national radio program "From the Top."

About Artistic Director Cynthia Nott: Ms. Nott has been the Artistic Director of this organization since its inception. Under her leadership, the choruses have grown from 70 singers to more than 500 and earned the admiration of audiences and musicians across the U.S. Before joining CCGD, Ms. Nott directed middle-school choruses for 23 years. She is a well-known clinician and consultant throughout North Texas, appearing as a guest conductor for many All Region, All State, and district honor choirs. Ms. Nott is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the Texas Music Educators Association. She earned a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Florida State University.

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