



CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF GREATER DALLAS

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Local Composer Celebrated

Dede Duson's music will inspire wonder and awe October 9th

September 19, 2011 (Dallas, Texas) — The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas (CCGD) will present "A Sense of Wonder" on October 9th at the Mesquite Arts Center. The concert will include pieces from Texas composer Dede Duson. Ms. Duson is known nationwide for her beautiful choral arrangements of hymns, anthems, and secular songs. Three CCGD choruses will sing: Women's Youth Chorus, directed by Kelly Pfaffenberger, Youth Chorus, directed by Nora Henson, and Concert I Chorus, directed by Cynthia Nott.

"A Sense of Wonder" highlights the great sense of wonder and awe nature's beauty and human relationships bring into our lives. The concert is sponsored by the Dede Duson Music Endowment as designated by Jean Rogers Winchell and by the Mesquite Arts Council.

"A Sense of Wonder"

4:30 PM on October 9, 2011

Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite
\$9.00; available at <http://www.thechildrenschorus.org/tickets>
or at the door

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The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas has 475 singers in nine choirs, including two high-school choruses. CCGD choruses have sung at such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall and St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and with 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): CCGD began its mission in 1996 to give Dallas-area children the experience of musical artistry and excellence through choral singing in a group that reflects the area's diversity. Lead by professional conductors who are outstanding musicians as well as master teachers, CCGD offers young singers one of the richest choral and cultural experiences in the country. CCGD's commitment to diversity has built nine choirs comprised of 475 fourth through twelfth grade boys and girls from 41 area cities.

CCGD has six downtown performing choruses and several community engagement initiatives. CCGD's performing choruses are an essential piece of Dallas' cultural landscape. Singers perform 25 - 35 times to audiences totaling 20,000 each season. CCGD produces three concerts at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center and performs as the invited guest of many top musical groups in Dallas such as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Wind Symphony, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, the Orpheus Chamber Singers and the Dallas Bach Society. CCGD's community engagement initiatives engage young people from underserved/disadvantaged communities. They include a week-long Summer Singing Camp which are open to the public and free to qualifying students; the Neighborhood Chorus Program which partners with local schools in underserved communities to provide quality music education; and The Outreach Chorus tour which provides in-school concerts to eight DISD schools.

CCGD's goals are to spread a love for song and an appreciation for choral excellence in the community and make artistically excellent music accessible to all. For more information about concerts, auditions or programs visit www.thechildrenschorus.org or call 214.965.0491

About Artistic Director Cynthia Nott: Cynthia Nott has been Artistic Director of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas since its inception in 1997. Under her leadership, the Chorus has grown dramatically, earned the respect of the Dallas area music community, and impressed audiences by its artistic excellence. In addition to its own concert schedule, Ms. Nott has prepared the Chorus to perform with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Opera, the Mesquite Civic Chorus, Orpheus Chamber Singers, and the Voices of Change. Prior to becoming full-time Artistic Director of the CCGD, Ms. Nott taught public middle school choral music for 23 years. Nott has been actively involved in a wide range of professional choral activities. She has served as clinician and consultant for music teachers, conductors and singers throughout the United States. She has appeared as guest conductor for All-Region and All-State choirs. Nott earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Florida State University and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Southern Methodist University. She holds affiliations with the American Choral Directors Association and the Texas Music Educators Association.

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