



HEART OF THE VALLEY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Enriching children's lives with music

The Heart of the Valley Children's Choir, founded in 1984, is excited to be celebrating our 25th season beginning July, 2008. In addition to our regular season of local concerts and other singing opportunities, HVCC will end our 25th season by sponsoring a 2009 Summer Music Festival at the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. HVCC singers will host singers from different children's choirs across the nation for a five day Festival to include music workshops, shared concerts and lots of fun! This Festival will be based on a sharing of music, rather than on competition. It will be a fantastic opportunity to see the beautiful Willamette Valley and provide all singers a forum to exchange cultural ideas and experiences based on the love of singing!

HVCC has grown from one choir of 80 singers in 1984 to five choirs of varying abilities supporting 300 singers, ranging from 8 – 18 years. HVCC Festival and Chamber choirs, the main touring choirs, provide invaluable national and international experiences for the singers and their families. In the past 24 years, singers have performed abroad in Festivals in Canterbury, England and Paris, France. Our choirs shared the stage in Vienna with the Vienna Boy's Choir and exchanged concerts in the Corvallis sister city of Uzhgorod, Ukraine. In 2005 HVCC singers traveled to Beijing, China and sang at the International Choral Convention. In July of 2007, Carol Nelson was invited by Chinese choral directors to give workshops in choral techniques with members of our Festival/Chamber choirs at the International Collegiate Choir Festival at Tianjin University in China.

In addition to singing across many corners of the globe, all five Heart of the Valley Children's Choirs perform for a variety of important local civic events and concerts. These events include The Corvallis Fall Festival, singing with the OSU Symphony and Corvallis Youth Symphony, local memorial services, a 9-11 Memorial program, Martin Luther King Celebrations, holiday performances at local retirement homes, Christmas caroling for Corvallis Downtown Association and singing the national anthem for many Oregon State University athletic events.

HVCC has traveled throughout the state of Oregon singing at a variety of venues including the state capital in Salem. HVCC has given workshops at many statewide conferences to include The Music Educator's National Conference, American Choral Director's Association, The International Conference on Music Education and The Oregon Music Teacher's Association. Our singers participated in the 2006 Pacific International Children's Choir Festival sponsored by the Bach Festival at the Hult Center in Eugene. HVCC will take 100 singers to Portland in March, 2008 to give a one-day workshop at the Oregon MusicEdventures Conference.

This July HVCC will travel with 110 singers and 70 family members to the Somerset International Festival in Somerset, England held at Wells Cathedral under the direction of internationally known choral educator, Dr. Randall Stroope. HVCC will also give concerts in London and at Notre Dame and Church of the Madeleine in Paris.