

NJYC Harmony Newsletter - February 2018

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Recent Highlights

NJYC hosted an educator's workshop at Chatham Middle School on Saturday, March 24th. The event, co-hosted by the Elementary Division of the North Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA), featured three workshops for elementary music educators, and *Sola Voce* as the demonstration choir.



Our Winter Concert videos are up! You can see and share them on the [videos page](#) of our website. Here is a peek at Primo Coro.

Upcoming NJYC Events

Saturday, March 3
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Beacon Hill Club, Summit
Wine Tasting, Wine Pull & Silent Auction for NJYC
Wine donations & RSVP's due today! Click [here](#) for details.

Saturday, March 24
Concert at 4:00 PM
CUMC
Coro Vivo & Primo Coro
Elementary Choral Festival
Open to the Public. No tickets required. Click [here](#) for a flier to share.

Monday, April 9
5 PM to 8 PM



Primi Passi

Do you know a 3rd grader who loves music and singing? NJYC's spring **Primi Passi** class, taught by our Founder & Artistic Director Trish Joyce, begins on Tuesday, March 13th from 4:30 to 5:30 at CUMC. Registration is open!

[Register Here](#)



Senior Spotlights



CUMC
Coro Vivo & Camerata
Guys & Guests

Saturday, April 14
10 AM to 2 PM

CUMC
Sola Voce
Sola Voce for a Day

Saturday, April 14
Concert at 8:00 PM
Carnegie Hall, NYC
Coriste

Choral Convergence
Festival
Ticket information can be found [here](#).

Sunday, April 22
4:00 PM
Fellowship Village
Coro Vivo & Camerata
Performance for residents

Sunday, May 20
3:00 PM
Ridge HS, Basking Ridge
All Choirs
NJYC Spring Concert
Tickets on Sale soon!

Leah Green

How long have you been with NJYC?

This is my 10th year in NJYC.

What is the best thing about being in it?

The best thing about being in NJYC is singing with a supportive group of friends. The friends I have made in NJYC are people I know I can always rely on and have fun with.

What are some of your favorite memories of NJYC?

Some of my favorite memories are the bus rides to get to performances. We've taken some pretty long bus rides and that means a lot of bonding time. My second year in the choir, I got to know one of my closest choir friends from sitting next to her on our 4 hour bus ride to Boston. We still sit on the bus together when we go to performances!

Do you plan to continue singing after you graduate?

Yes! I'm not studying music in college, but it will always be a part of my life.

Anything else you'd like to say?

This is a passage from one of my college essays and I'd like to share it:

The New Jersey Youth Chorus has established some of my most important values, and helped me use those values to serve others. It showed me that inspiring people is the first step of activism. I've used the compassion I've learned to support others the way NJYC supports me. Choir helped me to express myself in a healthy way, and empowered me to bring change to other people's lives. Chorus has taught me how to be vulnerable without being afraid. It has made me fearless.



Ginny Lafean

How long have you been with NJYC?

I've been in NJYC for 5 years. I started in eighth grade, the year Coriste went to the Superbowl with Queen Latifah--an amazing first year!

What is the best thing about being a part of it?

The musicianship. In NJYC, I'm surrounded by people who appreciate the subtleties of the music we sing to the point where in some cases our entire bodies move with the emotion of the lyrics or the implications of the dynamics. From my friends in the choir all the way up to Mrs. Joyce herself, we unite in the music and in the desire to do it justice.

What are some of your favorite memories of NJYC?

Singing at the Superbowl--specifically entering MetLife stadium and looking up at the HUGE crowd of people.

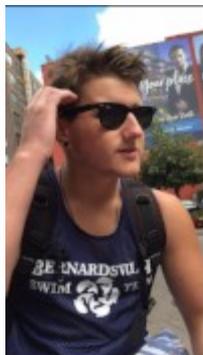
The performance right before going to ACDA--singing Psalm 23 that night was ethereal. Canada 2016--Fundy Sound was SO much fun...and my first time out of the US.

Do you plan to continue singing after you graduate?

I'm pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance so... yes, I am continuing my musical career!

Anything else you'd like to say?

I Love Choir! While my solo voice develops, NJYC has provided a humbling, work-driven, rewarding environment where I can nurture my musical abilities as part of team as opposed to being a solo artist. This has been so important in keeping my feet planted firmly on my classical foundation as I explore new ways to use my voice. Choir itself is important to solo acts, but NJYC in particular fosters my talents and keeps me in check!



Daniel Celentano

How long have you been with NJYC?

I have been with NJYC for eight years.

What is the best thing about being a part of it?

The best thing about being in it is being able to have all these great experiences like performing at Carnegie Hall.

What is your favorite memory of NJYC?

My favorite NJYC memory was when I was in the Advanced Choir and we performed for a cancer benefit. We sang *Fix You* by Coldplay as it was the child's favorite song and held up

posters of kids who had beat cancer. It warmed my heart that we could be a part of such an incredible event.

Do you plan to continue singing after you graduate?

I will most definitely continue to sing after I graduate. Even though it is not my major, it is my passion and I can never let that die. My life basically goes eat, sleep, sing, repeat and I love every minute of it.

Anything else you'd like to say?

"For me, music making is the most joyful activity possible, the most perfect expression of any emotion." - Luciano Pavarotti



Sarah Valenti

How long have you been with NJYC?

This is my seventh year in NJYC.

What is the best thing about being a part of it?

My favorite part of NJYC is the people. I have made some of my best friends through the choir. Not only have these friends helped me become a better musician, but they have also helped me grow as a person.

What is your favorite memory of NJYC?

I have always enjoyed the tours, especially the one to Budapest and Vienna. We all had so much fun singing together.

Do you plan to continue singing after you graduate?

Yes, I plan on singing throughout my life.



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