

Chicago Children's Choir Announces 2021/22 Season Celebrating 65 Years of Inspiring Youth Through Music

The 65th Anniversary season marks CCC's triumphant return to in-person performances and programming.

CHICAGO, IL, USA, August 17, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Chicago Children's Choir](#) (CCC) is thrilled to announce its 2021/22 season, which celebrates the nonprofit's 65-year history of uniting youth from diverse backgrounds and inspiring them to become global ambassadors through music.

The robust performance schedule kicks off with Chicago's most inspirational gala, Red Jacket Optional, in person at The Geraghty (2520 S. Hoyne Ave.) on October 16, 2021. As in recent years, the gala's exciting performances will be broadcast online. In addition to the revival of Songs of the Season with a cohort of alumni for this milestone year and the in-person return of the Black History Month



Chicago Children's Choir Black History Month concert series. Courtesy of Chicago Children's Choir

concert series, Paint the Town Red, a city-wide celebration of youth and music, also returns in person in May 2022.

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This fall, CCC is making it easier than ever for young people to participate in the Choir's wide selection of arts learning programs. Notably, the 2021/22 season marks the return of in-person singing for CCC's 12 community-based Neighborhood Choirs, all of which provide beginning, intermediate, and advanced arts learning. Building off its successes last year, the Choir is also expanding upon its

online offerings with the addition of eCCC, a new virtual choir, as well as by bringing back the popular Arts Enrichment Sessions, making it easy for students to dive even deeper into topics

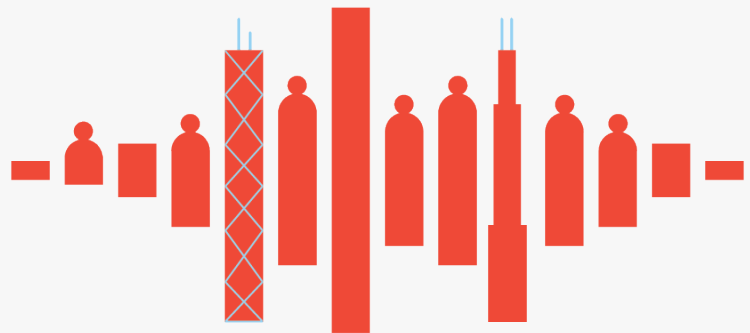
that interest them most.

Students ages 8-18 are invited to join singers across the city and can now sign up for programs at ccchoir.org/join. No prior experience is necessary. In keeping with the Choir's belief that a world-class music education should be available to everyone regardless of circumstance, tuition for CCC programs is offered on a sliding scale.

"For six and a half decades, Chicago Children's Choir has been on the ground doing the work to make a better world through the power of music," says Josephine Lee, CCC President. "We're at a crossroads. Our youth crave connections with each other, connections that experts tell us they desperately need. So we're providing opportunities for our community and youth to connect and engage with each other. We honestly cannot wait to invite Chicago to join us as we build a more harmonious world together."

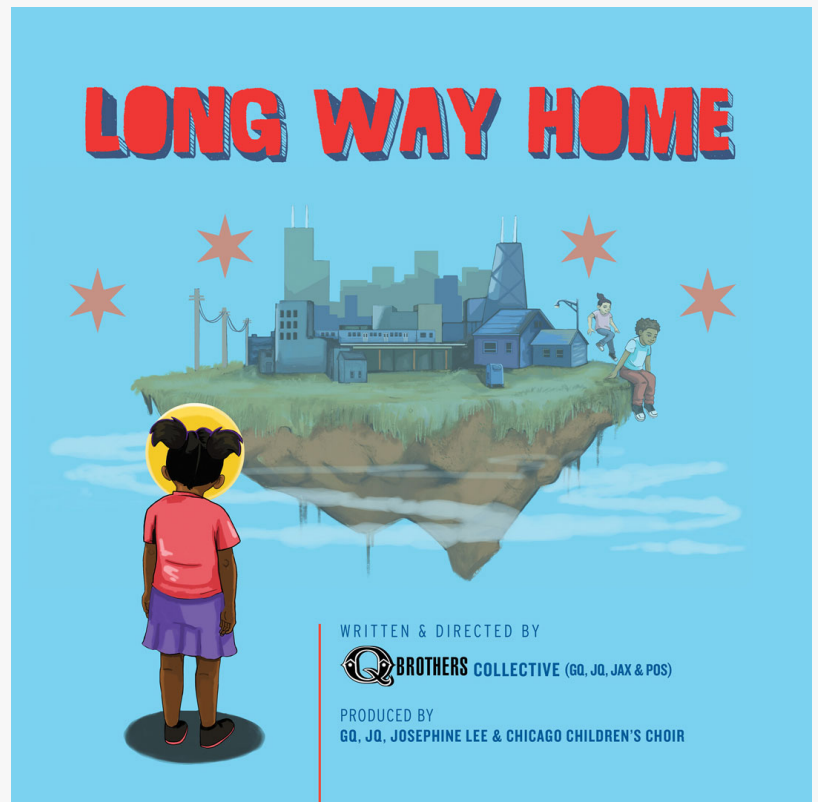
In addition to its return to in-person programs, CCC continues to churn out innovative artistic projects with the release of its latest full-length album, [Long Way Home](#)—produced in collaboration with the award-winning Q Brothers Collective—which is available today on all major streaming platforms.

The performance schedule for the 2021-22 season is as follows; learn more at ccchoir.org:



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Long Way Home album artwork by Hebru Brantley

Red Jacket Optional

October 16, 2021

In-person at The Geraghty (2520 S. Hoyne Ave.) and streaming online at ccchoir.org

This concert imagines a harmonious world without judgment and division—a world that Chicago Children's Choir brings to life every day. Chicago's most inspirational gala returns this fall to celebrate 65 years of experiences while looking forward to what the next 65 years of transformation through music will look like. This gala supports Chicago Children's Choir's mission to inspire and change lives through music.

For more information on RJO, visit rjo.ccchoir.org.

Songs of the Season

December 18, 2021

Epiphany Center for the Arts (201 S. Ashland Ave.)

This decades-old annual tradition returns in 2021 to celebrate the many ways people commemorate the holidays through a mix of timeless seasonal favorites from cultures around the world. This year, in celebration of the Choir's 65th anniversary, there will be a special alumni reunion with performances by CCC's world-renowned Voice of Chicago ensemble, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir, and a consortium of Choir alums.

Black History Month concert series: Remembering, Reclaiming, Reconnecting

February 7-9, 2022

Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph St.)

Chicago Children's Choir's school program participants unite with the neighborhood choirs and Voice of Chicago for a dynamic educational program celebrating the vast and vivacious culture of the African Diaspora. This cornerstone tradition, curated by resident Africana Studies Director Lonnie Norwood, returns this year to salute Africana music and its indelible impact on Chicago and the world.

Paint the Town Red

May 2022

Free

Location will be announced on a later date

For the first time since 2019, CCC's signature city-wide celebration of music's power to bring people together will return featuring thousands of Choir singers from all Chicago zip codes, alongside special guest artists.

Canto Latino Festival

June 11, 2022

Location will be announced on a later date

This annual event brings together students from across CCC's programs for a celebration of Chicago's proud Latin American heritage through song, story, and dance. Through the theme of Raíces (Spanish for "Roots"), this year Canto Latino will recognize and celebrate the indigenous influence on folk music from Colombia, Perú, and Brazil.

Learn more about CCC and ways to engage at ccchoir.org.

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