

The **Waterbury Youth Chorus** (WYC) was established in fall 2011 by artistic director, Melissa Rooklidge. The WYC is a program under the non-profit organization Church Street Community Services and is a community-based chorus for students in grades 4-12 in the greater Waterbury area. The Waterbury Youth Chorus rehearses once a week for an hour and a half. The WYC supplements the musical training taught in schools and students in this organization learn a variety choral repertoire, healthy vocal technique and music theory. Membership in the chorus is also a highly positive social experience, with regular parties, dinners, field trips, and other social events throughout the year. This program provides an enriching musical experience and also gives students the opportunity to build lasting friendships with members in the chorus.

The Waterbury Youth Chorus performs at various venues and events throughout the Waterbury community and Connecticut during the academic year. The WYC has performed at: Yale University with the Civic Orchestra of New Haven, a Quinnipiac University Men's Basketball Game, a Hartford Wolf Pack Hockey Game, the Kaynor Technical High School Multicultural Fair, Naugatuck Valley Project Inc. Annual Convention, the Watermark at East Hill, and at The Taft School in Watertown. In addition, the WYC has performed in collaboration concerts with Bravo Waterbury, a program under the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, and with the Westover Glee Club and Handbell Choir. Since December 2011, they have performed annually at "Cool Yule" a holiday jazz concert, as well as Barnes & Noble fundraisers in Waterbury. The Waterbury Youth Chorus also performs often at St. John's Episcopal Church in Waterbury, CT.

Bravo Waterbury! is a cutting edge social development and music education program for students at Children's Community School and Brass City Charter School in Waterbury, Connecticut.

An education program of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, Bravo is inspired by Venezuela's "music education miracle" known as El Sistema, a program for social change started over 35 years ago by economist and musician Jose Antonio Abreu.

Most Bravo students study music five days a week for up to three hours a day. Additionally students receive homework tutoring, physical activity, and a host of social development projects throughout the year.

Bravo students are engaged physically, mentally, and emotionally through creative expression. Currently 200 of Waterbury's students participate in this intensive free educational program.



Waterbury Youth Chorus

UNITING YOUTH IN SPIRIT AND VOICE!

and



Bravo Waterbury!
Playing Music, Building Futures



MAY 1, 2016

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Waterbury Youth Chorus

Melissa Rooklidge, Artistic Director
Jessica Nix, Assistant Director
Rosemary Minkler, Accompanist

Nyla Brenes*
Princess Brown*
Brenda Dembo
Demarco Dembo
Aidan Downey
Cyndalee Hill
Jamiah Johnson
Michael Mazzerella
Darren Richards-Alexandre*
Raquel Rosa*
Gabriel Torres
Taliah VanDeWege

* Presto

Bravo Waterbury!

Calida Jones, Program Director
Terri Small, Conductor
Rosemary Minkler, Accompanist

Children's Community School

Payton Alcaraz	Giuliana Mazzarelli	Jenais Bracero
JayAnthony Bao	Jacely Mitchell	Brianna Colon
Jayden Bond	Morandah Montaque	Audrey Davis
Jalen Boxtton	Kayana Nichols	Armani Gatison
Brianna Brainard	Evan Rodriguez	Jameer Guest
Raja Crawford	Azaria Thantoni	Keemoni Guest
Miles Crosby	Nomar Torres	Juan Hernandez
Jayden Curry	Syanae'a Waters	Zenobia Hernandez
Leh Onni Days	Sariah Whidbee	Mia Iverson
Kaleb DeSouza	Alyssa Zabilski	Harmony Martin
Kino Edmund	Anthony Zabilski	Amanda Miceli
Malachi Gordon		Shamere Moore
Ne'Vaeh Hughes	Brass City	Aliya Pisani
Aijah Johnson	Charter School	Javier Quirindongo
Cashon Jones		Hamna Shahzad
Treasure Jones	Greta Addeo	Emily Silva
Tasharra Joseph	Mae Addeo	Yago Torres
Kyara Kennedy	Muhammad Aliyan	Kylie Vazquez
Madison Kirkland	Zionna Beverly	Jordan Williamson
		Isaiah Richards

Bravo Waterbury!

Joyful Joyful Lord We Adore thee From Sister Act
arranged by Mervyn Warren
Wonderwall Noel Gallagher
Don't You Worry Child Swedish House Mafia
Conducted by Calida Jones

Waterbury Youth Chorus

Welcome Here Three Shaker Songs
arranged by Robert I. Hugh
Conducted by Jessica Nix

Linus and Lucy Vince Guaraldi
arranged by Roger Emerson
Sung by Presto

Bora Maisha Text from Swahili Proverbs
music by Robert I. Hugh

Blessing Irish Poem
music by Katie Moran Bart

Imagine **Combined Choirs** John Lennon

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