



# NOTEWORTHY

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## LCC News You'll Want to Hear About

### LCC TOUR CHOIR SET TO EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF KANSAS

By Jane Roesner Graves

The wonders of Kansas abound, and the LCC Tour Choir is set to explore many of them in its upcoming home-state tour, kicking off its 20th anniversary season while celebrating Kansas' sesquicentennial.

The tour will include the Kansas State Capitol, the Kansas Underground Salt Museum, St. Fidelis Catholic Church, the Grassroots Arts Mecca, the Garden of Eden and the Blue Sky Sculpture—all featured as a "Wonder of Kansas" by the Kansas Sampler Foundation. Other fun stops will include the Hoover Opera House in Junction City, the World's Largest Ball of Twine in Cawker City, Rock City outside of Minneapolis and the Kirby House Restaurant in Abilene.

"We planned our tour around some of the

beautiful and historic places of Kansas, so our students would learn about their state's rich heritage – from cowboy singers and 'Home on the Range,' to the immigrant songs of our ancestors who made Kansas the 'breadbasket of the world,' and the quiet beauty of the Flint Hills. There's much to appreciate about our state," says LCC Tour Committee Chair Leda Sedlock.

"I think we often forget about the importance of this beautiful state, with its prairies and hills, its unique and picturesque places," says LCC Artistic Director Janeal Krehbiel. "This tour both celebrates Kansas and is a way to give back to our home state through music as well as our tourism dollars."

#### Catch an LCC Tour Performance

We'd love to have friends and family join us for any of these public concerts during our tour:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

\*12:00 p.m. - Capitol Dome in Topeka  
7:00 p.m. - CL Hoover Opera House in Junction City

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

3:00 p.m. - Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

\*7:00 p.m. - St. Fidelis Catholic Church "Cathedral of the Great Plains" in Victoria

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

\*3:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beloit

For ticket information visit our Web site:  
[www.lawrencechildrenschoir.org](http://www.lawrencechildrenschoir.org)

\* Mini concert is free of charge and requires no tickets

### THE SWEET SOUND OF SUCCESS

By Susan Schmidtberger

It is said that practice makes perfect, and what better place to practice to perfection than in one of LCC's choirs. Choristers has long been shown to better prepare young singers for the challenges of the Tour Choir, and now the early training in Capo and Cadenza only adds to the learning experience.

Whether the children (and their parents) know it or not, these early choirs are teaching young kids a lot about singing and preparing them to succeed in their future musical endeavors and in life.

Multiple studies have shown that music also carries over to almost every other subject children learn in school, from English and vocabulary, to math and science. When children are exposed to music and learn how to sing at an early age, they become more comfortable singing, which makes them better singers and students.

"Having Cadenza and now having Capo has a big impact on Choristers in that the students come in with more experience, musical knowledge and better singing technique," shares Pam Bushouse, director of Choristers, LCC's preparatory choir. "They are prepared to take on bigger challenges in their singing, and we can go much more in depth in our teaching because they have already had great teaching in the younger choirs. They're singing better than ever before."



Photo by Joni Hernley

Residents of Drury Place enjoy time with Cadenza members Cora Griffin and Elizabeth Hernley after a Cadenza performance at Drury Place.

### LCC IMPORTANT DATES JOIN US!

SPRING 2010 CONCERT  
Sunday, March 7 • 2:30 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka

LCC TOUR CHOIR AUDITIONS  
May 18 - 20

For more information on  
concerts and auditions, visit  
[www.lawrencechildrenschoir.org](http://www.lawrencechildrenschoir.org)

### Help LCC Plan Our 20th Anniversary Season

When Janeal Krehbiel decided to start a children's choir in Lawrence nearly 20 years ago, she says, "in the back of my mind was the idea of making this a world-class choir." But chances are, she never dreamed this group of fidgety kids who loved to sing would reach such heights, singing in prestigious venues like Carnegie Hall, releasing CD after CD, touring internationally and winning high praise from top music educators.

Now, as LCC begins its 20th anniversary season, it's time to celebrate all the choir has accomplished, the friendships it has fostered and the impact it has had in the lives of choir members, their families and the community over the past two decades.

We are making plans for the 20th anniversary celebration right now and we need lots of help from current and former choir members and families.

Plans in the works include a March 12, 2011, anniversary concert that will feature the current choirs and performances by LCC alumni. We also plan to release an LCC 20th anniversary CD.

"We want this to be a celebration and a homecoming," Krehbiel shares. "We want our alumni to come home for this event and perform for us. Parents and friends of the choir are invited to offer suggestions as to how we might celebrate this milestone and to join us in planning and organizing the event."

TOUR CHOIR  
5th - 9th grades

CHORISTERS  
3rd - 6th grades



CADENZA  
1st - 3rd grades

CAPO  
Pre-school - Kindergarten

# JANEAL KREHBIEL HONORED WITH MUSIC SERIES

By Deborah Altus

Four years ago, Janeal Krehbiel, LCC artistic director, received a great honor: an invitation by Santa Barbara Music Publishing to have a choral music series published in her name. This series, entitled the Janeal Krehbiel Choral Series, is a children's choir series for treble voices that began publication in 2007. Composers and arrangers who are interested in having their work included in the Janeal Krehbiel Choral Series send their pieces to Krehbiel. She reviews them for publication in consultation with Barbara Harlow, chief editor of Santa Barbara Music Publishing.

Krehbiel has selected about a dozen pieces for her series. One of the pieces, "Stars," is part of this year's LCC repertoire. Janeal also presents rehearsal plans to accompany the music in her series at state and regional workshops, which she leads for choral directors and teachers.

The pieces in the Janeal Krehbiel Choral Series are listed on the Santa Barbara Music Publishing Web site along with recordings by the Lawrence Children's Choir Tour Choir. You can access the list and listen to the recordings at the following address: <http://sbmp.com/JanealKrehbielChoralSeries.html>.

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### WHAT'S UP WITH LCC ALUMNI

#### Julia Hardin Dazzles Opera Audiences Around the World



When Julia Elise Hardin first auditioned for the LCC Tour Choir in 6th grade, she was so frightened she started crying and couldn't finish the audition. Thankfully, she didn't let a little stage fright stop her from pursuing music.

Today, Hardin's a highly acclaimed professional mezzo-soprano who is currently serving as the resident studio artist for Florentine Opera in Milwaukee.

Julia has performed with the Chicago Opera Theater, the Lyric Opera of Chicago's Opera in the Neighborhoods program, Fondazione Lirico in Bari, Italy, and the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra. She was winner of the 2007 Friends of Austria vocal competition, second place finalist for the 2007 NATS vocal competition and a 2006 I Solisti soloist for the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music's Opera and Music Festival in Lucca, Italy.

"I found my voice in (LCC)," she recalls. "I can still remember listening to the handmade part-tapes in the car, [cramming it into my] brain not 10 minutes before stepping into the rehearsal room on Monday nights. This cramming technique [made me a] quick study, though I'd like to be as prepared for most of my jobs as I was to sing with the choir!"

After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, Julia went on to get her

master's from Northwestern University. She and her husband reside in Chicago.

"Without the values and musicianship I learned in my time with LCC, I know [I would not have reached this level of success]," she shares. "I still cry while singing sometimes, but now it's more out of joy."

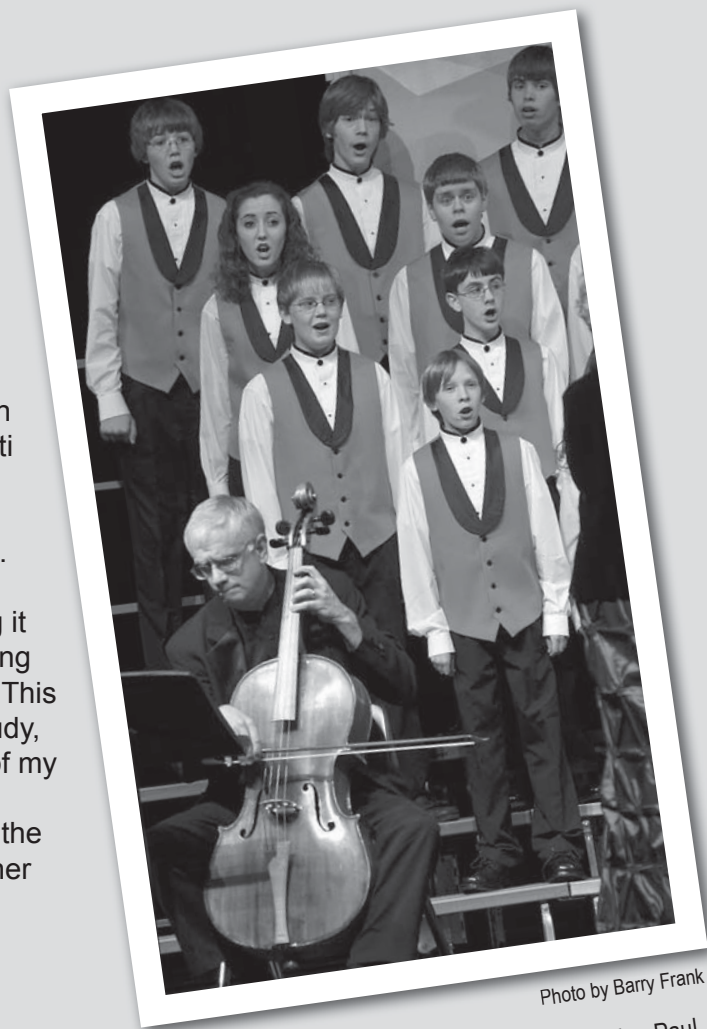


Photo by Barry Frank

The LCC Tour Choir performs with guest musician Paul Laird, one of LCC's many talented parent volunteers.

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Help Keep LCC Singing

To ensure that LCC can keep kids singing, and growing, we need the support of friends like you—concerned community members, patrons of the arts and LCC friends and alumni.

As an example, one friend of LCC's recently found a truly unique way to support the choir. Andrea Ramsey, an accomplished local composer, is composing an original work for the Tour Choir to perform during the 20th anniversary season. Ramsey, a friend of Artistic Director Janeal Krehbiel, is donating the piece to the choir as part of the Betty Crabb Memorial Fund, established to honor Janeal Krehbiel and Marilyn Epp's mother, who passed away December 2009.

"This is a truly wonderful thing that Andrea has offered to do," Krehbiel says. "Right now we are in the process of looking for a text that will honor the living and those who have passed on."

#### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Make a tax-deductible donation that will allow us to meet everyday expenses, provide scholarships and purchase music.
- Invite friends to attend our spring concert with you.
- Dedicate a piece of music in the choir's repertoire to a family member or friend for \$180.
- Participate in planning or organizing our 20th anniversary celebration.
- Donate toward the creation of our 20th anniversary CD.

For more information, please contact Jane Roesner Graves at [LCCexecdirector@aol.com](mailto:LCCexecdirector@aol.com) or (785) 331-4662.



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We want to keep in touch with all of our LCC alumni. Please email Janeal Krehbiel or Jane Roesner Graves and let them know what you've been up to and what LCC has meant to you.

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