

RAINIER YOUTH CHOIRS PERSONNEL

RAINIER KIDS

Sue Green, Director; Penny Cramer, Accompanist; Jonathan Callejas, Isabella Carraturo, Elana Cueto, Alexa Dannels, Duane Davis, Ty Davis, Katelyn Dunham, Cassie Fokkema, Savannah-Rose Gilley, Emily Halverson, Mariah Hogan, Emely Kamadulsky, Angela Konovolchuk, Sandra McLaughlin, Vincent Ota, Cheyenne Panzone, Danny Pham, Tyson Powell

JUNIOR CHOIR

Sue Green, Director; Brad Wills, Accompanist; Alana Akiyama, Nick Anderson, Hannah Berry, Duane Davis, Olivia Ellis, Cassie Fokkema, Russell Johnson, Isaac Kelly, Thomas Leonard, Emily Lewis, Kandis Spurling, Kylene Spurling, Nica Sy

CONCERT CHOIR

Leora Schwitters, Director; Lori McEwen, Accompanist; Haylee Ball, Shelbi Eller, Jessica Fife, Hannah Freitag, Janée Green, Karina Leonard, Katie Leonard, Sarah Martin, Caeli McKamey, Cassidy Newell, Amara Reitz, Cian Schlichte, Benjamin Songras-Rosales, Makoto Také, Jordan Vincent, Julia Wenndt, Olivia Wise, Danielle Wong

ENSEMBLE

Leora Schwitters, Director; Lori McEwen, Accompanist; Stephanie Boutros, Dana Bygland, Trevor Bygland, Ryan Callahan, Makena Cayce, Arienna Chamberlain, Allison Combs, Matthew Eaton, Miranda Eller, Cameron Ellis, Janelle Heuslein, Leah Hollingsworth, Frances Hunsberger, Nathan Jacobsen, Bailey Kieffer-Peterson, Ian Lobdell, Christina Mahaney, Zach Martin, Daniel McCafferty, Joshua Meyers, Tristan Prennington, Emily Pierre, Kristin Roelofs, Carissa Schaff, Jeremy Sigrist, Gordon Starr, Anthony Sy, Brendan Walker, Christina Walker, Katie Wenndt, Courtnee Williams, Devon Wilson

Leora Schwitters, Founder, Rainier Youth Choirs Artistic Director, and Conductor, Rainier Concert Choir and Rainier Ensemble, retired after 25 years in public education in 2006, having taught music at all levels, K-12. Most of her choral teaching experience occurred at Cedar Heights Junior High in Kent, WA. She holds a Bachelor's of Music, Summa Cum Laude, from Yankton College Conservatory of Music in South Dakota and a Master of Arts for Teachers in Music Education from the University of Washington. She is President of the Washington American Choral Director's Association (ACDA). Active as a clinician and adjudicator, Leora has also served on the board of the Tahoma Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and has presided over the Green River Music Region organization.

Sue Lundy Green, Conductor, Junior Choir and Rainier Kids, has been a K-12 vocal music specialist for over 20 years. After five years of teaching elementary music and choir at Jenkins Creek Elementary in the Kent School District, she is now the choral director at Meeker Middle School in Kent. Sue previously directed secondary choirs for the Scappoose School District in Oregon, headed the music program at Portland Public Schools' performing arts high school magnet program, and directed choirs in Banks and Roseburg, Oregon. She has a Masters of Music from the University of Arizona and a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Willamette University. Sue is currently the Western Liaison for Washington ACDA, and was the Membership Chair for Oregon ACDA before moving to the Puget Sound area. She is married to Jonathan and is the stepmother to two boys, Matthew & Joshua.

Brad Wills, Accompanist, Junior Choir, teaches general music and choir at Fairwood Elementary School in Kent. Mr. Wills studied music at Wheaton College's conservatory and frequently accompanies Kent students and choirs at solo/ensemble festivals. Prior to teaching music, Mr. Wills taught special education for 15 years. In 2002, he was selected as Kent School District's Teacher of the Year.

Lori McEwen, Accompanist, Concert Choir and Rainier Ensemble, has been the principal accompanist for Leora Schwitters' school and community groups for over ten years. Mrs. McEwen currently accompanies several Kent School District choirs and accompanies local students for solo/ensemble contests and NATS competitions each year. She studied piano and voice at Central Washington University. She and her husband Bill have led music at the contemporary worship service and sung in the chancel choir at Fairwood Community United Methodist Church in Renton for over 25 years. Lori accompanies both children and youth choirs that her husband directs at the church. Together they provide music for weddings and other special events.

Penny Cramer, Accompanist, Rainier Kids, Penny Cramer has taught music at all levels, K-12 and is the choir and orchestra director at Olympic Middle School in Auburn. She holds a degree in vocal education from the University of Idaho and is a member of The Esoterics, an a cappella choir based in Seattle. Penny has accompanied school choirs as well as college and community choirs in Idaho and Florida. She is currently the accompanist for the choir at Messiah Lutheran Church in Auburn and works with band, choir and orchestra students in solo and ensemble festivals at the local and state levels.

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