





**Rainier Youth Choirs** offers children's choirs and youth choirs for boys and girls in grades 4 through college. RYC is a community-based choral organization which rehearses in Covington, whose members come from Covington, Kent, Maple Valley, Enumclaw, Issaquah, Auburn, Federal Way, Renton and surrounding areas. Each chorus reflects the evolving needs of children of different ages and musical development. New members are added by audition after each major concert throughout the year.

RYC's goal is to establish an exceptional choral performance and music education program for children, emphasizing the development of vocal skills and music understanding through diverse, high-quality choral literature using an underlying reliance upon Kodály methods of teaching music.

RYC provides instruction designed to guide singers to attain the highest level of artistry in choral performance and music appreciation through an affordable program. RYC is a subsidiary of Rainier Choral Arts, which celebrated its 25th year by adding this exciting new youth and children's choir component to their already successful adult program in 2007. Affiliations include Chorus America, The Greater Seattle Choral Consortium and the South King County Cultural Coalition.

## PROGRAM NOTES

### Tatkovina

The spring gave me the sun.  
I gave her a smile in return  
And now in this heart of mine,  
Gentle love is beaming.

O Fatherland, a broad field,  
Peace in holy forest  
O Fatherland, a field of dew,  
You are my love.

### Ritmo

Rhythm.  
Clap your hands to the rhythm capably.  
Sing in joyful chorus, with love and hope.

Lift your voices, lift your heart,  
With musical instruments we will sing of freedom and love.

Make harmony; let's go sing and play.  
All voices. All people.

We will sing of peace, of love, with happiness and with joy.

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**RAINIER CHORAL ARTS**  
**Rainier Chorale, established 1983**  
**Rainier Youth Choirs, established 2007**

### RAINIER CHORAL ARTS MISSION STATEMENT

➤ Rainier Choral Arts' mission is to promote choral singing in the community by providing programs in which people of all ages may participate in the choral music experience.

### RAINIER CHORAL ARTS VALUES STATEMENT

➤ Rainier Choral Arts values excellence in choral literacy, choral performance, education in music appreciation, and artistic growth in its participants. As a non-profit organization, Rainier Choral Arts strives to keep its programs affordable and accessible.

Rainier Youth Choirs is a member of the newly formed **Greater Seattle Choral Consortium** whose mission is to promote the choral arts in the greater Seattle area.  
[www.seattlesings.com](http://www.seattlesings.com)

### Come and Hear Rainier Chorale's Upcoming Concert:

#### Give Our Regards to Broadway!

June 11 @ 7:30 p.m. & June 12 @ 2:00 p.m.  
@ Theater at Mountainview High School,  
28900 124th Ave SE in Auburn.

#### Concert Tickets

For ticket information, go to the Rainier Chorale website, [www.rainierchorale.org](http://www.rainierchorale.org) and click on the "Tickets" button, call and leave a message at 206-835-8888, or send e-mail to [tickets@rainierchorale.org](mailto:tickets@rainierchorale.org). You can also reserve tickets by sending your check for the ticket amount to: Rainier Chorale Tickets, PO Box 5336, Kent, WA 98064-5336

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## RAINIER YOUTH CHOIRS SENIORS

**Stephanie Boutros, Tahoma High School**, has been with CCI/RYC for seven years, and has sung both Soprano I and Soprano II over the years. She plans to attend Bellevue Community College for 1-2 years, then transfer to a music school in California to study vocal performance. "Being in this choir and with Mrs. Schwitters for all of these years has made me a far better singer and musician as well as created a deeper love for music and appreciation for choral singing. It is hard to express the emotions you feel when singing with such great musicians other than exciting and sometimes exhausting. It is exhausting because it's sometimes hard to learn new music as well as put in practice time. It is exciting, because when we practice hard, the end result is better than we could have anticipated. The most rewarding aspect is hearing parents and audience members give great feedback and hear how they laughed and shed a tear or two during the performances. This lets us know how appreciated we are as well as lets us know that we succeeded in our jobs as entertainers. These are memories that will stay with us for all our lives. This isn't just a phase we go through like a sport, or school activity, it's us fulfilling our passion of music and singing. I thank Mrs. Schwitters everyday for creating RYC and allowing us to be apart of such a great and fun choir. This has been the best experience and I only hope more people will experience Rainier Youth Choirs."

**Dana Bygland, Kentridge High School**, is one of the original members of the CCI group which morphed into RYC, having joined as a fifth grader. She has successfully sung all treble parts from the lowest Alto 2 to the highest Soprano 1. Dana plans to attend Green River Community College in the fall and continue singing with RYC. "Singing with RYC is a rewarding and life-enriching experience. It has expanded my knowledge of music and singing as well as provided an opportunity to make friends. I will always treasure my memories of being part of RYC."

**Matthew Eaton, Aviation High School**, has been singing with CCI/RYC for seven years, having joined as a sixth grader. He has sung both Alto and Baritone over the years, and plans to attend the University of North Dakota, majoring in Commercial Aviation, with a career goal of Pilot. He earned the \$10,000 UND Presidential Scholarship. "Auditioning for Leora was one of the scariest things I have ever done. But once I heard I had made it, I was very excited and it was the start of one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I have had the opportunity to sing with all three choirs and travel to Idaho, British Columbia, Italy, New York and Spokane. My favorite memory was being on top of the Empire State Building with all my friends, two years ago. I am so very thankful for everything choir has given me and will treasure these moments forever."

**Miranda Eller, Auburn High School**, has been singing with CCI/RYC for eight years, and has sung all treble parts over the years. She plans to to the LA Dream Center for a year and then go to NWU to get a teaching degree. "Being a part RYC + CCI and coming to choir is always the highlight of my week! We have so much fun and I learned a lot. Not only did I benefit from vocal training but I also learned some theory too, even if it was forced by doing the packets. My favorite memory with this choir would be going to Silverwood and winning all of those awards, as well as going on the rides of course. Thank you Mrs. Schwitters for being our director all of these years, you're the best!"

**Jeremy Sigrist, Homeschool**, has been singing with RYC for three years as Tenor and Bass. He will attend George Fox University in the fall, and won their Engineering Department Scholarship competition,, as well as a vocal/music scholarship and a merit scholarship for academic excellence. "I have really enjoyed singing in RYC for the last 3 years. The music has always been fun and original. I am thankful for the friends I have met through choir. I would also like to thank Mrs. Schwitters for being a great director and keeping things fun."

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