











ANNUAL REPORT 2013

## MISSION





The Boston Children's Chorus harnesses the power and joy of music to unite the city's diverse communities and inspire social change. The young artists transcend social barriers in a celebration of shared humanity and love of music. Through intensive choral training and high-profile performances they develop life skills that shape their bright futures while inspiring and entertaining people in their own communities and around the globe. We approach our work through an anti-bias lens, and with choral education and performance as the frame, BCC participants learn to acknowledge and move through the discomfort that arises when dealing with issues that separate them. Starting with a small cohort of just 20 children, BCC has rapidly grown into a community of 500 singers representing more than 50 of Boston's urban and suburban neighborhoods making up 12 different choirs spread out through five Boston locations.

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# LEADERSHIP



Tim Ferguson

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As we enter our eleventh season, Boston Children's Chorus has had the opportunity to reflect on the strides we have made towards fulfilling our vision of a more connected Boston. We welcomed more singers than ever before, had our largest ever self-produced concert, commissioned a sophisticated choral work and performed its world premiere at the Institute of Contemporary Art, toured Southeast Asia, and most importantly answered our nation's call in the aftermath of the events at the Boston Marathon by participating at the Interfaith Service.

BCC comes together because we believe in the community building power of music - especially its ability to connect us more deeply to each other. With an unquestionable commitment to high quality music education and performance experiences, we are equally committed to enriching and connecting the lives of our singers.

At BCC we believe in engaging in a dialogue that works to enhance our understanding of the shifting demographic landscape of our country. This work continues because of the superb caliber of our singers, the commitment of the parents and the support of our funders.

We are continuing to build and reinforce partnerships with funders, other organizations, singers, and families. Without their commitment, BCC would not be where it is today. Thank you for *Getting Vocal*.

Tim Ferguson, Board President David C. Howse, Executive Director Anthony Trecek-King, Artistic Director



"I would like to thank BCC for their continued dedication to building a better Boston through song" --Thomas M. Menino, Mayor

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### **10th Anniversary Season**

BCC opened its 10th season with a celebration on Boston City Hall plaza where the City of Boston declared September 16, 2012 as BCC Day in the city. In conjunction with its 10th Anniversary, BCC launched a new brand identity that reflects the organization's maturity and ambition.



"It is an understatement to say you are doing wonderful work for young people in Boston." --Henry Leck, Guest Artist

### Music Educator Professional Development

BCC held its annual professional development weekend for over 40 area music educators and 250 young singers - all who had the opportunity to work with Guest Artist Henry Leck, an internationally recognized choral director and founder of the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

## FINANCES



#### Condensed Statement of Financial Position (\$)

	2013	2012
Total Assets	1,357,734	1,142,108
Total Liabilities	222,922	64,654
Total Net Assets	1,134,813	1,077,454
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#### Condensed Statement of Activities (\$)

	2013	2012
Total Revenue & Support	2,226,490	1,903,915
Total Expenses	2,169,123	1,695,291
Change in Net Assets	57,367	208,624
Net Assets at the beginning of Year	1,077,454	868,830
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### 10th Anniversary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Tribute Concert

105 singers participated in the 10th Anniversary MLK, Jr. Concert at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall. This year Melinda Doolittle joined the chorus again to sing a concert based on Dr. King's quote that "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." "We can handle these kinds of mature topics and handle them thoughtfully and bring meaning to them." --*Emma Kromm, BCC Singer* 

#### **New Commission**

BCC commissioned and premiered an ambitious new work entitled, *A Boy Called King*, in partnership with the Institute of Contemporary Arts/Boston. Written for chorus and dance, the singers explored social issues that impact youth from all walks of life.

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We Sing, BCC's new anthem, was written by composer Jim Papoulis. It is now a BCC tradition to sing the anthem at all performancesincluding this impromptu performance at Pine Street Inn where BCC singers engaged in community service.



"I developed a deeper level of respect and understanding of the plight of the Vietnamese and Cambodians." --Touring Singer

### **Cultural Exchange Tour**

The season culminated in a 12-day tour to Southeast Asia where 63 singers participated in performances, exchanges, workshops and home stays with local families. From performances in orphanages, historic sites and opera houses, BCC singers become steeped in Southeast Asian culture.

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