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Boston Children's Chorus Announces Rehearsal Locations in Neighborhoods Across City for 21st Season

Organization to host choir rehearsals in six locations, increasing access to students in the South End, Roxbury, Dorchester, and Jamaica Plain

Boston, MA (August 30, 2023) – <u>Boston Children's Chorus (BCC)</u> today announced the six locations across the city at which the organization will host choir rehearsals for their 21st season. BCC will provide access to high-quality chorus programs in neighborhoods including the South End, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, and Roxbury during the upcoming season.

The organization will continue their relationship with First Parish Dorchester, and ZUMIX, East Boston while moving into four new locations: United South End Settlements, Footlight Club, Union Church Boston, and Roxbury Community College. Please find additional information on choir locations below.

"We are excited for the opportunity to be located within communities, increasing access to culturally responsive music programs for children by being right in the neighborhoods they reside," said BCC Executive Director **Andrés Holder**. "The new rehearsal locations locations will allow Boston Children's Chorus to better serve its community of students and families through improved accessibility, helping our organization to harness the power of music to connect our city's diverse communities, cultivate empathy, and inspire social inquiry."

In keeping with its mission, BCC is entering partnerships with organizations that represent a vibrant cross-section of locations and organizations that are important to the cultural fabric of Boston.

For example, in the South End, BCC is partnering with United South End Settlements, a historic institution that has provided services for immigrant communities and communities of color for more than 130 years, dating back to the original settlement house in Boston. BCC programming will take place at its Rutland Street headquarters.

BCC will also be hosting rehearsals at Union Church in the South End, a historically Black faith community with a 200-year commitment to love and social justice. In Jamaica Plain, they will host rehearsals at Footlight Club, America's oldest community theater, which has produced performances every year since 1877.

Please find additional information on choir locations below:

First Parish Dorchester

Address: 10 Parish Street, Dorchester, MA 02122

Neighborhood: Dorchester

Choirs: Dorchester Intermediate Choir and Dorchester Advanced Choir

Footlight Club

Address: 7 Eliot Street A, Jamaica Plain 02130

Neighborhood: Jamaica Plain

Choirs: Jamaica Plain Training Choir

Roxbury Community College

Address: 1234 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02120

Neighborhood: Roxbury

Choirs: Recital Choir & Central Intermediate Advanced Choir

Union Church Boston

Address: 485 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

Neighborhood: South End

Choirs: Premier Choir, Concert Choir, & Central Training Choir

United South End Settlements (USES) Art Center & Basement

Address: 48 Rutland Street, Boston, MA 02118

Neighborhood: South End

Choirs: South End Training Choir

ZUMIX

Address: 260 Sumner Street, East Boston, MA 02128

Neighborhood: East Boston

Choirs: East Boston Training Choir

Rehearsals start September 11, 2023. Those interested in learning more can contact BCC at info@bostonchildrenschorus.org or visit bostonchildrenschorus.org.

About Boston Children's Chorus

Boston Children's Chorus (BCC) was founded in 2003 by Hubie Jones, a civic leader who has worked for six decades to address the social problems facing Boston's underserved children and communities. Named Boston's "Ambassadors of Harmony" by *The Boston Globe*, BCC harnesses the power of music to connect Boston's diverse communities, cultivate empathy, and inspire social inquiry. BCC choir programs include 10 choirs with singers from 110 different zip codes in and around Boston. BCC presents over 50 performances per season in a wide range of public and private events. They have performed in venues from Boston Symphony Hall, and Royal Albert Hall in London, to Sydney Opera House, and the White House.

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