



Essence of Joy Alumni Singers

Press Kit

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GENERAL FACT SHEET

Name: Essence of Joy Alumni Singers®

Company Listing: Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corp, 501(3)(c) Tax Exempt

Founded: 2005

Description: Founded in 2005 and comprised of alumni from Pennsylvania State University's Essence of Joy Choir, the **Essence of Joy Alumni Singers** perform sacred and secular music from the African and African-American choral tradition in an effort to entertain, inspire, affirm and unify the worldwide community. Under the artistic direction of Dr. Anthony T. Leach, the group has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. The choir released their first CD, "Joy," in 2011. Essence of Joy Alumni Singers is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation and a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Members: The choir is composed of a diverse group of 195 members, ranging in age from 22 to 60, and representing 24 states, 2 territories, and 4 countries. Performances typically include between 24 and 44 singers. The singers are not compensated for their involvement or performances.

Artistic Director: Dr. Anthony T. Leach – Professor of Music and Music Education at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Leach holds a Ph.D. in music education and masters in conducting from Penn State, and a bachelors in music education from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.

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Alternatively, search for our fan page or link out from our main website.

Artistic Director: Dr. Anthony T. Leach, Associate Professor of Music and Music Education, the Pennsylvania State University



Photos: A high-resolution posed photo of our Choir is available here: <http://www.eojas.org/static/ChoirFull.jpg>. Additional photos of the Choir are available for your use here: <http://bit.ly/gIqNIW>. We request a review of all materials that make use of these photos.

Logo: Our logo is a registered Trademark and owned by the Choir. We request a review of all materials that make use of our logo.

Recordings: Our first recorded album, "Joy," released on July 15, 2011. To purchase a copy or listen to tracks, please visit www.eojas.org/audio

Significant Performances: by year

2006:

Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA
Concert Tour of Belgium, Luxembourg and France

2007:

Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, Penn State
Performance of the full Born to Die cantata, State College, PA

2008:

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division – Urban
Coalition Event, Washington, DC
William Penn Senior High School, York, PA

2009:

Concert Tour to Naples, FL
Concert Tour to Norfolk and Hampton Roads, VA
American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division – Urban
Coalition Event, Philadelphia, PA
Concert Tour of the Alsace/ Lorraine Region of France
Residency at Reading High School, Reading, PA

2010:

Concert Tour to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
Residency with the Cumberland Valley School District, Mechanicsburg, PA

2011:

Concert Tour to Tuskegee University
Concert Tour to Ithaca College

2012:

Conference on the music of Glenn Burleigh and Moses Hogan
Performance at the State Theatre in State College, PA

What are People Saying About the Choir?

"Saturday and Sunday at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian were awesome experiences!! You all are awesome!! Please come back again real soon!!" – Suzanne L.

"The concert Saturday evening was just a prelude to the very uplifting and spirit-filled Sunday morning worship. Thanks for being with us. The most joyful Pentecost I've ever experienced." – Kathie C.

"I just want to say : Thank you, for those days spent with the choir, in France. I attended both of your choral workshops and loved it!! Your smiles, your voices, your songs, your spirit touched me in many ways!! I hope see you again, in the future." – H el ene B.

"I really enjoyed singing with Essence of Joy Alumni Singers and hearing how my voice may sound when I grow up. I loved it!" - 7th grader Erin L.

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to sing and perform with EOJAS. I had so much fun learning new music and meeting new people. I feel that I have learned that you can have fun with singing!" - 7th grader Gabi S.

"I just came back from one of your concerts in Metz, France, amazing!!!!" – Sarah A.

"Thank you for visiting us in Montoursville! The whole performance was absolutely amazing!" – Tiff L.



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