

The Lutheran Youth Choir of North America was founded in 2005 in Glen Ellyn, IL (USA) near Chicago. Its mission is to provide a nurturing, learning, growing environment for high school youth musically, culturally and personally. Since then we have toured the Great Lakes, the Pacific Northwest and Germany.

This year 2011, the first of a two-year festival, we had twenty-one boys and girls from around the U.S. and nineteen German youth together at Schloss Mansfeld, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany, focused on American Vocal Music, including gospel and jazz. In 2012 we will be together again in Chicago performing global multi-cultural vocal music.

What is the Meaning of Gospel Music in today's world?

Historically for the African slaves, it meant many things – diversion from the boring everyday work on the cotton plantations, waiting for an uncertain future. Or perhaps hidden messages between slaves about what was "goin' down" – who, what when? Perhaps "Goin' Down to the River to Pray" was really a call to go down to the river and escape! But for us today, the most important aspect of the music is the stated belief in God's peace, hope, forgiveness and promises in hard times.

Our Theme is: "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Through our music, which is relevant and understood by all people, God is speaking to us all. This choir is only an instrument to proclaim it. The music inspires us to sing – so how can it be different? To quote our composer in residence, Keith Hampton, we simply must sing and 'CELEBRATE' what God has already done for us!

For More Information on the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America and the 2012 Program, visit www.lutheranyouthchoir.org

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2011 Residency at Schloss Mansfeld,
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1. Introduction
2. Processional: Heleluyan
By Jerry Ulrich
3. How Can I Keep From Singing?
By Robert Lowry
Arranged by Bradley Ellingboe
4. Dry Bones
By Mark Hayes
5. A Psalm of Wonder
By Philip Spencer
6. I Know Where I've Been
(from "Hairspray")
By Scott Wittman and
Marc Shaiman
7. Why Not the Earth?
By Ronald A. Nelson
2001 Winner of the
LYCNA Composer Contest
8. Steal Away
By Moses Hogan
9. Tempo di Minuetto
(in the style of Pugnani)
By George Frideric Handel
10. Celebrate!
By Keith Hampton
11. Down to the River to Pray
By Sheldon Curry
12. Deep River
By Donald Moore
13. Larghetto in G Minor
By George Frideric Handel
14. This Little Light of Mine
By Mark Hayes
15. O Lord God, You Have
Called Your Servants
By Carl Schalk
16. Amazing Grace!
By Philip Spencer and
Edwin Childs