



Cincinnati Youth Choir

BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS, ONE VOICE AT A TIME

Heather Vest

Executive Director & Conductor of Con Brio

From her first childhood choir experience, Heather Vest knew that music would be her lifelong passion and career. Now, Heather serves as the Executive Director for the Cincinnati Youth Choir and Conductor of Con Brio. Her journey with CYC began in 2015, and since then, she has worn many hats within the organization. Heather has served as a Satellite choir director for multiple locations around the Greater Cincinnati area, sharing her passion for choral music with young singers across the region. She also directed Piccolo Coro, nurturing the talents of some of CYC's youngest members. Currently, Heather finds joy in teaching CYC's Con Brio choir, where she continues to inspire and develop young vocalists.

Prior to relocating to the Cincinnati area in 2014, Heather spent six years in New Mexico, where she founded and directed the Eastern New Mexico Children's Choir. During her time there, she taught music to students from 1st through 12th grade at Melrose schools, while simultaneously teaching online classes for Eastern New Mexico University.

Vest earned her bachelor's degree in music education from Butler University in 2002, studying under the guidance of Henry Leck and Eric Stark. Her extensive experience includes working with choirs in Indiana, Utah, and New Mexico. As a vocalist, Vest was a student of Metropolitan Opera soprano Claudia Waite and had the honor of performing as a soloist with the Butler Orchestra and Butler Chorale.

Throughout her career, Vest has been recognized for her expertise in choral education. She has served as a guest clinician and conductor for several prestigious ensembles, including the New Mexico Junior High School Honor Choir and the Ohio Music Education Association District 16 Elementary and Junior High Honor Choirs. Additionally, she has lent her expertise as an adjudicator at numerous Large Group and Solo and Ensemble festivals.

With her wealth of experience, passion for choral music, and deep involvement in CYC's programs, Heather Vest brings strong leadership and artistic vision to her role as Executive Director of the Cincinnati Youth Choir.