



**Cincinnati Youth Choir**  
BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS, ONE VOICE AT A TIME

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## **New Cincinnati Youth Choir Leadership Announced**

Cincinnati, Ohio — As of Thursday, October 10, Heather Vest has been promoted to Executive Director of the Cincinnati Youth Choir (CYC). Heather has dedicated the past nine years to our organization, serving in various roles, including community programs and resident choirs. Most recently, she excelled as the Director of Choirs and Education (DCE). In this capacity, Heather has expanded our community engagement programs, including Vivo: Coro (suburban choral program), Bambino (preschool music), and Billante (program for special learners). She has collaborated closely with our Artist-in-Residence, Dr. Anthony Trecek-King, to envision and strategize for CYC's future. Earlier this season, Heather stepped in as Interim Executive Director, where she focused on refining processes, enhancing communication, building team dynamics, and engaging with community partners and the board. During her six weeks in this role, she mentored our administrative team and demonstrated outstanding leadership. Last week, the CYC Board of Directors enthusiastically supported her transition to the permanent Executive Director role. We are thrilled to have her commitment, work ethic, and creative vision guiding the future of the Cincinnati Youth Choir. Heather will also continue leading CYC's Con Brio, our advanced middle school and early high school choir.

Regarding her work with CYC, Vest said, "Leading the Cincinnati Youth Choir as Executive Director has united my passion for artistic mentorship with administrative leadership, bringing new meaning and purpose to my life's work in music. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to shape young lives through song while contributing to the artistic growth of our community and CYC!"

In conjunction with Heather's promotion, we are pleased to announce that Caitlyn McGlynn has accepted the position of Director of Choirs and Education. Since summer 2024, Caitlyn has taken on greater responsibilities in marketing, branding, and planning for our national event, the Queen City Choral Festival. Under her leadership, the festival is already at capacity for 2025 and is accepting registrations for 2026. Caitlyn has enhanced communications with CYC stakeholders and supporters and invigorated our social media presence. She also stepped up as interim DCE, continuing the growth of the Vivo Community Engagement programming initiated by Heather. Caitlyn will continue to lead CYC's Vivace and to teach in Vivo Coro schools. Caitlyn has been with CYC for 8 years. Prior to that, she offered many years of volunteer leadership as she grew as a budding music educator, both through high school and her degree in Music Education at Miami University (Oxford, OH).

"Having grown up in the Cincinnati Youth Choir and choosing to go into music education because of the experiences I received with this program, I am thrilled to be able to give back to future students and the community!" says McGlynn. "I am honored to be able to continue the legacy of CYC through community building, choral artistry, and musical excellence."

The CYC team and board are excited to move forward with these two outstanding choral educators and administrative leaders. Both Heather and Caitlyn are deeply passionate about the mission and vision of the Cincinnati Youth Choir, and they are committed to serving our members and the broader community. Their long-term knowledge and experience with CYC make them integral to the future success of CYC.

**The Cincinnati Youth Choir, Ensemble-in-Residence at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music**, is a nationally celebrated, award-winning choral organization in its 31st season. Each year, hundreds of Greater Cincinnati youth in grades one through twelve grow in choral artistry in this educationally based organization. CYC's Bel Canto Choir has been a featured ensemble in China, Japan, Italy, England, Wales, Ireland, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Canada, Costa Rica, and across the United States. CYC choirs have had the distinct honor to perform in some of the world's best concert venues such as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Forbidden City Concert Hall, St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and the World Expo in Milan, Italy. CYC has performed with the Cincinnati's Symphony, Pops, Opera, and May Festival while regularly collaborating with CCM's ensembles and operas. CYC has commissioned over 80 works for treble voices.

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