



NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR

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Northwest Boychoir Announces Three July Tour Concerts in North Carolina

The Grammy-nominated Northwest Boychoir from Seattle will present three public concerts July 9, 11 and 12 in Asheville, Chapel Hill and Greensboro (Eastern Music Festival) as part of its two-week Summer 2009 Washington DC/North Carolina Concert Tour. These concerts will feature the 40-member Northwest Boychoir performing a program of classical choral works by Vivaldi, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Casals as well as traditional American folk songs.

The public concerts are:

- **Basilica of St. Lawrence** 7:30 pm, Thursday, July 9 at 97 Haywood St. in Asheville. Part of the Basilica Centennial Celebration. Advance tickets \$10 available at (828) 779-9371 or BasilicaMusic@aol.com. Proceeds benefit music program of the Basilica and Trinity Episcopal Church.

- **The Chapel of the Cross** 8 pm, Saturday, July 11 at 304 East Franklin St. in Chapel Hill. www.thechapelofthecross.org. Freewill donation (suggested adult \$15, child \$6). Proceeds benefit Table, serving meals to area children on weekends and when free public school meals are not available.

- **First Presbyterian Church** as part of the Eastern Music Festival, 5 pm, Sunday, July 12 at 617 N. Elm St. in Greensboro. Tickets \$10 general admission, \$6 senior. www.easternmusicfestival.org.

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The 35-year-old Northwest Boychoir makes its home in Seattle, Washington as the Pacific Northwest's premier children's choir. Nominated for a Grammy in 2008 for its recording with the Seattle Symphony of Samuel Jones' *The Shoe Bird*, the touring Northwest Boychoir comprises the most elite singers in the organization of 200 choristers. Touring members range in age from 10 to 14, and perform regularly with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, on movie and video soundtracks, in recording studios for professional recording artists, and as part of their own year-round concert series. The Northwest Boychoir was featured on the soundtrack for the 2008 film *Valkyrie*, starring Tom Cruise.

Under the direction of Joseph Crnko, the Northwest Boychoir will make other Concert Tour stops in Washington DC and Maryland. This concert tour marks the Northwest Boychoir's 19th national/international tour. Prior tours have taken the choir to Great Britain, Eastern Europe, Washington, DC, Australia, California, as well as Japan and Hawaii.

The concert tour caps months of rigorous musical preparation, as well as a concert schedule that has included performances with the Seattle Symphony of Mahler's *Symphony No. 8*, and Samuel Jones' *The Shoe Bird*. The Northwest Boychoir recently received rave reviews of its performance with Seattle's Music of Remembrance of Israeli composer Betty Oliver's stunning choral arrangements *Shtiler, Shtiler* and *Mode' Ani'*. The Northwest Boychoir just completed work on a recording of Americana music to be released in late 2009.

For more information about the Northwest Boychoir, go to www.nwchoirs.org or call 206-524-3234.

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