



CHOIR CONCEPT

Opportunities:

The Jubilee Singers of Greater Cleveland Community Youth & Young Adult Choir is a collaborative effort of A. B.etter Way Productions (Youth Outreach Programs), Bella Musica Fine Arts Academy, and Earley Morning Management. Through this distinct relationship the choir, now shares the pleasure of boasting a 14-year legacy of music ministry, providing leadership opportunities to young people and applauded as one of the finest gospel music programs in the area. Through this organization, which continues to build a tradition of superior performance and musical excellence, it is believed that this community youth choir program will offer many new “opportunities” to the individual participant an opportunity to:

- Demonstrate and build his/her performing arts ability;
- Develop leadership skills;
- Develop character and a sense of responsibility;
- Meet and make new friends and build healthy relationships;
- Participate in music "field experiences"; and the
- Discover the unique thrill of performance.

Goal:

The Jubilee Singers of Greater Cleveland Community Youth & Young Adult Choir (JSGC) wants to provide individuals in Northeast Ohio an opportunity to express themselves through the fine arts while singing and performing inspirational and gospel music.

Vision:

The JSGC will become a vehicle of opportunity for persons in Northeast Ohio to nurture and develop their talents and gifts in the area of performing arts while providing a safe and fun environment to do so.

Mission:

The aim of the Jubilee Singers of Greater Cleveland Community Youth & Young Adult Choir is to...

- To provide inspiration through the performing arts.
- To bring empowerment to greater Cleveland
- Serve those in need, and
- Strive to live the life that we sing about.

Objectives:

1. To recruit youth in Northeast Ohio between the ages of 12 – 35 that have a gift, talent or passion for singing, instruments, dance, or writing or producing music.
2. To become a positive and inspirational showcase for community events throughout Northeast Ohio and the continental United States
3. To expose children and youth to positive and inspirational forms of music and performing arts
4. Provide a musical ensemble experience, training and appreciation for students in all styles of music with emphasis in the gospel music genre
5. To develop the passion of music and performing arts by teaching youth all aspects of arts and entertainment
6. Promote individual academic achievement
7. Assist at-risk youth by offering an alternative to delinquent behavior while providing an improved attitude towards school
8. Offer an after-school extra-curricular activity to prevent negative behavior by promoting academic growth

Youth Empowerment:

The JSGC is an opportunity to empower and engage youth throughout Northeast Ohio in a positive environment of music and performing arts. In a generation where youth are influenced and connected to the music they listen to, this community youth choir provides an alternative approach to engaging them at a young age in their passion. Many youth desire to learn how to play instruments, write music, dance, and even conduct music, however with many cut backs in federal, state, and local funding; very few opportunities exist for youth to grab hold of those dreams.

The JSGC affords youth of all races, religions, cultures, and walks of life, in Northeast Ohio a chance to grab hold of those dreams and passions. This is an opportunity to display the talents of Northeast Ohio's precious children and youth. Creation of such a program could re-ignite interest in investing more into the area of music and performing arts in Northeast Ohio. This program also comes at a critical time when youth desire positive activities to participate in, but are unable to find any. This program is that outlet for empowering, nurturing, and developing gifts and talents in the children and youth of Northeast Ohio.

JSGC Ministry Alliance:

Management Team:		The Management Team is responsible for the development and presentation of the community choirs. The Management Team will dedicate themselves to developing leadership and nurturing participant's passions in the performing arts.
Director	Deacon Anthony H. Brown	
Ministry Leader	Minister Charles B. Cotton, Jr.	
Business Manager	Minister Kyle Earley	
Recruitment Director	TBD	
Administrative Assistant	TBD	
Operations Group:		The Operations Group will oversee and advise the day-to-day activities of the choir. Members will be afforded the opportunity to sing, dance, write and produce gospel music that is inspirational and engaging.
Music Director	Alphonso McDuffie	
Choir Director(s)	TBD	
Mime & Praise Dance Director	Deacon Michael L. Brown	
Step Dance/Hip-Hop Director	TBD	
Soprano Section Leader (Advisor)	Bianca Jenkins	
Alto Section Leader (Advisor)	Sharhonda Greer	
Tenor Section Leader (Advisor)	TBD	
Advisory Board:		The Advisory Board will be comprised of the parents of the youth and other interested persons who support the mission and goals of the choir. These persons will assist the group with fundraising efforts, promotions and aid in the spiritual guidance of its members.
Parent Volunteer Coordinator	TBD	
Religious Life Fellowship Facilitator	TBD	
Publicity Chair	TBD	
Fundraising Chair	TBD	

Recruitment:

The recruitment of members for the JCGC is handled by the recruitment director of the organization. Recruitment is achieved through an extensive but inexpensive marketing plan that is targeted to persons between the ages of 12 – 35 years of age to develop two distinct choral groups. Recruitment will not discriminate against any person due to race, ethnicity, culture, religion, disabilities, or any other discriminating factors. All youth recruited will have a participation agreement signed by their parent or legal guardian before any participation in the community choir.

Rehearsals and Performances:

- All rehearsals will be held at the Canaan Missionary Baptist Church at least once a week.
- Rehearsals are 2 hours long and will consist of fellowship, rehearsal time and performing arts development.
- Rehearsal days and times will be established based on the availability and majority of management team and operations group.
- Performances for the Jubilee Singers of Greater Cleveland Community Youth Choir or Young Adult Choir are scheduled and approved by the Management Team of the organization. The business manager of the organization will also determine performance schedule, transportation, honorarium, and parental participation.
- It will be suggested, to keep members motivated and engaged; that the members of the choir fellowship with other churches at least once a month. This will afford, especially the youth and their parents a chance to worship together.