



### **Growing Through Music**

The Singing Angels, founded in 1964, is the musical voice of the Northern Ohio Children's Performing Music Foundation, Inc., a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. This arts and youth development group is dedicated to teaching the highest level of artistic achievement in the performing arts. The mission is to engage youth from all communities in quality music and performing arts education that teaches teamwork, builds confidence, and provides a foundation for life.

Three Angel choruses and small groups perform over 100 concerts a year featuring a wide variety of music, including Broadway, pop, gospel, patriotic, barbershop harmony, light classical, and good old-fashioned sing-a-long.

Over 275 children, ages 6 to 18, take part in the organization. The Singing Angels hail from more than 70 communities in 8 counties, and represent numerous races, creeds, and socio-economic backgrounds.

### **Connecting to Community**

From benefit concerts to food drives, those involved with The Singing Angels recognize the importance of being active in community affairs. Each holiday season, Angels perform at least 30 free concerts in area nursing homes.

### **Cleveland's Youth Ambassadors**

For over 50 years, Cleveland's own Singing Angels have toured the world, visiting more than 35 countries. Command performances have included five trips to the White House, the Great Hall of the People of China, and three performances at the Vatican.

### **Accompaniments**

The Singing Angels have performed with stars including Celine Dion, Cathy Rigby, Eartha Kitt, John Conlee, B.J. Thomas, Neil Zaza, Bob Hope, Wayne Newton, Kenny Rogers, Peabo Bryson, Roberta Flack, Audrey Hepburn, The Five Browns, Nancy Sinatra, Jim Brickman, Cleveland Orchestra, and the U.S. Army Band.

### **Discovering Themselves**

The Singing Angels do more than entertain. Singers have fun, make lasting friendships, learn important life lessons, and discover interests and skills that prepare them for life.

***The Singing Angels is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.***

# **The Singing Angels' Mission**

*To encourage, foster, and cultivate positive youth development by engaging youth from all communities in quality music and performing arts education that teaches discipline, builds confidence, and provides a foundation for life.*

## **Making Music, Making Friends, Making a Difference**

### **Make Music**

- Musical direction from a highly acclaimed, professional music director
- Educating our youth in musical theory and application
- Learning and performing music of a multitude of music styles; classical, pop, barbershop harmony, and Broadway
- Exposure to music of various cultures and languages such as Mandarin, Nigerian, Hebrew, German, Spanish, French, and even the lost language of Ladino

### **Make Friends**

- Members learn, perform, and socialize with other youth from 10 different Ohio Counties.
- Singing Angels make friends children from various cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.
- Physical handicaps and learning disabilities don't stop Singing Angels from thriving in the group and making friends with other Singing Angels.

### **Make a Difference**

- The Singing Angels are world-renowned, international youth ambassadors, having performed in over 35 countries.
- The Singing Angels have performed for and dazzled dignitaries including Popes and Presidents. They have participated in diplomatic events such as Presidential Inaugurations and the famous holiday tree lighting at the White House.
- The Singing Angels have supported other local non-profit organizations such as Big Brothers BIG Sisters of Greater Cleveland, Urban Community School, and the annual Philanthropia fundraising event.
- The Singing Angels have supported and performed at numerous community events throughout Northeast Ohio

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## Command Performances of the Singing Angels

- The Vatican
- The Pentagon
- USA, The White House
- Cleveland Mayors' Inaugurations
- Great Hall of the People of China
- Romania
- Presidential Inauguration Float, Washington, D.C.
- Governor's Inauguration, Columbus, OH
- Super Sesquicentennial Celebration, Cleveland, OH

## Concert Tours of the Singing Angels

2014	Geneva, Switzerland
2013	White House, Washington D.C
2012	World Choir Games, Cincinnati, OH & White House, Washington D.C
2010	Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia
2009	California Gold Rush tour
2008	The People's Republic of China
2007	Boston, Philadelphia, New York
2006	Pageant of Peace, Washington D.C.
2006	Vatican-Italy, Greece, Turkey
2005	Seattle and the Pacific Northwest
2004	England and France
2003	Hollywood
2002	Let Freedom Ring Tour
2001	Cruise, Western Caribbean
2000	Germany, Poland, Lithuania
1999	South East Tour USA
1998	Spain, France
1997	Germany, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic
1996	Canada
1995	England, Netherlands, Belgium, France
1994	American Southwest
1993	Ireland, Scotland
1992	Russia
1991	USA Air Force Bases (Ohio and D.C.)
1990	Puerto Rico
1989	Poland, Spain
1988	Canada, Florida (Disney World)
1987	Malaysia, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan
1985	Canada
1984	Germany, Austria, Hungary
1983	China, Japan
1982	Mexico

1981	Wales, England
1980	Vatican - Italy, Germany, Austria
1978	Japan, Taiwan, Israel
1976	USA Tour
1974	Romania
1972	Canada

## **The Founder of *The Singing Angels***

### **William C. Boehm**

Bill Boehm started The Singing Angels in 1964 to promote the action and joy of singing good music, particularly with children. He holds a Master's Degree in Dramatic Arts from Western Reserve University. Bill was the first staging director of Cleveland Arena theatre, starred in Herman Pirchner's Alpine Village, and had more than 5,000 personal stage appearances. Other highlights of Bill's career have included appearances as soloist with the Cleveland Symphony "pops" Concerts, Singing Star of Chicago Theatre of the Air and tenor lead in the NBC-TV production of "Macbeth". In 1977, he was awarded the prestigious Ohio State Governor's Award "for excellence of achievement benefiting mankind and improving the quality of life for all Ohioans." Bill was a Captain in the Infantry in World War II and is a past President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. In 2006 Mr. Boehm was inducted into the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame.

A special thanks to Mr. Boehm for his diligent work with Rep. Dennis Kucinich on getting The Singing Angels nominated for the "Nobel Peace Prize" in 2011 for our performances of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" all over the world. This honor is another reason to celebrate Mr. Boehm for this "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" of The Singing Angels. Bill will always be remembered as the "Founding Director" of the organization and his legacy will live forever in the magical music of The Singing Angels.

## **Supporters of *The Singing Angels***

The Singing Angels depend on the generosity of friends and benefactors to maintain this unique program. Financial support from donors and sponsors helps to continue the goals of the group.

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