



Florida BoyChoirs
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About the Florida BoyChoirs

The *Florida BoyChoir* was founded by Choirmaster Brian L. Collar, in July of 1986, a non-profit, non-sectarian, cultural youth organization. Since that time hundreds of Choirboys have made recordings and appeared on radio and television in the United States and Canada. They have toured throughout Florida, to eighteen U.S. states and internationally to Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Iceland and Poland.

The Florida BoyChoir has to its credit performances of classical folk and spiritual compositions. Works such as Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* and *Missa Brevis in D Major*, the *Christmas Oratorio* and Cantata #142 of Johann Sebastian Bach, the *Mass in G Major* of Franz Schubert and *Fantasia on Carols of the Nativity* commissioned of American composer William G. Wade. Operas performed include George Bizet's *Carmen*, Gian-Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Malcolm Williamson's *The Happy Prince*, and a one act adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*. Our Choirboys were selected to perform in the Broadway touring production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* and were featured in a Nostalgia Network Christmas Special which was broadcast nationally.

In 2005, Florida Boychoir was reborn and is now incorporated as the Florida BoyChoirs, Inc. In February of 2006, the boys performed with the Florida Orchestra and the combined choirs of the University Of South Florida and Clearwater Christian College in a concert setting of *The Lord Of The Rings Symphony*. The choir has recently performed Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" and Michael W. Smith's Christmas Cantata "Agnus Dei" and in the St. Pete Opera production of Bizet's "Carmen" in June 2010 followed by a tour of four southern states.

In 1992 and 1994, the Florida International Boychoir Festival brought together hundreds of Choirs and Choirboys from throughout the world. World renowned Sir David Willcocks served as Guest Conductor for both festivals. The next festival will be held in 2012 in Tampa.

In order to make the "Boychoir Experience" available to more gifted boys, new "city BoyChoirs" are now being formed throughout the state of Florida. In addition to the Florida BoyChoir which is composed of boys of changed and unchanged voice through grade twelve, the choir offers BoyChoirs of unchanged voice: St. Petersburg BoyChoir, Sarasota BoyChoir and the Tampa BoyChoir. The St. Petersburg BoyChoir is a revival of a BoyChoir, founded by Donald Mathis, which performed actively in the arts community from 1960 to 1984, and in which the Choirmaster, Brian Collar, sang as a choirboy.

Rehearsal and concert schedules as well as video, audio, photo and print archives are available on line at FloridaBoyChoir.com. Call (813) 399-1917 for more information.