

SCHOOLS AND EVENTS



Photo by Lisa Vogt

Pictured above on the top row are Sam Eatherton, minister of music, Zion Lutheran School; Cynthia Nott, artistic director of the Children's Choirs of Greater Dallas; with 27 students from Zion Lutheran School in grades fourth through eighth, comprising nearly half of the 60-voice children's choir. Photo below courtesy of The Children's Chorus.

Young voices to fill Meyerson

By Jennifer O'Brien

The Meyerson Symphony Center in downtown Dallas has long been recognized as a world-class concert hall and home to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Perhaps a little less known is the fact that Meyerson houses one of the largest and finest pipe organs in America. Later this September, the hall will be filled with 2,500 singing children and adults, accompanied by the magnificent Lay Family Organ for the triennial Lutheran Hymn Festival.

Singing in the Festival will be 27 students from Zion Lutheran School in Dallas, comprising nearly half of the 60-voice Children's Choir formed by children who attend Lutheran churches and schools throughout the Metroplex.

The Children's Choir

is directed by Cynthia Nott, artistic director of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas.

"I am honored to be the children's choir director for the Hymn Festival," Nott said. "When a child learns to love to sing the great hymns of the church, they experience a way of praising God that involves their whole selves: body, mind, spirit and voice. This experience will last a lifetime."

A Hymn Festival is similar to a concert, in that the

best of musicians play and sing. However, it differs from a normal concert because the audience participates with the 140-voice adult choir, children's choir, brass ensemble and organ to fill the space with sacred song.

The Lutheran Hymn Festival organist will be Dr. Steven Wentz, professor of music at Concordia University Chicago. The event starts at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 and is expected to sell out. For tickets, go to lutheranhymnfestival.org.

