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ABOUT SINGING CITY

Philadelphia's Singing City was founded in 1948 by Dr. Elaine Brown as an integrated choir. The Choir was born out of the Fellowship House movement, and is deeply committed to social justice, equity, and using music as an instrument for social change. For seventy-five years, Singing City has been Philadelphia's premier avocational chorus, committed to bringing people of diverse races, creeds and backgrounds together under the common purpose of music making.

In addition to its deep commitment to inclusion and community building, Singing City has consistently achieved the highest levels of performance practice and artistry. The chorus has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Leningrad Philharmonic, and Israel Philharmonic, and has to its credit a number of critically acclaimed national and international concert tours and festival appearances. The chorus continues to fulfill its original mission, which today encompasses an educational program for youth and programs for under-served populations. 2023 marks our 75th anniversary. Artistic & Music Director Jeffrey Brillhart is retiring after 25 years. Jeff's leadership of Singing City took the choir's level of artistry to new heights while always remaining rooted in its mission of bringing diverse people together through the medium of choral music.

Mission

Through Performance, Arts Education, and Fellowship, Singing City is a force for social impact, bringing people together and lifting the human spirit through the artistry of choral music.

Vision

People throughout the Philadelphia region find fulfillment and inspiration through music, fellowship, and service to their community.

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