

THE CHOIR

In 1997 ten young people of the UMC in Friedrichsdorf/Germany founded a Choir with the help of some adults. More and more people joined the group, which now has about 50 members at every age and regularly sings during Sunday worship.

Searching for a name we found the Bible story where Jesus healed a terminally ill man (Mark 7, 31 – 37). „Ephata!“, he said, which means: „Open up!“

The Choir Ephata would like to invite people to open themselves to Jesus Christ and for a new life in Christian discipleship. Music helps our hearts to be opened for God.

In July 2000 we made a first Choir tour to the USA. It was a tremendous experience of Christian fellowship in so many congregations and families. So, we decided to venture other tours. After being present in the USA a second time and tours to England and the Czech Republic, our plan to visit the Republic of South Africa became a reality in the year 2008. This tour deeply moved us as we met many unique and impressive ambassadors of God's love, caring in particular for the poor and the disadvantaged.

The opportunity to be guests in so many churches and to meet so many people is the most important gift for us when we give concerts and meet other congregations in our country or abroad.



PERFORMERS

Choir Ephata of the UMC, Friedrichsdorf/Germany

Musical direction: Benedikt Baum and Sebastian Hammann

Piano: Michael Braaz

Percussion: Benjamin Wagner

Vocals: Anna Breuninger, Daniela Kaula, Karina Schaar, Helena Selge, Eva Baum, Johannes Breuninger, Benedict Krüger

Presentation: Damian Carruthers



CONCERT PROGRAM USA - CHOIR TOUR 2013



„COLOURS OF HOPE“

CONCERT PROGRAM

WORSHIP THE KING

Words / Music: Billy Funk
Arrangement: Hans-Joachim Eißler

WE WILL BLESS HIM

Words / Music / Arrangement: Danny Plett

DU BIST HEILIG (YOU ARE HOLY)

Words / Music: Per Harling
Arrangement: Christer Paulsson

You are holy, are you Lord. You remain so much more than we ever understand. You are so close to us.

HOFFNUNGSDRACHEN (KITES OF HOPE)

Words: Christoph Zehendner
Music: Christoph Zehendner, Albert Frey
Arrangement: Albert Frey, Hans-Joachim Eißler

The dust of all our yesterdays will not silence us, nor cause our courage to fail! Like children, we let our kites fly, colours of hope in the sky. We lift up our eyes to the wide spaces, where hope can soar like a kite. When we trust, the Lord breathes new life into us, fresh wind for tomorrow.

SOMETIMES I FEEL

Words / Music: traditional
Arrangement: Marc-Alexander Heilmann

ALL MY TRIALS

Words / Music: traditional

GABRIELLAS SANG

Words: Py Bäckmann
Music: Stefan Nilson

It is now that my life is mine, I've got this short time on earth. And my longing has brought me here. All I lacked and all I gained. I have never lost who I was, I have only left it sleeping. Maybe I never had a choice. Just the will to stay alive. All I want is to be happy being who I am. To be strong and to be free. To see day arise from night. I am here and my life is only mine. And the heaven I thought was there, I'll discover it there somewhere. I want to feel that I have lived my life!

MOON RIVER

Words: Johnny Mercer
Music: Henry Macini
Arrangement: Ed Lojeski

DAS WORT VOM KREUZ (THE WORD OF THE CROSS)

Words / Music: Lars Hörchens, Marc-Alexander Heilmann

Unimaginable is the pain, inconceivable the suffering which you bear in such silence on the cross. I cannot understand what happened there on the cross for me. How much mercy, how much forgiveness is in You, my God? How much grace, how much love is in You, my God?

SEHT: GOTT FÜR UNS (BEHOLD, GOD IS FOR US)

Words: Hartmut Handt
Music: Matthias Nagel

For our sakes, he makes a fool of himself. Flaunted by those who judge him and abandoned by those he loved. For us, he dances the dance of life on Easter morning. Behold the man. Behold, God for us!

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN (CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN)

Words / Music: historical
Arrangement: Hans-Joachim Eißler

Like Thomas, like John, like Mary, we have also witnessed the miracle. He is not dead, He is still with us. The Lord is risen, Jesus Christ is alive! Hallelujah!

IN CHRIST ALONE

Words / Music: Stuart Townsend, Keith Getty
Arrangement: Hans-Joachim Eißler

THY WILL BE DONE

Words / Music: Joakim Arenius
Arrangement: Marc-Alexander Heilmann

