

InlandChorus.com

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Instructions: Insert the flash drive into a computer USB port. If it doesn't open automatically, locate and open the flash drive IC2020 folder. Then, double click the "CLICK HERE" file to open the website in your web browser. You should then see the front page of the website with a photo of a small cross-section of Inland Children's Chorus members. ~ Contact: info@inlandchorus.com

This project is dedicated to preserving and making widely available the history and music of the Inland Children's Chorus, an original and historically unique contribution by American industry to young people, the community, and the performing arts. Generously funded from 1936 to 1970 by the Inland Manufacturing Division of General Motors Corporation, the Chorus provided thousands of 8- to 16-year-old children with a musical education and contributed to American cultural life through professional quality performances for Inland employees and the community.

The front page -- INLAND CHILDREN'S CHORUS -- profiles the Chorus history and its relationship with Special Collections and Archives, located in the Wright State University Libraries in Dayton, Ohio. Special Collections holds the physical items that are accessible in digital form within InlandChorus.com. This off-line and self-contained version of InlandChorus.com is a "digital reference book" on the history of the Inland Children's Chorus and essentially the culture of mid-century America.

The six main pages appear as links at the top of each page: **Articles**, **Music**, **Programs**, **Photos**, **Forum**, and **About Us**. These pages allow easy access to hundreds of digital files in standard archival forms.

Articles: This page documents the history of the Chorus from the earliest to most current articles and news clippings. A caption introduces each dated item with a clickable thumbnail image below that opens one or more PDF pages.

Music: This page links to audio WAV files transferred from records produced from 1940 to 1966. The alphabetical list of titles may include multiple years for the same song. **Bold titles** indicate strong performances, noteworthy solos, or historical interest.

Programs: This page displays 100 concert programs from the first in 1936 to final program in 1970, some include published reviews, previews, concert tickets, autographs, handwritten notes, or inserts.

Photos: This page contains professional and publicity photos, snapshots, scrapbook pages, and images of mementos donated by former members and contributors.

Forum: This page includes over 60 postings from former members with their memories of the Chorus and reflections from website visitors about this history.

About Us: This page highlights the InlandChorus.com project with a media fact sheet, slideshows, and videos of reunion meetings as well as a listing of website contributors.