

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

We know the Chattanooga Boys Choir is special. The choir sang with the Nashville Symphony on a Grammy nominated CD, travels around the United States and the world, and choristers completing the music theory program have the equivalent knowledge of freshman college music theory. We asked current members and alumni to tell us what makes the CBC special. Here's what they said:

## Monte Coulter III

"It would not be an exaggeration to say that this was a transformative experience for him. Almost immediately he began to listen differently to various parameters of music, and our conversations became filled with questions about melody, texture, chords, meter, etc. At this point, my son is 14, and has sung the leading role in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra for two years, and it has been an amazing experience for him."

## Clara Davis

"The opportunities that he has experienced these past two years have been incredible! The summer camps are structured to enhance individual talent, and talent as a team. In addition, they have LOADS of fun!! The practices are extremely organized and rigorous, but at the same time, the practices build lots of camaraderie and acceptance. Each chorister is valued for their individual talents, but the choir as a whole sings as one. Singing songs in different languages, styles, and with different instruments is an emotional outlet. CBC brings out a side that we would have never known."

## Devin Kodsi, alum

"The Chattanooga Boys Choir has allowed me to take part in this musical journey, spreading love and joy through music's universal language. More importantly, though, this choir has molded me into the person I am today. Whether through challenging rehearsals or week-long tours, I truly believe that the CBC has taught me the most fundamental lessons I need to know for life.

1. Stay focused
2. Show kindness to others
3. Listen when an adult is talking
4. Include everyone (yes, that means everyone)
5. Make time to practice
6. Always share
7. Never stop improving
8. Love is stronger than hate
9. Keep your hands to yourself
10. Treat everyone with respect

These truly fundamental lessons allowed me to lay my own foundation, upon which the tower of my life is built. Every goal that I have reached, every obstacle that I have overcome, I owe many of my accomplishments to the Chattanooga Boys Choir."

## Ray Sanford

"My son has benefitted immensely from learning music theory, which has helped him in his other musical pursuits. Touring has taught him responsibility in his personal habits - 'Always leave a place better than you found it' is a motto he loves from touring with the choir! He loves that the repertoire is always connected to a larger purpose and tied to real world issues."