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JOSH PEDDE

Artistic Director

Joshua N. Pedde, artistic director for the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC), has been with the organization for over fifteen years, serving as a teacher, director and assistant artistic director. Mr. Pedde was instrumental in growing the ICC's Innovations program, which provides free music education

workshops to public and private schools throughout central Indiana.

Mr. Pedde is a frequent conductor and clinician throughout the United States. He has conducted the LCMS Worship Institute Children's Choir, both the WELS National Worship Convention Festival and Children's Choirs, American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) all state choirs in Kentucky and New Mexico, Indiana Music Education Association honor choir, and honor choirs and workshops throughout the United States. He has conducted at Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center, and he has traveled throughout Europe preparing and conducting choirs for performances.

Mr. Pedde is a member of the National Association for Music Educators, American Choral Directors Association, John Feierabend Association Choral Committee, and Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA). He is also a member of the Indiana Choral Directors Association where he has served on the board and as Repertoire and Standards chair for Boy's and Children's Choirs.

Mr. Pedde earned his bachelor of music degree in vocal music education and a master's degree in choral conducting from Butler University. In addition, he holds a Director of Parish Music certification from Concordia University Chicago. He has received training in Orff-Schulwerk, Kodály, and First Steps methods of teaching.



HENRY LECK

Artistic Director

An internationally recognized choral director, Henry Leck is a professor emeritus in choral music at Butler University, where he served on the faculty for 27 years. He is the Founder and Conductor Laureate of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, which he served as Artistic Director for 30 years. Under his leadership, the organization grew to be one of the largest and

most respected children's choir programs in the world. The touring choirs of the Indianapolis Children's Choir have performed regularly for national ACDA, MENC, OAKE and AOSA Conferences. Additionally, the ICC tours internationally every year.

In the state of Indiana, Mr. Leck is the founding conductor of the Indiana Children's Allstate Honor Choir. He also founded and conducted the Indiana Middle School Honor Choir. He is a frequent conductor of regional and national honor choirs, including the ACDA Southern, Southwest, North Central, Central, Western and Northwest Honors Choirs. In the spring of 2003, he conducted the ACDA National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir in New York City and in 2011, the ACDA National Children's Honor Choir in Chicago. On three occasions he has conducted National Honor Choirs for OAKE. For twenty-two years, he has conducted National Youth Choral Festivals in Carnegie Hall annually. Mr. Leck and the choir received the Indiana Governor's Arts Award, which is the highest honor one can receive in the arts in Indiana. Recently Mr. Leck was named a recipient of the "Lowell Mason Fellows Award" by the National Association for Music education.

Mr. Leck received his training from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, the University of Colorado and Indiana University.



WHY ATTEND?

STUDENTS:

- Study under Joshua Pedde and Henry Leck
- Perform in Clowes Hall - largest performance hall in Indiana
- Create relationships with other like-minded musicians
- Attend a season concert of the Indianapolis Children's Choir

LEADERS:

- Study under Joshua Pedde and Henry Leck
- Watch students blossom and develop
- Create relationships with other great leaders
- Visit sessions of ICC's Teacher Symposium
- Observe ICC's Summer Camp in progress



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ITINERARY:

Monday, June 4, 2018

- Arrive in Indianapolis and enjoy free time to explore the city! Some attractions you may want to consider include the **Indianapolis Zoo, the Indiana State Museum, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art and the Canal Walk** (part of the Indiana Central Canal). (Please note that these items are suggestions only, and are not included in the trip itinerary or pricing).
- Meet up for an ice cream social on Monument Circle — a must-visit for any out-of-towner coming to the Circle City!
- Check in to your hotel

Tuesday, June 5

- Visit the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum** on the grounds of “The Greatest Race Course in the World.”
- Take some time out for some fun in the sun at **Splash Island**, located on 4.3 acres and featuring three waterslides, a 900-foot lazy river, two pulsating vortexes, a water basketball court and more!
- 3 p.m. Rehearsal
- Dinner this evening at Hard Rock Café with DJ Dance

Wednesday, June 6

- Morning rehearsal
- Discover the **Children’s Museum of Indianapolis**, featuring five floors of fun and interactive exhibits and activities. Explore immersive historical theater or tour the museum’s impressive collection of artifacts. Climb a rock wall, perform a fossil excavation or see the 1917 Broad Ripple Carousel!
- Head to the ballpark for an **Indianapolis Indians game** with private picnic dinner!

Thursday, June 7

- Morning dress rehearsal
- Individual choir sound checks
- Perform in an afternoon concert at **Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University**, the former home of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and home to the Indianapolis Opera.
- Buon appetito! Enjoy dinner at Buca di Beppo
- Attend a 7 p.m. **Indianapolis Children’s Choir concert**

Friday, June 8

- Depart for home

Option to Extend Your Program!

Have an outdoor adventure and explore the natural beauty of Indiana in either Turkey Run State Park or Brown County State Park. Or, enjoy thrilling rides and games and a refreshing waterpark at either Indiana Beach Boardwalk Resort or Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari. The choice is yours!





The Indianapolis Children's Choir nurtures and inspires student achievement through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance.

Every week the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) provides music education to approximately 2,500 students in central Indiana. Founded in 1986 by artistic director Henry Leck, the ICC nurtures and inspires student achievement through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance. The 2016-2017 season marks the introduction of Artistic Director Joshua Pedde, as the ICC enters a new era.

Housed on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, participants in the ICC's programs represent the diversity of central Indiana with children from nearly 20 counties, including all of the Indianapolis area suburbs and nearby rural communities. These children come from more than 359 schools and 56 school districts. Each week, the ICC holds 110 rehearsals and music classes.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply for participation in the National Choral Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana go to nationalchoralfest.com, click on Application and fill out your application. No fee is required at the time of application. Once accepted into the festival, choral groups are expected to pay a \$250 non-refundable deposit within 2 weeks of acceptance. Accepted candidates are notified via email.

PRICE

\$599 per singer, based on quad occupancy

\$659 per singer, based on triple occupancy

\$769 per chaperone or staff, based on double occupancy

\$1,099 per chaperone or staff, based on single occupancy

PAYMENTS

Deposit: A \$250 non-refundable deposit is required within 2 weeks of application acceptance.

Final Payment: The balance due is to be paid in full by Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Based upon when the original deposit is received, the subsequent payments will be due as follows:

January 4, 2018 (50% of total invoice)

February 28, 2018 (75% of total invoice)

April 4, 2018 Final balance (100% of the total invoice)

If group cancels less than 30 days | before departure, the group will be charged 100% of the group's tour price plus any non-refundable deposit and non-refundable tour costs

If the group cancels 60 to 30 days | before departure, the group will be charged 75% of the group's tour price plus any non-refundable deposit and non-refundable tour costs

If the group cancels 61 to 90 days | before departure, the group will be charged 50 % of the group's tour price plus any non-refundable deposit and non-refundable tour costs.

If the group cancels 91 to 120 days | before departure, the group will be charged 25 % of the group's tour price plus any non-refundable deposit and non-refundable tour costs.

If the group cancels 121 to 199 days | before departure, the group will be charged 10 % of the group's tour price plus any non-refundable deposit and non-refundable tour costs.

Responsibilities:

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Grueninger in its sole discretion reserves the right to decline to accept any participant as a member of these trips. Grueninger reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate any participant who does not abide by its rules and regulations, and/or whose conduct is deemed to be such as to endanger the participant, the success of the program or the welfare of other participants, staff members and/or third parties. In the event of such termination, the participant will be sent home at the expense of the participant and his or her parent or guardian. The manner and means of transporting the participant home shall be determined exclusively by Grueninger. In the event of such termination, there will be no refund whatsoever. The participant is personally liable to Grueninger for any damages caused by improper conduct.

Grueninger may cancel any trip because of insufficient enrollment or for any other reason. The terms set forth in this agreement constitute the entire agreement between participant and Grueninger. Any amendment to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties

No refund will be made for features in the trip not utilized. The cost of replacing lost or stolen tickets is the responsibility of the passenger. If a flight or transfer by motorcoach or train is missed, whether by weather or other conditions beyond Grueninger's control, participant is responsible to make his or her own arrangements and to pay all charges associated therewith.

Participant's retention of tickets, reservations, or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above, as well as an agreement on participant's part to convey the contents hereof to his or her travel companions or group members.

The group and participants agree to hold Grueninger harmless for himself/herself/their self and his/her/their heirs and any of their minors, guests and invitees and acknowledges the inherent risks involved in the use of the hotel's swimming pool and/or body of water, which risks include, but are not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death from using the swimming pool or body of water. The group and participants also acknowledge and understand that use of the swimming pool or body of water by the participants is potentially dangerous and that the type of injury or damage described above can occur when using the swimming pool or body of water. THE GROUP AND PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AND IF THE PARTICIPANTS CHOOSE TO SWIM, THEY WILL DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

The group and participants hereby releases Grueninger, its staff and management, from any liability and/or responsibility for possible damage done by members of my group to the Hotel, or any other facility used during the tour, including: buses; vehicles used to transport students and/or adults, the various attraction facilities and/or performance facilities. I understand that full responsibility for damage, if such is incurred, rests entirely with my group and its sponsors to settle any claims, resulting from said damage, directly with the claimant.

ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning this contract, the brochure or any other advertising material concerning the trip or the trip itself must be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Indianapolis, Indiana pursuant to the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. In any such arbitration, substantive (but not procedural) Indiana law will apply to all issues.

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations for four (4) nights in a limited service hotel in suburb of Indianapolis

Meals as outlined in the itinerary:

- Four (4) breakfasts in the hotel
- Three (3) dinners
- Ice cream social on Monument Circle

The following attractions and entrance fees:

- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum
- Splash Mountain water park
- DJ dance at the Hard Rock Cafe
- Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Indianapolis Indians baseball game (pending, waiting on 2018 schedule)

Other:

- One complimentary festival package per choir based on a minimum of 30 singers
- Experienced Grueninger program director in Indianapolis
- Festival t-shirt for all participants
- Luggage tags and itineraries for all festival members

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transportation to and around Indianapolis
- Hotel security
- Any items of a personal nature i.e. snacks, phone calls, souvenirs etc
- Any meals or items not listed above

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