

The **NEW JERSEY YOUTH CHORUS**, founded in 1992, is an auditioned choral program for children in grades two through 12, divided into four ensembles. More than 180 choristers come from almost 40 towns in six counties. The Advanced Chorus—led by founder and Artistic Director Patricia Joyce—performs a wide range of choral literature from music of the classical masters to international folk music and gospel; it collaborates frequently with many professional ensembles nationally and internationally. It has appeared on “The Today Show,” as well as numerous festivals in Hawaii, Oregon, Canada and England. For more information, visit www.njyouthchorus.org.

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