

AMERICA SINGS!

Nashville, TN
May 12 & 13, 2023



America Sings! will share its song and service in the country music capitol Nashville, TN.

Your choir is invited to be a part of *America Sings! Nashville 2023*. We are so glad you are considering joining John Jacobson and friends on May 12th and 13th for this unique musical experience located at the historic Bicentennial Park Amphitheater. Your singers will love learning that they, along with hundreds of other young people who love music, have the power to make a difference — singing and serving! It's an artistic growing experience!

At the *America Sings!* Festival, choirs have the opportunity to perform their own individual choir concert and do community service projects. Each registered participant will get a t-shirt to

wear, and every choir will be presented with a gift to commemorate their participation! The spectacular Massed-Choir Finale Celebration will feature four songs, and the directors may perform a song, too! When your choir registers, you'll receive links to choreography videos showing the moves for the Massed-Choir Finale songs.

In this brochure, you will find necessary information about the Nashville *America Sings!* Festival. The *America Sings!* registration form can be found online and the links are listed on the final page. Please contact us at any time with your questions or concerns. We look forward to helping you make this an inspiring and educational event for your singers!

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song we
SHARE!

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Festival Schedule

As the festival approaches more information will be given to directors regarding exact times and locations

Limited Individual Performance Spots Available

Festival Deadlines

Oct. 28, 2022

Deposit deadline (\$200/ensemble)
Reserves your individual performance time on Saturday

March 1, 2023

Registration deadline for festival (\$50/Participant)

Friday

May 12, 2023

5 p.m.

Festival Registration Opens

6 p.m.

Opening Rehearsal and Entertainment. All participants expected to attend.

Saturday

May 13, 2023

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Individual Choir Performances, Clinics.

"Singposium"
(Optional) Workshops for Singers

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Various Community Service Projects

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Massed-Choir Finale Celebration
Times may be adjusted

Festival Activities

Opening Rehearsal and Entertainment

Friday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

All participants are invited to join John Jacobson at Bicentennial Park as he leads a fun rehearsal of the four Massed-Choir Finale songs that the participants have learned in advance. Guest artists from around the country will perform for participants.

Noncompetitive Individual Choir Concerts

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Choirs perform individually in public performances on stage (optional). Your entire choir can perform, or you can highlight smaller ensembles. Performances are not judged or critiqued. Choirs are allotted twenty minutes for their concert. This time must include set-up, performance, and strike. Choirs may choose to wear their own costumes or their *America Sings!* T-shirts for their individual shows. Each stage is furnished with a high-quality sound system, CD player, eight microphones, an electric piano and platforms in three heights. A professional sound engineer will follow your instructions to control the sound for your performance. Every choir is presented with a plaque commemorating their participation. Performance slots are limited, so first registered/first scheduled.

Community Service Projects

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

America Sings! participants join voices in song and combine their efforts to help less-advantaged people both in their hometowns and at the festival. The young singers are encouraged to bring supplies to the festival that will be used for this charitable work and to build time into their festival schedule to help with the service projects. A list of needed supplies will be sent to registered choirs.

"Singposium"

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

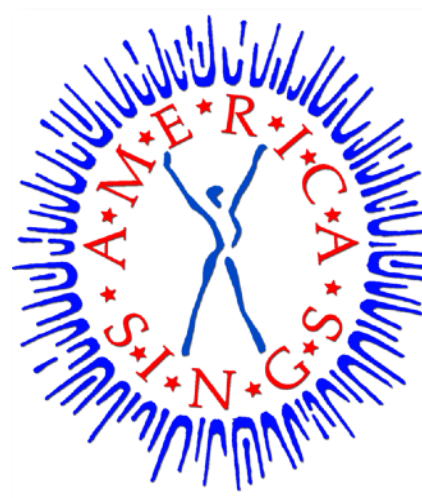
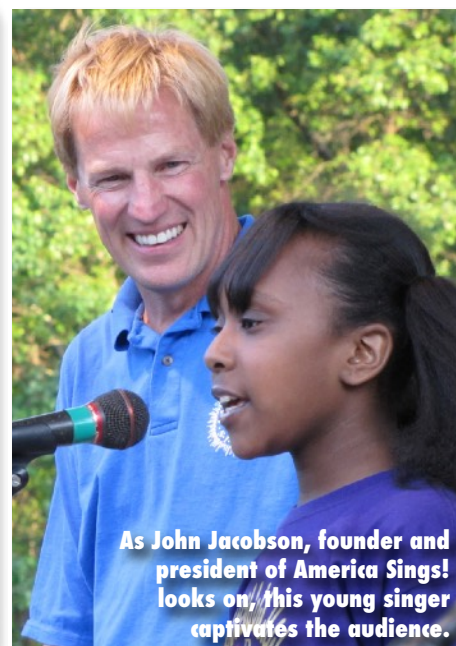
Guest clinicians will offer a variety of workshops for registered participants. A list of workshops will be sent to directors six weeks before the festival. Directors may choose to participate in this NEW unique conference style *America Sings!* Workshop offerings may include Beatboxing 101, Pop vs. Choral Vocal Technique, Jazz Classes, Stage Fright Classes, etc.



Massed-Choir Finale Celebration

Saturday, May 13th 5pm - 6pm

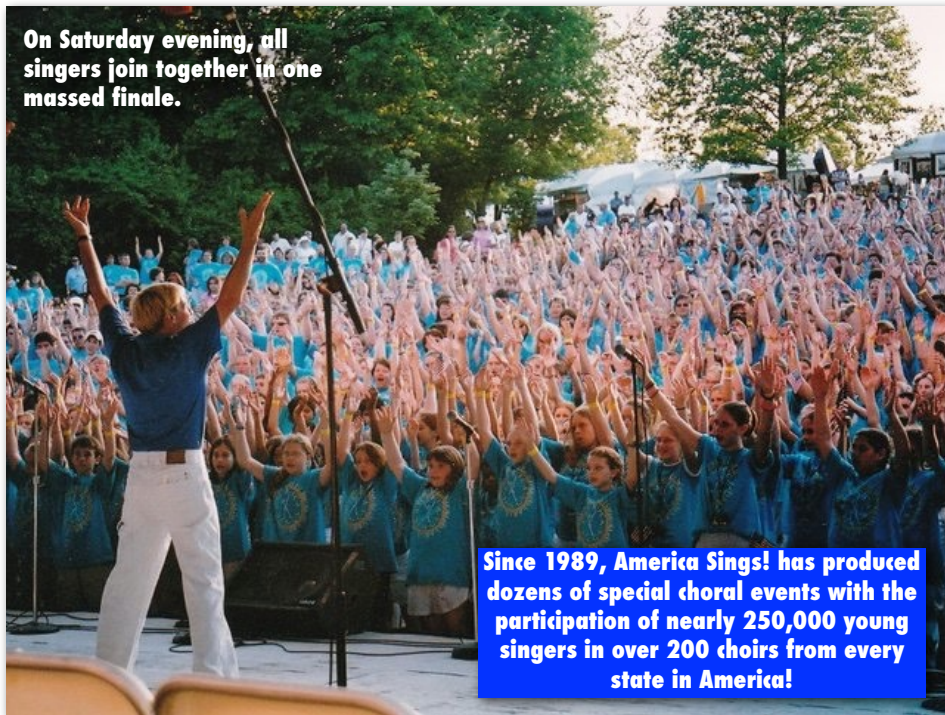
- ★ All participants join voices to perform four festival songs their choir directors have taught them in advance. Choirs are responsible for purchasing the sheet music from their favorite music dealers in the voicing (SATB, SAB or Two-Part) that works best for their ensemble.
- ★ Each song is choreographed. Choirs will receive links to choreography videos taught by John. Directors are responsible for their choir learning the choreography in advance of the festival.
- ★ During the Finale, inspiring motivational speakers encourage the participants to keep singing and to find ways to use their skills to serve others.
- ★ *America Sings!* requests that every participant in the Finale wear their festival T-shirt and dark indigo jeans with no tears or holes. Festival T-shirts are sent to choirs in advance.
- ★ Directors are invited to perform informally on stage in the Massed-Choir Finale.
- ★ Times subject to change



Singers make the perfect Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich for local homeless shelters.



On Saturday evening, all singers join together in one massed finale.



Since 1989, America Sings! has produced dozens of special choral events with the participation of nearly 250,000 young singers in over 200 choirs from every state in America!

Registration, Fees, and Refund Policy

To register your choir, please complete the online registration form and send registration fees to *America Sings!* Register your choir directly through the *America Sings!* office unless you've arranged to register through your travel agent. Travel agents must meet the same deadlines.

Online Registration Links

Festival Deposit: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/AmericaSingsInc/americasings2023depositform>

Festival Registration: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/AmericaSingsInc/americasingsnashville2023>

Chaperones are considered participants. They must register as participants and wear the festival T-shirt during the Massed-Choir Finale Celebration. Only registered participants will be allowed in rehearsal, clinic, and community service venues. In order to be considered registered and to receive performance attire, the full registration fee must be received by America Sings!

Choir registrations will be accepted until March 1, 2023. Registered choirs may register additional individuals at any time.

Registration refund deadlines:

Cancel before Nov. 1, 2022 - 100% of total registration paid minus non-refundable deposits

Cancel before Jan. 1, 2023 - 50% of total registration paid minus non-refundable deposits

Cancellations after Jan 1, 2023 - Non-refundable registration fees and deposits

Goals of America Sings!

1. To educate young people about the joys of philanthropy and their opportunities for charitable service and giving.
2. To provide high-quality, noncompetitive performing opportunities for young singers and dancers from choral organizations.
3. To make direct contributions on behalf of these young choral performers to established children's charities, especially donations for disadvantaged children.
4. To promote throughout the nation's schools and the national media, a positive image of American youth involved in public service to needy children through the performing arts.
5. To promote and stimulate interest in choral music as an art form among young people and the general public as a whole.