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Syracuse Children's Chorus Announces New Management Team Two Setnor School of Music Graduates Fulfill Leadership Roles

SYRACUSE, NY – The internationally acclaimed **Syracuse Children's Chorus** has named **Rebecca Miller**, of Baldwinsville, and **Kerry McDermott**, of Minoa, as Director of Operations and Director of Communications and Patron Development, respectively. Both Miller and McDermott are recent graduates of the **Syracuse University Setnor School of Music**.

Rebecca Miller graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University's Setnor School of Music in May 2009. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Industry and Performance Honors in vocal performance from the College of Visual and Performing Arts, as well as a minor in Management Studies from the Whitman School of Management. While at Syracuse University, she served as President and Treasurer of the Syracuse University Women's Choir, was named a University 100 Scholar, inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and a member of The College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List. Rebecca also performed with The Mandarins, Syracuse University's oldest all-female a capella group, Syracuse University's Opera Workshop, and the Syracuse Opera Chorus. Rebecca says, "I am honored to be part of an organization that values the individual and collective talents of the young singers of Central New York." As Director of Operations, she will be responsible for the administrative and financial duties of the Chorus as well as the organization of the *Children in Harmony Choral Festival* tour to Orlando, Florida set for May of 2010.

Kerry McDermott, a 2008 graduate of Syracuse University's Setnor School of Music, holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Industry, cum laude. She is an active alumnae member of Sigma Alpha Iota, the international music fraternity for women, which she served as both President and Vice President for Ritual while in college. During her time at Syracuse University, Kerry performed with the Syracuse University Women's Choir and the Syracuse University Oratorio Society, and was a member of the College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List. Previous experience in arts administration includes her work as Group Sales Representative for the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. As a Syracuse native, Kerry says that she is "excited to give back to [her] community and work with an organization that fosters the talent and creativity of young people." As Director of Communications and Patron Development, she will focus on marketing, development and public relations for the Chorus.

"Rebecca and Kerry's experience in arts management will greatly benefit our efforts as we lead the Chorus into its 29th season" said Dr. Barbara M. Tagg, Founder and Artistic Director of the Syracuse Children's Chorus. "We are pleased to have them join us!"

For more information, please contact the Syracuse Children's Chorus at 315.478.0582 or visit us on the web at www.SyracuseChildrensChorus.org.

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About the Syracuse Children's Chorus

The Syracuse Children's Chorus creates collaborative experiences in which young people share their joy of singing, develop their sense of beauty and deepen their commitment to excellence through choral music education and performance.