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SYRACUSE CHILDREN'S CHORUS WELCOMES NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

SYRACUSE, NY – The Board of Directors of the **Syracuse Children's Chorus** is very pleased to announce the appointment of **Stephanie Mowery** of Pasadena, CA as **Artistic Director of the Syracuse Children's Chorus** to begin **July 1, 2011**. "In choosing Stephanie to assume the position of Artistic Director, the Board of Directors has found the person with the exemplary artistry, enthusiasm and collaborative spirit that will continue the musical excellence that has been the earmark of the Syracuse Children's Chorus" stated Jamie Sutphen, President of the Board of Directors.

Stephanie Mowery has been the Director of Children's and Youth Music at All Saints Church, Pasadena, California since 1986 where she directed six choirs, grades K-12. She also served as Associate Director of the Los Angeles Children's Chorus from 1987–1995 and Apprentice Choir Director from 2004-2007. In demand as a guest director and clinician, Ms. Mowery is active with children's choirs in the Los Angeles area and serves as a leader in teacher education and festival organization. Stephanie holds degrees from Occidental College and Westminster Choir College. She was awarded the Artist-Teacher Diploma from the Choral Music Experience Institute in 1995. Her choirs from All Saints Church have been featured at regional and state conventions of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), the California Music Educators Association (CMEA), and the National Convention of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association.

In response to her recent appointment, Ms. Mowery has said, "I am thrilled to join the staff of the Syracuse Children's Chorus. For nearly 20 years, I have known the Syracuse Children's Chorus as a world class choral music education organization committed to offering amazing collaborative opportunities for young singers to experience the joy of singing. It is an honor and a privilege to now be able to build upon the legacy of artistic excellence and leadership in the children's chorus community established by Founder and Director Emeritus, Dr. Barbara M. Tagg. I'm tremendously excited about making music with the children, working with the parents, staff and Board and developing new relationships within the Syracuse community."

Ms. Mowery will be welcomed into the Syracuse community at the Syracuse **Children's Chorus' 30th Anniversary Celebration** dinner to be held on the evening of **April 29, 2011 at 6:15pm at Traditions at the Links** in East Syracuse. The Chorus will also honor Ms. Mowery at the final concert of their 30th Anniversary Season, **30 Years of Premieres**, to be held on **Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 4:00pm in Hendricks Chapel** on the **Syracuse University** campus. Tickets for these events can be purchased from the Syracuse Children's Chorus office by calling **315.478.0582** or emailing SCCInfo@SyracuseChildrensChorus.org.

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. Under the expert leadership of the artistic staff of the Syracuse Children's Chorus, the children contribute to the development of the American choral tradition, performing from Carnegie Hall to China, from London to Los Angeles, serving as Central New York's musical ambassadors to the world. Founded at Syracuse University in 1981 by Barbara M. Tagg, the Chorus is recognized for musical excellence and as a model for performance-based choral music education. The Chorus received the ASCAP Chorus America award for Adventurous Programming in both 2007 and 2002 in acknowledgement of these accomplishments.

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