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### **Children's Chorus of Maryland Tour Choir Performs at Pacific International Choral Festival in Oregon**

Towson, MD., July 18, 2016 - Children's Chorus of Maryland (CCM) 2016 Tour Choir returned home on June 29<sup>th</sup> after participating in the Pacific International Choral Festival ([Picfest](#)) in Eugene, Oregon from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year's festival, "Shakespeare and all that Jazz", featured the Grammy Award-winning jazz legends, The Yellowjackets. Highlights of the week-long festival included performances with ten participating choirs in a series of *Sharing our Songs* concerts, in addition to a performance as part of the 300 voice youth festival choir at a gala concert conducted by world renowned choral composer and clinician Bob Chilcott.

The 22 member CCM Choir worked with ten other choirs from across the United States on repertoire that included works by Mr. Chilcott, George Shearing, and Sarah Quartel. Throughout the week the CCM students performed at the Oregon Bach Festival, the "Sharing Our Songs" Concert and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bob Chilcott directed individual choral clinics for all the choirs.

Ranging in age from 10-17, many members of the CCM Tour choir have been singing for over seven years with Children's Chorus of Maryland and represent children from public, private and homeschool backgrounds. Under the direction of Artistic Director Susan Bialek, Children's Chorus of Maryland features highly qualified teachers, small classes, and in-depth vocal enrichment to provide children with a complete musical education and choral experience. Children's Chorus of Maryland will hold auditions on August 9<sup>th</sup> for its 2016-2017 season. For more information about our music programs, visit [www.ccmsings.org](http://www.ccmsings.org) or call 410-494-1480.

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