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Dear Choral Director:

I would like to invite you to consider bringing your choir to the Festival of Young Voices hosted by the Appalachian Children's Chorus. Selina Midkiff, Artistic Director for the choir and the festival, along with her dedicated staff, have developed a unique musical and cultural opportunity for young singers. Students will have an opportunity to sing a diverse body of choral repertoire, including classical works, folk songs, spirituals, and songs that are rooted in the Appalachian folk tradition. The massed choir will have the opportunity to collaborate with a classical chamber orchestra as well as a string band (guitar, mandolin, dobro, banjo and string bass).

I have been honored to server as composer-in-residence for this festival for the past three years. This festival is a "one-a-a-kind" experience that will prove to be both musically and culturally enriching for all participants. I look forward to being at next year's festival, and I hope that you will consider bringing your youth choir.

Sincerely,

Rollo Dilworth
Composer-in-Residence
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