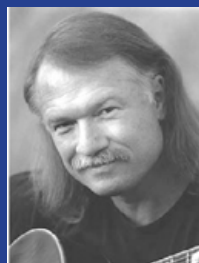




Selina Midkiff & Rollo Dilworth, Festival Directors



Dr. Rollo Dilworth is an active conductor, educator and clinician who has taught choral music at the elementary, secondary and university levels. He is a contributing author for the Essential Elements for Choir textbook series and for Music Express teachers magazine. His research interests are in African American music and music education curriculum and instruction. Dilworth is an award-winning composer, and his choral compositions are a part of Hal Leonard publications.

Mrs. Selina Midkiff is the founder and artistic director of the Appalachian Children's Chorus (ACC). She has a bachelor's and master's degree in music education from West Virginia University. Mrs. Midkiff has studied children's choral techniques and conducting with such renowned conductors as Henry Leck, Barbara Tagg, Doreen Rao and Sandra Snow. Because of her work with ACC, she and the choir received the 2015 Spirit Award from the WV Music Hall of Fame. In 2016, she received an honorary doctorate of music from the University of Charleston.

Ron Sowell serves as co-director for the festival. He is best known for his role as the music + director of the internationally acclaimed public radio show, Mountain Stage. Ron is also a dynamic singer/songwriter, guitarist performer and producer. We so happy to have him as an artistic consultant.

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APPALACHIAN
FESTIVAL OF
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VOICES

June 16-19, 2022



You are invited!

We invite treble choirs from around the country to register. It can be a children's choir program that represents a community, school, or church. The choristers' age range should be between 9 and 18.

Visit a beautiful, safe river city!

"The accommodations were excellent and the logistics made it one of the easiest tours we have ever done. Thank you again for a very meaningful festival experience, and one I would recommend to others."

- LuAnn Holden, Chattanooga Girls Chorus

Festival Fee Includes:

- 4 nights of lodging
- 8 meals (4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners)
- Square dance with live music
- Festival handbook
- Festival monogrammed polo
- Visit to FestivALL
- Private rehearsal time with Dr. Rollo Dilworth
- Children's choir music workshops/rehearsals
- Professional storyteller
- Q & A time with Dr. Rollo Dilworth, and Ron Sowell, Director of Mountain Stage
- Final performance in the Civic Center Little Theater
- Performance with classical orchestra and a world class string band
- One complimentary trip per 25 paying choristers is provided

Transport to and from Charleston, WV, is the responsibility of the individual choirs.



Schedule

Thursday:

Check in, rehearsal, welcome dinner & story time

Friday:

Two rehearsals, free time, special lunch for artistic staff, full ensemble rehearsal with string band, Q&A session

Saturday:

Two rehearsals, FestivALL's Capitol St. Art Fair, free time, dinner, square dance party

Sunday:

Ensemble rehearsal with orchestra and string band, private rehearsal time with Dr. Dilworth, dinner at concert venue, performance

Monday:

Breakfast and depart for home

*Solo concerts by visiting choirs occur each evening in the Embassy Ballroom



"...a gift to the world."

- Paul Caldwell



This festival is a "one of a kind" experience that will prove to be both musically and culturally enriching for all participants.

- Dr. Rollo Dilworth

The singers were definitely the main focus throughout the event. Combined with your musical direction and that of Dr. Dilworth's, they've had a higher-level musical experience—especially geared for this age singer.

-Anne Saxon, Founding Artistic Director—Central Carolina Children's Chorus

"Our short time was filled with such rich events! My kids had such a good time – they really loved it and appreciated how friendly the other singers were towards them."

-Diane Simons, South Bay Children's Choir



Festival Features:

- Individual performances at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Festival choir performances at the Civic Center
- 4 nights at Charleston's newly remodeled Embassy Suites Hotel
- Performance with a traditional string band and orchestra
- Participation in Charleston's city-wide cultural event, FestivALL
- Individual choir time with Dr. Dilworth
- Amazing opportunity to personally interact with composer/conductor Dr. Dilworth, singer/songwriter Ron Sowell
- Square dancing with live music
- Appalachian storytelling



Registration Information

- For questions and an information packet about the festival, please call 304.343.1111, visit our website at wvacc.org or e-mail selina@wvacc.org.
- Interested choirs should complete the application form found on our website and submit it along with an audio or video audition tape and a \$500 nonrefundable deposit fee to the Appalachian Children's Chorus.

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2021