

19 Singers to Say Good-By to Children's Chorus

It will be a nostalgic moment for 19 young people on May 12 when, on the stage of Memorial Hall, they'll bid good-bye to the Inland Children's Chorus.

The group of graduates, some having been with the Chorus for as many as eight years, will take with them many fond memories. But, more important, they will carry with them the lasting gift of a sound musical background, gained from long hours of practice and the many delightful hours of performing.

For many the Inland Children's Chorus was only the beginning. Some are looking for increased participation in high school glee clubs and choruses. Others are looking beyond, towards college and the many musical opportunities available there.

Martha Lamoureux, 16, daughter of Charles and Mary Lamoureux, a chorus member for eight years, summed it up like this:



Larry C. Rucker

"Through Inland's Children Chorus, I gained the free musical education, musical training and musical background I need for future use. I also experienced the ability to work, sing, and play in a group and, while doing this, I gained many friends. I learned how to get along with people from many age groups and personalities, received many worthwhile and practical gifts at Christmas and enjoyed many nice trips to Le Sourdsville Lake Amusement Park."

Martha, a soprano, is a sophomore at Archbishop Alter High School.

Here are the other graduates:

Patricia Deck, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Deck, is a sophomore at Fairmont West; sings soprano, and has been with the chorus eight years.

Mary Lehmann, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Lehmann, Jr., is a sophomore at Julianne. A soprano, Mary especially appreciates the training in promptness, patience, perseverance and deeper appreciation of wholesome music she acquired during her five years with the chorus.

Julie Hansen, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hansen, is a sophomore at Julianne. A soprano, she sang with the chorus three years, lauds the self-confidence and stage presence she acquired.

John Baker, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Baker, a sophomore at Colonel White, sings tenor and has been with the chorus seven years.

Karen Bursch, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bursch, sings soprano and has been a chorus member for seven years. She is a sophomore at Fairmont.



Graduates from the Inland Children's Chorus include, first row, left to right, Mary Lehmann, Karen Bursch, Roberta Borton, Linda Steahly, Mary Jane Rohler, Mary Sue Gmaz, and Beverly Tobe. Second row, Kathie Martin, Julie Hansen, Pat Deck, Dianne Neu, Jane Walters, Martha Lamoureux and Joseph Geiger, director. Third row, Robert Hamden, Martin Hanshew, Nick Ipiotis, Mike Overly and John Baker. Larry Rucker (left) was absent when the picture was taken.

Dianne Neu, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neu, adds another chapter to a family tradition when she graduates. Her mother, Lucille, was a member of the chorus during its first year! Dianne, a sophomore at Julianne, has sung with the chorus eight years. She is a soprano.

Mary Jane Rohler, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Rohler, is a sophomore at St. Joseph Commercial. She sang alto for five years.

Linda Steahly, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steahly, is also a sophomore at St. Joseph. She sang alto for six years.

Kathie Martin, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Martin, is a sophomore at Belmont and sang alto. She said she received a deep appreciation of good music, fellowship, and an understanding of the advantages of good discipline during her five years with the chorus.

Beverly Tobe, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tobe, a sophomore at Julianne, is a soprano and sang with the chorus for six years.

Michael Overly, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Overly, is a sophomore at Fairview and has been with the chorus eight years. A soprano and tenor, Michael feels that he gained a greater variation and understanding of music and hopes that this experience will help him at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music where he hopes to further his studies.

Nick Ipiotis, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Ipiotis, a sophomore at Wayne High, has been with the chorus five years, singing soprano and bass. He, as did many of the other graduates, praised Joseph Geiger's skill and dedication as a chorus director.

Larry C. Rucker, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Rucker, is a sophomore at Roth. He has been with the chorus five years, singing tenor.

Martin Hanshew, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hanshew, is a freshman at Brookville High. He has been a chorus member for eight years.

Jane Walters, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walters, hopes to utilize her chorus experience when she enters the University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music. A sophomore at St. Joseph, Jane sang soprano for seven years.

Robert A. Hamden, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Hamden, is a junior at Chaminade. He especially enjoyed the privilege of participating in concerts and entertaining others. He is a tenor and sang with the chorus eight years.

Roberta Borton, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Borton, is a sophomore at Trotwood Madison and sang alto for eight years. She counts her acquired skill of reading music as one of the many fine things the chorus gave to her.

Mary Sue Gmaz, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Gmaz, is a sophomore at Archbishop Alter High. A soprano and chorus member for seven years, Mary Sue expressed her appreciation in learning the value of teamwork, the importance of discipline, and for the feeling of satisfaction after a concert.

Courtesy of Susan (Gmaz) Jones