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## Spivey Hall Children's Choir Announces Auditions for 26<sup>th</sup> Season

### *Open House scheduled for March 11*

**MORROW GA (March 4, 2019)** - Clayton State University's [Spivey Hall](#) announced today that its [Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program](#) has opened registration for its [Saturday, April 27 auditions](#). Students and parents interested in learning more about the program and its 26<sup>th</sup> season (2019 – 2020), which begins in late August, are invited to attend the [Open House on Monday, March 11](#).

"The students participating in our choir program see a positive effect on their academic achievement and overall well-being, while learning how to work together with confidence to create beautiful music," said Dr. Martha Shaw, artistic director and founder of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir. "Being involved in a chorus teaches these kids creativity, teamwork and risk taking – all important skills as they grow into adulthood."

Shaw is looking for singers, boys and girls, between the ages of 10 and 13; no previous musical experience is necessary.

Students and parents interested in learning more about the SHCC Program can attend the **Open House and Preview Night** at Spivey Hall on **Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** This annual Open House event is a great opportunity to experience what the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program is all about. Visitors will be able to hear all three choirs perform and meet the conductors, singers, alumnae and parents associated with the program. In addition, young singers will be invited to join the Young Artists on the Spivey Hall stage.

At the Open House, young singers can ask questions about and register for the [SHCC 26<sup>th</sup> Season Auditions](#), scheduled for **Saturday, April 27, 2019**. Singers must be between the ages of 10 and 13 on September 1 of the audition year, in order to audition. Full details and registration forms can be found at [clayton.edu/spiveyhall/education](http://clayton.edu/spiveyhall/education). There is a \$15.00 registration fee.

The 170 members of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program perform in three choirs and draw from 17 metro-Atlanta counties. The **Spivey Hall Children's Choir** is the largest ensemble of the program, featuring some 120 singers ages 10 to 18. The **Spivey Hall Young Artists** features 60 students ages

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10 through 13, and perform a wide range of repertoire that equips singers with the skills they need to participate in the Spivey Hall Children's Choir.

The **Tour Choir** travels each summer, undertaking a week-long international tour every third year; highlights over its 25-year history include concert tours of Spain, Italy, China, England, Sweden and Norway. In between international tour years, the Tour Choir has performed domestically, in noted venues including Carnegie Hall in New York and the Salt Lake City Tabernacle in Temple Square (home to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir). The Tour Choir also undertakes "Give Back Tours," travelling in the Southeast to where they perform recitals in smaller community centers like assisted living complexes, school auditoriums and senior centers. For the summer of 2019, the Tour Choir has scheduled concerts in Chattanooga and Nashville, Tennessee.

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### **About Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program**

Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program consists of three choirs and draws from 17 metro-Atlanta counties. Membership and placement in the choirs is by audition, based on artistic merit and teacher recommendations, with need-based financial assistance available.

Under the direction of Dr. Martha Shaw, all of these outstanding young musicians proudly represent Spivey Hall's dedication to music education and commitment to artistic excellence. For more information, or to learn about our spring auditions, visit [spiveyhallchildrenschoir.org](http://spiveyhallchildrenschoir.org). Follow the Program on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

The program gratefully acknowledges the support of Clayton State University, the Spivey Education Committee, The Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation and the surrounding arts community. The foundation laid by area music specialists, choral directors, church music programs, and other organizations is a large part of the success of this choral program.

### **About Spivey Hall**

Now celebrating its 28th season, **Spivey Hall** is the South's most acoustically superior recital hall, presenting the best in classical, jazz and world music. Located on the picturesque campus of Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, just fifteen miles southeast of Atlanta, the Hall wins accolades from artists, patrons and journalists alike. An intimate venue with just 390 seats, Spivey Hall promotes for the concert-goer a personal connection with the artist both during and after the performance. Spivey's extraordinary acoustics and reputation for distinguished programming attract outstanding international musicians who regularly perform at the nation's major concert venues such as Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. Spivey Hall also presents regular performances on its magnificent 4,413-pipe Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, custom-built in Italy by Fratelli Ruffatti.

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall gratefully acknowledges support received for the 2018-2019 concert season from the Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation, the Chaparral Foundation, and the Spivey Hall Friends, as well as from media partners [WABE 90.1 FM](#) and [Jazz 91.9 WCLK](#).

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### **About Clayton State University**

A unit of the University System of Georgia, **Clayton State University** is an outstanding comprehensive metropolitan university located 15 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta. For more information, visit [clayton.edu](https://clayton.edu).

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