



"Real art is one of the most powerful forces in the rise of mankind, and he who renders it accessible to as many people as possible is a benefactor of humanity."

*Zoltan Kodaly in 1953*

"It is our firm conviction that mankind will live the happier when it has learned to live with music more worthily. Whoever works to promote this end, in one way or another, has not lived in vain."

*Zoltan Kodaly in 1966*

"That the economic crisis is the cause of everything? Everything will be set right as soon as the economy is in order? I do not think so... the most valuable things cannot be bought with money. The greatest trouble is not the emptiness of the purse but the emptiness of the soul."

*Zoltan Kodaly in 1929*

*commenting on the state of music education in the schools of Hungary*

We honor the following music educators for their service to our children.  
*(Sincere apologies for any that were inadvertently left out.)*

Alice Lipson	Staples High School
Mrs. Margaret Sargent	Lauralton Hall
Mrs. Christman	Joel Barlow High School
Miss Givoni	Joel Barlow High School
Mr. Wojtowicz	Nathan Hale Middle School
Jennifer Horn	Fairfield Prep High School
Scott Handley	Strafrod High School
Mrs. Anne Tornillo	Trumbull High School
Ms. Megan Kirk	Helen Keller Middle School
Michele Schule	Trinity Catholic Middle School
Ms. Murphy	Weston Middle School
Mr. Ferraro	St. Joseph High School
Mr. David Ebert	John Read Middle School
Mrs. Kruse	Easton Country Day School High School
Deanna Saunders	Madison Middle School
Frank Arcari	Brien McMahon High School
Amie Arcari	Dwight School
Mrs. Wich	Hopkins School
Mr. Cris Russo	Samuel Staples Elementary School
Mr. Don Cooper	Samuel Staples Elementary School
Mrs. Shannon	Coleytown Middle School
Mr. Dobas	Seymour Middle School
Elizabeth Morris	Weston Intermediate School
Lisa Mascitelli	Weston Intermediate School
Koryn Soboleski	Weston Intermediate School
Mrs. Ellen Kuroghlian	Mill Hill Elementary
Ms. Rebecca Squire	Saugatuck Elementary School
Mrs. Toole	St. Thomas Aquinas
Mr. Province	Read Elementary
Suzanne Propp	Greens Farms School
Mrs. Kate Sheahan	Cider Mill School
Mrs. Clark	Tashua Elementary School
Marie Troiano	Race Brook School
Jim Olden	Race Brook School



Mark Sullivan  
Sarah Guterman  
Mr. James T. Bruni  
Ms. Annette Etheridge  
Jeffery Albright  
Martha Alward  
Donna Beatty  
Brian Borrelli  
Rodger Bryan  
James Buchta  
Patti Buchta  
Sharon Cardillo  
Sheila Doherty  
Cynthia Eckhardt  
Sam Eckhardt  
Faith Ferry  
Lorraine Fiero  
Jeremy Fiftal  
Mark Fischer  
Carole Frawley  
John Fumasoli  
Deborah Graser  
Laura Hartshorn  
Charles Jeffryes  
Susan Jimenez  
Alejandro Jimenez  
Carolyn King  
Caroline Kinsley  
Bernie Klinger  
Gjorgj Kroqi  
Vickie Kuan  
Ellen Kuroghlian  
Cheryl Labrecque  
Amy Lafond  
Anna Lawlor  
Loretta Lazaris  
Carole Maravich  
Scott Marsland  
Sara Mastrony  
Tricia McDonald  
Mendy Midzenski  
Dorothy Rogers  
Donna Schmardel  
Lynda Smith  
Carla Strauss  
Donna Tanana  
Polly Torrence  
Michael Varga  
Carole Walke  
Linda Zwickler  
Lisa Bettke  
Kevin Cotellese  
Lucille Parkinson  
Todd Simmons  
Jon Noyes

Our Lady of Mercy School  
Kings Highway Elementary School  
Convent of the Sacred Heart School  
Convent of the Sacred Heart School  
Riverfield & Mill Hill Schools  
Strafrod School  
Riverfield School  
Fairfield Ludlowe High School  
Tomlinson Middle School  
Fairfield Woods Middle School  
Riverfield, Jennings, Osborn Hill Schools  
Osborn Hill School  
Sherman School  
Burr & Jennings Schools  
Fairfield Warde & Ludlowe High Schools  
Tomlinson Middle School  
Jennings School  
Fairfield Warde High School  
Tomlinson Middle School  
Fairfield Woods Middle School  
Roger Ludlowe Middle School  
Fairfield Warde High School  
Osborn Hill School  
Tomlinson Middle School  
Strafrod & Sherman Schools  
Hartford Public Schools  
McKinley, N. Strafrod & Mill Hill Schools  
Osborn Hill & Dwight Schools  
Holland Hill School  
Roger Ludlowe Middle School  
Roger Ludlowe Middle School  
Mill Hill School  
Fairfield Woods Middle School  
Roger Ludlowe Middle School  
Fairfield Ludlowe High School  
Fairfield Woods Middle School  
Burr School  
Fairfield Warde High School  
Tomlinson Middle School  
N. Strafrod School  
Strafrod, Sherman & Ludlowe Middle Schools  
Roger Ludlowe Middle School  
Fairfield Warde & Ludlowe High Schools  
Fairfield Ludlowe High School  
Sherman, McKinley & Tomlinson Schools  
& N. Strafrod Schools  
Roger Ludlowe Middle School  
Fairfield Woods Middle School  
Fairfield Warde & Ludlowe High Schools  
Holland Hill, Mill Hill, Dwight, Burr Schools  
McKinley School  
Fairfield Ludlowe High School  
Milford Public Schools  
Westport School of Music  
Holland Hill School



### Special Guest Artist Ivan Rutherford

Ivan Rutherford has been a professional actor/singer for the past fifteen years, starring in Tony Award winning Broadway shows such as *"Les Miserables"* (Jean Valjean) and *"Titanic"* (Charles Lightoller). Ivan was honored with a "Best Actor" nomination from the National Broadway Theatre Awards for his portrayal of Jean Valjean, and performed the role more than 2000 times. Other favorite roles include Tony in *"West Side Story,"* The Caliph in *"Kismet,"* and Lt. Joe Cable in *"South Pacific."* A graduate of West Chester University and a member of the "National Association of Teachers of Singing," Ivan continues in the business by helping other singers in his private Fairfield Voice Studio. Instructing adults and children, from the novice to the professional, Ivan shares his passion for singing as well as continuing his own studies in New York.



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Kevin Cotellese – Concert Choir Conductor

Lucille Parkinson – Chorus Conductor

Todd Simmons - Accompanist

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The 14th Annual Spring Concert, "An American Celebration," contains an exciting variety of themes, styles and special projects. We will be commemorating the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln with a number of selections, including a *Civil War Suite* which features songs from the period interspersed with a dramatic reading of the Gettysburg Address by renowned Broadway actor Ivan Rutherford. Ivan will also perform a solo from Frank Wildhorn's musical *The Civil War*, a moving song-cycle which weaves an emotional tapestry from our nation's history. We will also perform numerous spirituals, one of which specifically mentions the Emancipation Proclamation.

Continuing with the birthday theme, we will be celebrating Pete Seeger's 90th with songs such as *Goodnight Irene*, *This Land Is Your Land* and *How Can I Keep From Singing?* We would like to thank Dr. Alan Levy, parent of Sera, who supported the FCCC at our Broadway Concert & Auction in February. He held the high bid for the opportunity to conduct the choir and he has chosen Pete Seeger's *Turn! Turn! Turn!* For Mother's Day, we have a very moving composition written by Adela Fejzaj, one of our choristers, whose mother was very ill with cancer. *A Joy to Be In This World* is a poignant and profound piece with wonderful "text painting." It is truly amazing that this came from the heart and mind of a ten year old!

Our program will also feature a premiere composition by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory entitled *Witness*. It tells, through narration and song, the story of Clematine Wamariya, a young girl who survived the Rwandan genocide.

In a very special presentation, we will honor the music educators in our area with music, a slide show and some words from our special guest, Dorothy Straub. We will also feature some New Orleans jazz - *Basin Street Blues* and *Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?* - in anticipation of our June tour to the Big Easy! On a lighter note, we hope you enjoy the historical perspective of George Gershwin's Depression era song, *Who Cares?* (Who cares what banks fail in Yonkers, long as you've got a kiss that conquers!)

We hope you enjoy the show. Thank you for supporting the Fairfield County Children's Choir!



## Concert Choir & Chamber Singers

Praise the Lord .....G.F. Handel, arr. Hopson

Read 'Em John .....Paul Caldwell/Sean Ivory

### Chorus

Goodnight Irene .....Huddie Ledbetter

John A. Lomax

And This Shall Be for Music .....Robert Louis Stevenson

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

This Train .....arr. Donald Moore

### Chorale

My Favorite Things .....Rodgers/Hammerstein, arr.  
Hirokawa

Wade in the Water .....arr. Brad Printz

This Land Is Your Land .....Woody Guthrie, arr. Murray

### Concert Choir

The Circus Band .....Charles E. Ives

The Drinking Gourd .....arr. Andre Thomas

Basin Street Blues .....Spencer Williams, arr. Anderson

## Guest Artist - Ivan Rutherford

Virginia from "The Civil War" .....Frank Wildhorn

### Chamber Singers

How Can I Keep From Singing? .....arr. Rob Hugh

Witness .....Paul Caldwell/Sean Ivory

Do You Know What It Means to

Miss New Orleans? .....DeLange/Alter

### FCCC Combined Choirs

We Gather Here Together .....16th Century Madrigal

O Music, Sweet Music .....Lowell Mason

Special Guests – Area Music Educators

Turn! Turn! Turn! .....Pete Seeger

Guest Conductor: Dr. Alan Levy

A Joy to Be In This World .....Adela Fejzaj

Who Cares? from "Of Thee I Sing" .....George & Ira Gershwin

A Civil War Suite .....arr. Noyes/Simmons

The Battle Cry of Freedom, Tenting on the Old Campground,  
The Battle Hymn of the Republic, The Gettysburg Address



## FCCC High Notes Award Dorothy Straub

The FCCC High Notes Award for 2009 is presented to Dorothy A. Straub. Her service both to children and to the music education profession is extensive and profound. Dorothy is recently retired as K-12 Music Coordinator in the Fairfield, Connecticut Public Schools where she also taught strings and orchestra. In Fairfield she established an orchestra program which now has more than thirteen hundred string players as well as orchestras in every school. The band and chorus programs are equally as strong and the core of the instructional program is a substantive general music program, the goal of which is to provide a quality music education for every child.

Ms. Straub has served in various capacities for the Connecticut Music Educators Association, including president of the association and chairman of the Professional Affairs Commission. From 1987 to 1989 she served as president of the MENC Eastern Division. Ms. Straub is a past president of the MENC, The National Association for Music Education. As MENC president from 1992 to 1994 she represented MENC at music education conferences in more than thirty states. She was involved in the development of national standards in music as well as advocacy efforts for the arts in education as a part of the National Coalition for Music Education.

In 1995 Ms. Straub received the ASTA (American String Teachers Association) Citation for Exceptional Leadership and Merit and the NSOA (National School Orchestra Association) Lifetime Achievement Award. From 1996 to 1998 she served on the National Board of the American String Teachers Association. She served on the Music Committee for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and is a member of the Education Advisory Committee of the National Music Center.

She was one of the founders of the Columbia Council on the Arts in New York state and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Fairfield Arts Council in Connecticut. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Fairfield County Children's Choir and South Shore Music for Youth, Inc. She received the Outstanding Administrator Award by the Connecticut Music Educators Association in 1989. The Westport Arts Advisory Committee named her the recipient of the Music Award at the 1997 Westport Arts Awards celebration.