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MERCED CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS ITS THIRD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Expose your child to the joys of making music this spring as the Merced College Community Services, in collaboration with the College's Department of Music, offers its third season of the Merced Children's Choir, a mixed choir of young singers ages 7-12.

This class will spend 15 weeks studying music culminating in a public performance. Experienced singers are enthusiastically welcome, but choristers need not have any previous choral experience. The Choir will also study the basics of vocal production and technique, music reading, rhythm and diction. Some scholarships are available.

Patrice Stribling Nelson, Director of the Merced Children's Choir, is a classically-trained pianist and choral conductor who has appeared as guest solo pianist with several symphony orchestras across the U.S. and has conducted for such audiences as Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, President and Mrs. George Bush. A native Mercedian, she returned to Merced in 2005 after a 27-year absence. She serves on the music faculty of Merced College and operates the Stribling Nelson Music Studio in Merced, offering private instruction in piano, theory and musical theatre instruction.

The Merced Children's Choir will be held every Wednesday from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 23 until May 15 in Merced College Music Room 1. Cost is \$99. Register online at www.mccd.edu/community or by phone at 384.6224.