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LANSING CHILDREN'S CHOIR has been awarded a grant of \$2,600 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 659 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal year 2020 funding.

"Building Connections with the World Around Us: Lansing Children's Choir" will allow children and youth in the City of Lansing to explore, create and learn more about the music around them. All of our materials and programming for the 2020/2021 Season will be available virtually. For those choristers who have technological restraints, all materials will be also given to each chorister to increase their learning and musicality in their own homes.

"We are so excited to be receiving this grant," says Megan Higle, Artistic Director. "The kids worked really hard last season and to have all the spring performances cancelled due to COVID-19 was a huge letdown. But that didn't stop us from singing. Even though we couldn't be together in person, we connected virtually as much as possible. Now, thanks to MCACA we have the momentum we need to keep going and have a joyful 2020-21 season."

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support of the project included:

Insty Prints (Downtown Lansing); Marshall Music; First Presbyterian Church of Lansing

LANSING CHILDREN'S CHOIR also receives significant volunteer support from the community. Some of our generous donors include:

Kim & Brendan Ringlever; Rev. Robert A. Higle; Sam & Kathe Smith; James McClurken & Sergei Kvitko

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences.

A complete list of grant awards around the state is available by contacting MCACA at (517) 241-4011, or by visiting the MCACA website at www.michigan.gov/arts.