

Winter concert features 100 kids

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Exceptional young singers, the two Carroll County music teachers thought, should get an opportunity to sing outside of the usual school setting, to sing with other students of their caliber. In other words, they came up with the idea of the Children's Chorus of Carroll County.

It was a good idea. The group attracted students who auditioned from all over the county. They began performing two annual concerts in the area as well as limited engagements elsewhere, like Port Discovery in Baltimore.

Just before leaving the group last year, Rubin led a small contingent of the group in a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

When the chorus gives its annual winter concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at Baker Memorial Chapel at Western Maryland College, more than 100 elementary and middle school students will perform.

The group is auditioned, meaning not every child who wants to sing gets in.

"We do have to break some little hearts each year," said Mary Willey, business manager for the Children's Chorus.

The chorus is actually composed of the three smaller groups: two elementary school groups (one for second- and third-graders and one for fourth- and fifth-graders) and one for middle school students.

On Sunday, the group will be accompanied by Diane Jones on piano and Walt Michael on the dulcimer.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call the Children's Chorus of Carroll County at 410-871-3391.

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