

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

Gordon Nelson Scholarship Fund

There is a special joy that can only be found in the powerful blending of voices united in song. Through the centuries music has helped capture the spirit and essence of great moments. Encouraging the future generation of musical talent is essential to preserving this tradition.

A Scholarship Fund has been established in the name of Gordon Nelson, the founder of the Detroit Concert Choir.

The Fund will:

- Honor Gordon Nelson and keep his memory alive
- Support our efforts to encourage young people to join the Detroit Concert Choir by helping defray membership costs
- Provide financial assistance to worthy young musicians who share in the Detroit Concert Choir's artistry

To support this funding opportunity, please designate *Nelson Scholarship Fund* in the memo line of your donation to the Detroit Concert Choir.

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Gordon Nelson (1931-2015)



Gordon Nelson, Founding Artistic Director of the international award winning Detroit Concert Choir, built a truly great choral ensemble by challenging its members to reach beyond their own expectations to achieve extraordinary goals. In 1987, Mr. Nelson created the group to enhance the lives of others through music and to provide a venue for musicians, professional and amateur, to share their talents with the community. Mr. Nelson's desire to enhance the lives of others through music became the foundation for a group that developed into local, national, and international pacesetters of choral music.

Under Mr. Nelson's leadership, the Detroit Concert Choir contributed greatly to the cultural vitality of Metropolitan Detroit, presenting 27 inspiring concert seasons, highlighted by performances with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and at American Choral Director Association Conventions.

Mr. Nelson's passion for excellence and his extensive musical knowledge led the Detroit Concert Choir to eighteen national and international honors, including the "Choir of the World" title at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and the Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence.