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MATSIKO

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR

A CHOIR OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S NETWORK

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- Westerville, OH
- Dayton, OH
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- Sun Valley, ID
- Missoula, MT
- Sandpoint, ID
- Spokane, WA
- Seattle, WA





The Matsiko World Orphan Choir has had 5 very successful tours in the United States. Below are a few tour highlights.

- Sports fans applauded Matsiko as they performed at Los Angeles Clippers playoff and regular season games at Staples Arena, Seattle Sonics at the Key Arena, UCLA Basketball, St. Louis Cardinals, and Football at the Rose Bowl, along with sold out Nebraska Women's Volleyball game
 - Matsiko performed at the Google, Inc. Corporate Conference
 - Matsiko was invited by Gary Miller to sing back up on an album to raise funds for the nonprofit "Rock Against Trafficking"
 - Disneyland referred to Matsiko as a "World Treasure" on their global blog and Facebook after their performance in the Park
 - The choir children were special guests of the Governors of Utah and Washington State, the Vice President of Liberia, and the Consulate of Peru in Seattle
 - The choir children enjoyed vocal sessions with American Idol voice coaches
 - Matsiko performed at countless Elementary, Middle, High Schools, Universities, Churches and Businesses throughout the USA
 - As a gift to Matsiko, SeaWorld San Diego invited the choir to enjoy the park and take part in backstage activities with the dolphins, Shamu, and the trainers
 - Matsiko enjoyed activities including visits to the Presidential Libraries, the La Brea Tar Pits, the Museum of Making Music, the Grand Ol' Opry, Dallas Cowboys Stadium, the USA Men's World Cup Soccer team private practice, the Grand Canyon and Mt. Rushmore
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The children receive daily educational development, which is a testament to each child's inner strength. Each child has been allocated a teaching tutor, which helps build consistent relationships while facilitating success and scholastic achievement. As a result, we are pleased to report that the children will complete their lessons and review their curriculum while on tour, guaranteeing their advancement to the next level upon their return home.

The Matsiko children are continually lavished with love and attention. Often asked, "what would you like to be when you grow up?" the children's horizons are expanding as they meet professionals in every imaginable field, and discover careers of which they never even dreamed. The Matsiko kids relish the chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at the real duties of working professionals. As they meet people during the tour, the children are realizing that their dream for a better life is attainable.

The touring experience is a unique and encouraging time for people in the USA as well as for the children of the Matsiko choir. With each new concert, venue, and host family, the children's self-confidence increases and they realize a little more that their life is truly important. They can make a difference with their life for the good. By the end of the tour, each child is motivated to excel in life and become leaders in his or her own country.

It is our intent and purpose that through this experience every child in Matsiko World Orphan Choir will positively change their lives, villages, nations and the world. The songs they sing and the hearts they touch change lives here in the United States and in their home countries through this shared experience that is so unique and motivating to all. We cannot be more proud of the kids and this tremendous program and we know you will never be the same again after experiencing the Matsiko World Orphan Choir!

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Performance Requirements

Matsiko World Orphan Choir has a completely self-contained sound system thereby having the ability to perform in any indoor or outdoor environment. They also travel with a portable generator for venues that may not have electrical access. Of course, Matsiko World Orphan Choir prefers to integrate with existing sound equipment for both ease and logistics and on occasion better sound quality. The sound system of a usual performance includes:

- 2 wireless microphones
- 4 - 6 choir microphones
- 2 main speakers (1,200 watts each) and 2 sub woofers (1,000 watts each)
- 20 channel mixing board, 150 foot snake, and amp rack with 3 amps (2,000 watts each)
- 4 monitors (500 watts each)



Banquet tables for post performance sponsorship information and the sale of handmade items from around the world. The sale of these table items from partnering nations help earn the needed project funds and tour expenses.

Performance Aspects



- A usual Matsiko World Orphan Choir concert is a multi media performance ranging from five minutes to one hour.
- Pending length and preference of venue overseers, powerful testimony videos of the children in their “pre-choir” circumstances are sometimes worked into the performance.
- Each performance has incredibly inspirational live testimonies about how these children have overcome the most difficult of circumstances. This performance feature helps audiences to understand that we can all overcome personal difficulties.
- In addition to energetic and dynamic cultural dances in full vibrant costumes, Matsiko World Orphan Choir predominantly sings original songs with the most angelic of voices.

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Matsiko World Orphan Choir Captures the Heart of the USA

International orphan choir tours U.S. bridging geographical boundaries



Seattle, WA — Currently made up of some of the poorest orphaned and at-risk children from Peru, India, Liberia and Nepal, the Matsiko World Orphan Choir (the flagship vehicle of International Children's Network – ICN) captures the hearts of all who hear their hope-filled message. The kids sing with such passion and meaning that their hope of overcoming tragedy and the life-changing effects of an education is truly inspiring. The Choir's contagious energy and zeal shines through a powerful presentation of original songs, cultural dances, and multimedia testimony. Never before in the history of these four nations have orphaned or vulnerable children been allowed to travel outside of their nation. However, due to the great work of ICN for the children, a great trust has allowed this historic cultural opportunity to happen.

Orphaned & vulnerable children are auditioned annually and selected from a pool of hundreds of children before leaving their home nations to travel out of their countries for the first time in their lives. These chosen few become part of a one year United States world orphan choir tour in order to be the greatest ambassadors for our world's orphaned and vulnerable children we have ever experienced. Ages range from 10 to 18, and some of these kids have never experienced electricity or worn shoes. They sing and dance and share their stories for a very worthy goal: to raise hope, awareness and educational sponsorship for the world's 600 million and at-risk children. Because of this sponsorship, orphaned and at-risk children have a chance to break the cycle of poverty, taking better control of their futures.

Through the sharing of their culture, music, pain and joy, Matsiko World Orphan Choir performances provide a complete picture of the challenges these children face each day. In addition to churches, civic groups, universities and other public/private schools around the country, the Matsiko World Orphan Choir has performed at noteworthy places such as Google, Disneyland and SeaWorld, entertaining crowds of thousands at the Los Angeles Clippers, Seattle Seahawks, and even the Rose Bowl games. The Choir has shared their talents via personal presentations with U.S. local and national politicians and graced the platforms of corporate giants such as Microsoft and Kraft Foods. They've even been considered for The David Letterman Show and were invited to the Gospel Music Awards.

In the next year, the choir hopes to add children from Ghana and the Philippines. As ICN partnerships continue to grow internationally, we hope to eventually include children from Cambodia, Uganda and Belize.

For more information about a tax-deductible sponsorship of a child, ICN, or Matsiko World Orphan Choir, call Don Windham directly at 253-217-7531 or visit www.matsikochoir.com.

About ICN: International Children's Network (ICN), a predominantly volunteer-based organization with an overhead budget of less than three percent of all money raised, seeks to receive sponsorship support for at risk and orphaned children. The organization's grassroots approach to the issue of poverty is truly unique: Sponsorship money seeks to provide educational support through the university or trade school level to end the terrible cycle of poverty — a desperate condition capturing 600 million children around the world. ICN invites sponsors to write letters, exchange photos with their children, and participate in service trip opportunities to meet the children they support.