

John Goodwin

Principal Accompanist/Resident Conductor, Chicago Children's Choir

Founded in 1956, the Chicago Children's Choir is a multiracial, multicultural choral music education organization, shaping the future by making a difference in the lives of children and youth through musical excellence.

Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, John Goodwin holds degrees in piano performance from Birmingham-Southern College and Northwestern University. He has been a featured soloist with many orchestras in the South and Midwest, including the Alabama Symphony, Shreveport Symphony, Beloit-Janesville Symphony and the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra. Most recently, he joined the Chicagoland Pops Orchestra for an evening of Gershwin favorites including *Rhapsody in Blue*. As a recitalist, chamber musician and accompanist, he can regularly be seen in performance throughout Chicago and beyond, performing in such prestigious venues as Orchestra Hall (on piano and organ), Buntrock Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, Auditorium Theatre, Carnegie Hall, Riverside Church in New York, Jordan Hall in Boston, Vladimir Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Musikverein in Vienna. Mr. Goodwin can also be heard on hundreds of public radio stations across the country each week playing the opening music for Bill McGlaughlin's popular program *Exploring Music*.

For six years, Mr. Goodwin was an accompanist for the Steans Institute Program for Singers at the Ravinia Festival, working closely with many world-renowned singers and pianists including Thomas Hampson, Sir Thomas Allen, Christina Ludwig, Hermann Prey, Barbara Bonney, Warren Jones, Martin Katz, Phillip Moll and David Owen Norris. He was on the faculty of Northwestern University for ten years, coaching and performing a wide variety of choral, instrumental and vocal repertoire. He has been a featured performer at the national conventions of the American Choral Director's Association, National Flute Association and the International Double Reed Society. In addition to his work with Chicago Children's Choir, Mr. Goodwin is an accompanist for the Chicago Symphony Chorus and Roosevelt University's Choral Program and is the founding music director and conductor of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Chorus.