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Dr. Kathy Sorensen, International Children's Choir

Dr. Kathy Sorensen is the founder of the award-winning International Children's Choir. In Pennsylvania, Kathy built a thriving flute studio and renovated a colonial one-room schoolhouse where she taught music and held candlelight concerts. She gave up everything to come to Utah to earn a PhD at the University of Utah and teach at BYU. Kathy interviewed hundreds of immigrants and refugees, recording and transcribing their songs and stories. With this research, she pioneered multicultural models for Macmillan McGraw Hill Publishers, educational materials for Hal Leonard Music and the foundation of the International Children's Choir. Under her direction, the International Children's Choir has performed in 30 languages in authentic costumes worldwide, including the Opening Ceremonies of the World Choir Olympics in China, the International Society of Music Education in Norway, the Winter Olympics in Utah. Appearances include concerts with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Utah Symphony and Opera.