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Cantabile, the middle school component (grades 7-10) of the Lawrence Academy of Music Girl Choir program, will perform Sunday, April 15 at New York City's Carnegie Hall as an invited participant in the 2012 National Children's School Choir.

The 42-member choir will sing under the direction of Henry Leck, an icon in the children's choir world, in Carnegie Hall's main venue, the Isaac Stern Auditorium, in front of what is expected to be a sold-out audience.



The Lawrence Academy of Music Cantabile Girl Choir performs April 15 at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

“It is a deep honor for the Academy of Music Girl Choir to represent both Lawrence and the greater Fox Valley in this prestigious festival,” said Karen Bruno, LAM director and artistic coordinator of the Girl Choir program. “Our girls are excited about the opportunity to make new friends, work with acclaimed conductor Henry Leck, and to sing in Carnegie Hall.”

Cantibile was selected for the 2012 National Children's School Choir concert via a competitive, national audition process. They will be joined on Sunday by four other ensembles.

This is the third time Cantibile has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the National Children's School Choir following performances in 2001 and 2005.

Sunday's concert, which also will include performances by the National Christian Schools Youth Choir, will include works by Mozart, Philip Stopford, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Darla Eshelman, Rene Clausen, Schütz, Haydn, Tom Fettke, Hastings, Craig Courtney, David Lantz III as well as traditional songs from Brazil and Ireland.

Members of Cantibile will chronicle their musical adventure to New York City in a special blog. Follow their journey as they post daily updates.