



Newark Boys Chorus School
Inspiring Excellence in Academics & Music Since 1969

Relocating NBCS to the Historic State Street School in 2021

The Newark Boys Chorus School is recognized globally as Newark's National Treasure. Now in its 52nd year of outstanding music-making and educational excellence, NBCS celebrates an inspired view of urban culture while delivering a powerful message of equity to our students, families, and community. Through NBCS's acclaimed music program, audiences throughout the US and internationally have enjoyed choral performance at its finest. Dignitaries in attendance have included President George W. Bush, Pope John Paul II, world leaders, and a long list of artists and celebrities here in Newark. The school is entering a new chapter with this planned move in 2021 to the historic *State Street School*.

Because students attend NBCS tuition-free, the only source of funding for the school is through the generosity of its donors. For the last five decades, individuals, businesses, and institutions have provided the necessary support to sustain our beloved school. NBCS is deeply appreciative of each and every contribution that you and our other donors have made over the years. However, the challenge of sustaining and improving this iconic treasure is a tall one. NBCS is therefore in need and is asking for your support of this critical project designed to provide a safe, contemporary educational environment for its students, faculty, and staff.

Responding to the current social justice movement, and in its quest for a new home, the Newark Boys Chorus School has begun discussions with the Newark Public Schools Historical Preservation Committee (NPSHPC) to renovate and revitalize *The State Street School*, Newark's oldest standing school building. Celebrating the rich history of public education in Newark's African American community, creating partnerships that honor NBCS's long-standing commitment to the community, and providing space to house the NPSHPC collection, our organizations seek sponsors for this vital partnership and historic revitalization.

The State Street School will become home to NBCS and a hub of music-making, academic instruction, community engagement, and outreach following extensive renovations. The space will house permanent and rotating exhibits for the NPSHPC and its alliances with The Amistad Commission and organizations that accomplish this work. We envision a space to deliver musical performances, workshops, teacher training sessions, and presentations that celebrate the stories of the African American community and fully embrace our foundational history in the US.

Partners in this adventure include City and State organizations, the NJ Association of Black Educators, friends of NBCS and NPSHPC, the Harold B. & Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, the All Stars Project, and individual donors who care deeply about music, academic education, and furthering equity and social justice. By donating to this project and spreading the word of this endeavor, you are delivering immediate impact and supporting the outcomes of real-life social justice initiatives.

NBCS students are shaping the future of our community right NOW. They need our care, commitment, and backing. Please consider your role in supporting this exciting work by making a substantial gift.

Together we create and celebrate our history!