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Grand Cities Children's Choir featured on recording

The Grand Cities Children's Choir, a performance based music education program based in Grand Forks, will be featured on a new recording called "CoolSide of Yuletide" with singer/songwriter Rosanne Cash, the Young People's Chorus of New York City and thousands of other choristers.

The Grand Cities Children's Choir recorded its part of the song "How Many Christmases" in a local studio and then had its work mixed with recordings by Cash and the Young People's Chorus, said director and founder of the Grand Cities Children's Choirs, Melanie Popejoy..

The Grand Forks-based choir has been joined on the recording by other choirs from the U.S., Canada and countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. The recording is being marketed worldwide.

"How Many Christmases," composed by Jim Papoulis with lyrics by Mike Greenly, represents the world's children coming together to express the dream of a world where "peace on earth is truly real and not just words we've sung," a news release said.

It is the highlight of "CoolSide of Yuletide," a CD of new and energized arrangements of such holiday perennials as "Deck the Halls," "Little Drummer Boy," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," "Oh Christmas Tree," "Let it Snow" and more.

The CD was released by Vital Records on Nov. 23. Proceeds from it will benefit the Young People's Chorus of New York City and The Foundation for Small Voices, two nonprofit organizations dedicated to creating music and empowering opportunities for children, as well as the Grand Cities Children's Choir.

All of the choirs that participated in the "How Many Christmases" track will have the opportunity to win a songwriting workshop with world renowned composer Papoulis and to raise funds for their choir by selling the new CD, Popejoy said.

"We would love to win the contest and bring Jim Papoulis to the state of North Dakota," she said in a news release. "It would be thrilling for our singers to meet and participate in a workshop with this highly respected musician, conductor, and composer. I hope the city of Grand Forks will help us out and enjoy some excellent holiday music at the same time."

For more info, or to order a copy, call (701) 746-2407, ext. 823.