

PALS Children's Chorus

Performing Arts--Music

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Since its grass roots inception in 1990 as an independent performing arts program in the Lincoln School in Brookline, the PALS Children's Chorus has grown into five ensembles serving hundreds of Boston area children ages seven through 17. Founder and visionary Johanna Hill Simpson, a Boston conductor who also serves as New England Conservatory Co-Director of Choral Activities, has formed the unique partnership between artists, parents, school and community that is at the heart of PALS' incredible success.

Extraordinary teaching happens in a PALS rehearsal. PALS is an after-school program that uses training in music, dance and theater to help children discover that they can achieve excellence. But the mission of PALS goes far beyond its Symphony Hall performances. Through PALS, Simpson indelibly changes the lives of the children in her charge, building confidence, discipline and leadership, as well as a passion for music that will last a lifetime.