

In honor of the 40th anniversary season of The St. Louis Children's Choirs in 2017-2018, we are proud to launch Memories Made Together, our StoryCorps-style oral history project! We want to celebrate your stories and your memories of your time with this special organization. Singers from all years and eras of the choirs are encouraged to review the questions we've prepared – maybe you can add a few of your own. Then, find a choir friend, a parent, or other favorite person to ask you some questions for the recorder.



Here are some things to keep in mind as you prepare for and conduct your interview:

- 1) Download the StoryCorps app, create a StoryCorps account, and join the SLCC community: <https://storycorps.me/communities/slcc-alumni-memories-made-together/>. Play around with the app and make sure you're comfortable with it before you sit down to record your interview. (If you would rather use a digital recorder or the voice recorder on your phone, you certainly can.)
- 2) Both the interviewer and interviewee should read through the question list and think about what you might want to talk about. You don't want to sound rehearsed, but thinking about it ahead of time will eliminate a lot of "um" and "ah" and "what was that kid's name?"
- 3) If the person interviewing you is your parent, the parent of another alum, or someone else who helped you during your choir journey, make sure you ask them some questions too. We would love to hear from the people who supported our singers through the years.
- 4) It's okay if not every story ends neatly or has a happy ending. We want to know what your whole experience was like.
- 5) Talk for as long as you feel comfortable talking. A StoryCorps interview usually lasts 40 minutes, but 15-30 minutes may be more reasonable, especially if just one of you is an alum. If you want to talk longer, go for it. (Note that the StoryCorps app will stop recording at 45 minutes.)
- 6) Remember that the app will want you to take a picture of both of you at the end of the interview!
- 7) Upload your interview to the StoryCorps site! You can do this through the app or through the StoryCorps website. Add it to the SLCC community: <https://storycorps.me/communities/slcc-alumni-memories-made-together/>. This way other alums can hear your stories as well!
- 8) Email your interview to alumni@slccsing.org so we can keep a copy in our archives!
- 9) By sharing your interview with us, you are agreeing to let us use your voice and stories in promotional material. If, for some reason, you would like us to keep part of your interview just in the archives and not use it publicly, please contact alumni@slccsing.org.

Thank you for your interest in this project and your help in preserving the stories of SLCC!