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**GREEN HOPE HIGH SCHOOL “VOICES OF HOPE” INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE 2015 COA NATIONALS FOR MIXED CHOIRS**

*Z. Randall Stroope will conduct a projected 800+ singers in a massed choir concert
in Carnegie Hall during the prestigious three-day event*

Cary, NC September 12, 2014 - *Green Hope High School’s Voices of Hope* recently accepted an invitation from Choirs of America to be one of a handful of elite choirs to participate in the 2015 COA Nationals for Mixed Choirs.

“We carefully select and invite only top choral programs,” said COA’s Artistic Director, Christopher Scott Olin. “These choirs then come together for unprecedented choral music education opportunities and performances.”

Green Hope High School’s Voices of Hope will be attending the COA Nationals in April of 2015. The event will take place in the New York City area on April 23, 24 & 25, 2015. Z. Randall Stroope, the Doug and Nickie Burns Endowed Chair of Choral Music at Oklahoma State University, is one of the world’s most respected choral composers and conductors and will be the COA National’s Master Conductor.

Choirs invited to the COA Nationals will participate in adjudicated performances with performance reviews, observational opportunities, full one-hour clinics with renowned clinicians such as Eugene Rogers, Suzi Digby and Jo-Michael Scheibe, school exchanges, vocal master classes and engaging workshops. During the massed choir concert, Dr. Stroope will lead an 800 or more voice massed choir prism concert in Carnegie Hall’s Stern Auditorium. Noted composers, Ola Gjeilo and Dan Forrest, will also be on hand for the tutti finale of their new pieces commissioned specifically for the COA Nationals.

We are very proud and honored to be the first ensemble from our school to be invited to perform at Carnegie Hall. To be invited to work with these outstanding clinicians and sing with some of the best choirs in the country is the opportunity of a lifetime and a dream-come-true for our students and their director.

Margaret B. Cook, Director

“We are blessed to have elite choral programs from across the country participating, as well as our all-star lineup of clinicians, adjudicators and workshop presenters; not to mention the exceptional talent we have in Z. Randall Stroope to conduct the concert in Carnegie Hall,” said Geoffrey McQueen, COA’s Executive Director. “The fact that we also get to perform a new works by Ola Gjeilo and Dan Forrest is nothing short of amazing. I can’t imagine it getting any better than this.”

About Choirs of America

COA’s mission is to *engage, inspire and educate* choirs across the country. According to McQueen, each COA program for choirs offers exceptional opportunities for choral music education and performance for participating choirs. McQueen states, “We work hard to ensure each COA event features acoustically dynamic venues, along with world-class conductors, clinicians and adjudicators.” He adds, “Through the unprecedented use of technology, innovative festival programming and performance opportunities, and backed by the latest research, COA’s festivals and invitationals, and especially the COA Nationals program, break new ground and offer enhanced clinics, adjudication and heightened choral music education.”

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For more information about the choral program at **Green Hope High School**, or to schedule an interview with the choir director, please contact **Margaret B. Cook** at mcook2@wcpss.net.

For more information about Choirs of America, or to schedule an interview with COA's Executive Director Geoffrey McQueen, or Artistic Director, Christopher Scott Olin, please call 800-284-2177 or email director@vocalmusic.org.

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