

# THE JERUSALEM YOUTH CHORUS

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JYC is an Israeli-Palestinian music and dialogue project raising the voices of young leaders from East and West Jerusalem to the global stages of America's Got Talent, TED, and beyond. **Through the co-creation of music and the sharing of stories, JYC empowers young singers from East and West Jerusalem to speak and sing their truths** as they become leaders in their communities and inspire singers and listeners around the world. Even in times of war, JYC continues to meet, and its singers' commitment to each other, and the power of their voices raised in harmony, has only grown.



The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is far more than a music ensemble. **We are building a youth movement of Palestinians and Israelis raising our voices for peace, justice, inclusion and equality.** Singing together creates a container for us to have hard conversations that transform the way we see ourselves, one another, and the world around us. We weave our stories into powerful performances that inspire vision and action for a shared future.



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Started in 2012 as an experiment — to see if a program of singing and talking together could help Israeli and Palestinian teenagers bridge the social, cultural, religious, and political chasms that separated them— **JYC has proven to be a powerful tool for leadership development and social change.** Since October 7, 2023, when many peacebuilding programs suspended operations, our incredible young singers have continued to demonstrate their bravery, maturity and compassion for one another, spending nearly ten hours a week developing the skills and understandings necessary to compose a new reality.



JYC seeks to foster lasting peace and mutual understanding by equipping Palestinian and Israeli youth with the skills and confidence to lead nonviolent change. **At a time of profound polarization and institutional retreat, JYC chooses not to pause but to persist.**

Our organization continues to expand and refine its model, providing innovative opportunities for young people to engage in cross-community leadership, advocate for rights, dignity, and security for all, and inspire global audiences with a vision of shared humanity and hope.

