

## Matsiko World Orphan Choir Comes to Asylum Hill



The Matsiko World Orphan Choir is coming for a free performance in Hartford on Sunday August 20 at 10:30am at Riverfront Family Church, located at 224 Farmington Avenue, in the 224 EcoSpace building. Eighteen children from Peru, Liberia and India are currently touring the US as a part of the Matsiko World Orphan Choir. The Matsiko choir has performed

across the country in schools, retirement homes, multicultural events, festivals, churches, and more, sharing a message of hope for the world's 600 million orphaned at-risk children. Matsiko performs energetic and dynamic cultural dances in full vibrant costumes and sings primarily original songs.

Orphaned & vulnerable children are auditioned annually and selected from a pool of hundreds of children before leaving their home nations to travel out of their countries for the first time in their lives. These chosen few become part of a one year United States world orphan choir tour in order to be the greatest ambassadors for our world's orphaned and vulnerable children we have ever experienced. Ages range from 5 to 16, and some of these kids have never experienced electricity or worn shoes. They sing and dance and share their stories for a very worthy goal: to raise hope, awareness and educational sponsorship for the world's 600 million and at-risk children. Because of this sponsorship, orphaned and at-risk children have a chance to break the cycle of poverty, taking better control of their futures.

Headquartered in Covington Washington, International Children's Network is the nonprofit organization that began organizing training and sponsoring the Matsiko World Orphan's tours in 2005. Since then, the program has helped thousands of these children, most especially with education through college.

For more information on the program go to <http://www.matsikochoir.com> or better yet, come hear the children sing.