

ECCBC

EUNICE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND & CHOIR, INC.
151 SHEILA STREET • EUNICE, LOUISIANA 70535 • 337-457-1776
Established 1990

June 11, 2019

ECCBC ANNOUNCES CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

We are excited to announce the 2019 Summer rehearsal schedule for the Eunice Community Children's Choir. All children are invited to participate!

The children will perform *Octopus's Garden* (by The Beatles) during our concert, held at the Liberty Center, July 11 & 12. There are two regular rehearsals and a dress rehearsal – schedule attached. Rehearsals will be held at First Baptist Church (331 W. Park Avenue, Eunice).

***IMPORTANT:** Please make every effort for your child to perform both nights (Thursday and Friday).

You can find more information (including a recording of the song, lyric sheet and coloring sheets) on our home page: www.eccbc.org.

Please help spread the word!

Musically Yours,
Dwight Jodon, *Conductor*
Patricia Dossman, *General Manager*
Connie Beagh, *Accompanist*

Back Story: "**Octopus's Garden**" is a song by the English rock band the Beatles, written and sung by Ringo Starr, from their 1969 album *Abbey Road*. George Harrison, who assisted Starr with the song, commented: "'Octopus's Garden' is Ringo's song. It's only the second song Ringo has ever written, mind you, and it's lovely." He added that the song gets very deep into the listener's consciousness "...because it's so peaceful. I suppose Ringo is writing cosmic songs these days without even realising it." It was the last song released by the Beatles featuring Starr on lead vocals.

The idea for the song came about when Starr was on a boat belonging to comedian Peter Sellers in Sardinia in 1968. He ordered fish and chips for lunch, but instead of fish he got squid (it was the first time he'd eaten squid, and he said, "It was OK. A bit rubbery. Tasted like chicken.") The boat's captain then told Starr about how octopuses travel along the sea bed picking up stones and shiny objects with which to build gardens. Starr's songwriting was further inspired by his desire to escape mounting hostility among the Beatles; he would later admit that he had "just wanted to be under the sea, too."

The song, which contains the lyrics "Oh what joy for every girl and boy/Knowing they're happy and they're safe," is sometimes thought of as being a song for children, like "Yellow Submarine" or "All Together Now." It has also been performed by the Muppets several times in various episodes of their shows.

