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Songs of the Season sung by the Cherokee National Youth Choir



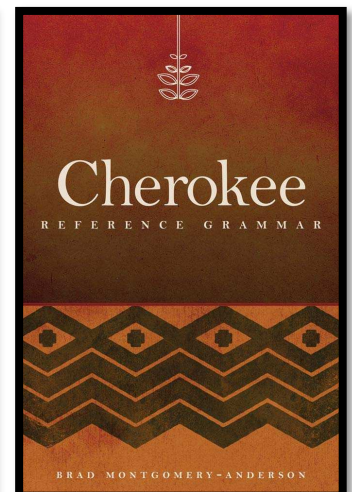
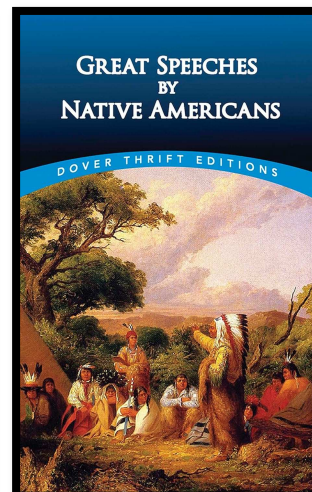
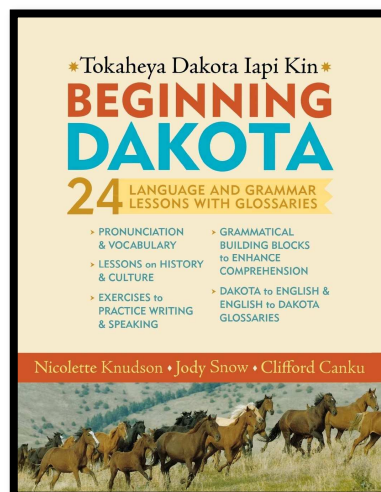
Celebrate the season by hearing the beautiful songs of the Cherokee National Youth Choir (CNYC)! On Thursday, December 7, 2023, NASNTI will host the award-winning choir to perform various songs in the Cherokee language. The concert will start at 7:00 P.M. at the Seminole State College Jeff Johnston Auditorium. The choir is made up of young Cherokees from northeastern Oklahoma communities. Members are middle and high school youth in 6th-12th grades.

The students compete in rigorous auditions every year for inclusion in the group. CNYC was formed to keep youth involved in the Cherokee language and culture. Choir members function as goodwill ambassadors, demonstrating that Cherokee language and culture continue to thrive in modern society.

Founded in 2000, the group has recorded 12 CDs and has performed with such legendary artists as Foreigner, Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Roy Clark, Kenny Rogers, and the Oak Ridge Boys. The Youth Choir acts as ambassadors for the Cherokee Nation, and their beautiful voices show the strength of the Cherokee Nation and its culture more than 160 years after the Cherokees' forced removal from their eastern homelands. The goal of the CNYC is to increase awareness of Cherokee culture both within the Cherokee Nation as well as among the dominant culture. The Cherokee National Youth Choir is funded solely by the Cherokee Nation.

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