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teenage engineering choir  
dolls featured in pixar's  
new film, elio.

**teenage engineering is proud to  
announce that their choir will feature on  
the soundtrack of pixar's latest film,  
elio, now playing in theaters worldwide.**

teenage engineering choir is an ensemble of 8 singing wooden dolls. made from solid beech with an internal speaker module, each doll can perform pre-composed music or be controlled by a midi keyboard. each choir member has a unique look and vocal tonality. a single member can customize its vocal range to sing a dynamic solo performance, or 2-16 dolls, in any combination, can perform a full a cappella concert.

in january 2025, composer rob simonsen contacted teenage engineering. he sought an instrument that sounded electronic yet retained human qualities. his goal was to craft a distinctive soundscape for the comuniverse, an alien environment within the film. teenage engineering provided 24 choir dolls and developed new firmware to evenly distribute musical notes across the choir.

recording took place at the sony scoring stage in los angeles. the dolls were mic'd similarly to a human choir and recorded in the same acoustic space. the choir is featured prominently during key moments. in an early scene, their voices signal elio's first contact with alien life. later, they underscore the moment elio's clone is created. the choir dolls significantly contribute to shaping the comuniverse's unique sonic identity.

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**about teenage engineering**

teenage engineering is developing the alternative future of consumer electronics —each invention driven by need and made to last.

since 2007, teenage engineering has dispatched a series of products that earned their spot as studio essentials for the acclaimed artists, producers, and instrumentalists we all know and admire.

from OP-1 field to pocket operators®, OP-XY to OD-11, they have applied their signature mindset to building a new legacy of technology that continues to shape the industry as we know it.

their hq is located in stockholm, sweden, where a multidisciplinary team of software, electrical, and mechanical engineers and industrial designers are developing their products from start to finish. the studio is a fully equipped workshop with state-of-the-art rapid prototyping machines.