New Options for Fall Choral Programs Keep Kids Singing During COVID

San Diego Children’s Choir Introduces New Safety Protocols, Outside Rehearsal Spaces and Online Options

August 7, 2020 SAN DIEGO, CA--The San Diego Children’s Choir announced its Fall choral programs with modifications designed to keep children and instructors safe while singing. The choir is offering small group rehearsals, socially distanced and held outdoors. A virtual only option, with Zoom rehearsal attendance and music reading sessions is also available. Fall registration, for children Pre-K through 12th grade, is open through August XX.

New Safety Protocols

Safety precautions include small group classes, from 10-18 students with rehearsals and performances outdoors in daylight hours. Choristers will be 6 feet apart for non-singing activities and 10-20 feet while singing. All San Diego Children’s Choir activities follow mandated safety guidelines including wearing masks and washing or sanitizing hands.

Parent Feedback
Kathleen Ogilvie, parent of a chorister registered for Fall 2020 says: “My son loves to sing. SDCC has helped him train his voice as it’s matured, taught him to read music and supported him as he prepared and performed his first (Zoom) solo this spring. We’re both looking forward to the fall when he can sing with his friends in choir, following social distancing practices in a novel outdoor space.”

**Programs for Pre-K through 3rd Grade Children**

For younger children, with little to no prior musical experience, the program introduces music, choir and performance experiences. No auditions are necessary to register.

**Programs for Children and Youth 3rd Grade through 12th Grade**

The older children and youth attend weekly rehearsals led by the Choir's accomplished conductors and professional accompanists, and choir performances throughout the year. Prior to registration, the children participate in a low-pressure, fun audition to select the choir best suited to them.

**About San Diego Children’s Choir**

The Choir, celebrating its 30th year in San Diego in 2020, provides choral training programs to children ages 4 to 18 at locations throughout the county. *To learn more visit [www.sandiegochildrenschoir.org](http://www.sandiegochildrenschoir.org).*

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