

Troy Children's Chorus

In residence at First United Presbyterian Church
2017–2018 Season

Dear TCC Families,

I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with your children in chorus this year! Singing in a chorus is an experience like no other. It develops not only musical skills and appreciation, but also teamwork, discipline, patience, and self-confidence. Sharing our music with others helps to foster a sense of community and peace.

I'm looking forward to taking this journey with your children, we will all learn new things while we enjoy making music together. We will continue to have a "Bel Canto" choir for those choristers who have been with the chorus for at least a year and would like to participate. "Super Singers" will also continue once per semester for those children who would like some extra help or to delve deeper into music literacy.

My short-term goals for the choristers are:

- to establish good rehearsal habits such as starting on time, listening responsively, and good attendance
- to develop a sense of community in the chorus
- to develop self-confidence, facial expression and communication, and pride in themselves as musicians

My long-term goals for the choristers are:

- to develop good vocal habits such as; posture, breath support, vowel formation, and diction needed to produce a pleasing choral sound
- to develop a love of and respect for choral music
- to develop an understanding of musical notation and literacy
- to develop a sense of pride in the choir and our community

The following commitments are required to participate in the Children's Chorus:

- Children are accepted with the understanding that they will contribute to the team, and do their very best not distract other choristers from being a phenomenal choir.
- Choristers are expected to be present and on time for all rehearsals/performances. If a chorister cannot be present at a rehearsal or performance, the parent should contact the director 24 hours prior to rehearsal/ performance. *Two missed rehearsals are allowed per semester, and one missed performance per year.* Most dress rehearsals will be mandatory. Extra rehearsals may be called as needed for special events. Being present at every rehearsal helps each chorister become confident in their ability to do their very best and allows the chorus to develop vocal balance and blend. If absences exceed either of

the above, chorister's participation in the ensemble will be brought under review, and the chorister may no longer be allowed to participate.

- A \$130 music and materials fee is required at the beginning of *each semester* (scholarships available upon request). Parents will be expected to purchase a vest in the fall and a polo shirt in the spring, instructions will be given separately for ordering.
- For the good health of all children, a chorister must **NOT** attend rehearsal if the chorister has had a fever within the last 24 hours of a rehearsal. If a chorister complains of cold or flu-like symptoms at rehearsal, the chorister will be immediately placed in a resting location. Parents will be notified if flu-like symptoms are present.
- Simple assignments will be sent home from time to time. Parents are requested to review and complete these assignments with their child before the following rehearsal. These assignments will help the child learn the music and develop a vocabulary of choral assessment.
- Each chorister (and his/her family) will be responsible for bringing a pencil, and water to each rehearsal.

You as parent or guardian are the most important ingredient in the success of the chorus!

If you would like to enroll your child in the chorus, please contact the director to schedule an informal audition (new choristers only). The new chorister audition is a great experience for incoming choristers as they begin their journey with the chorus. Once this has been completed, please submit the following as soon as possible, since space is limited:

- *Signed* Registration Form (below)
- Medical Release Form (on website)
- \$130 (\$65 for sibling) Fee per semester

Your child will be considered officially registered when all of the above have been submitted. If you have any questions, please contact the director at 518-945-8TCC or troyccddirector@gmail.com.

Musically yours,

Kristen Witham
Artistic Director
Troy Children's Chorus
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Registration
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Child Name: _____ Child Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone 1: _____; Phone 2: _____

E-mail address: _____

How did you hear about Troy Children's Chorus? _____

In addition to the above named parents, the following individuals are authorized to sign-out my child from rehearsals:

Enclosed check (made out to *Troy Children's Chorus*) or cash:

- \$130 Fall Music/Materials Fee (\$65 for sibling) (Due in September)
- \$130 Spring Music/Materials Fee (\$65 for sibling) (Due in January)
- Please contact me as I am interested in a payment plan or scholarship
- \$_____ Tax-deductible Donation to *Troy Children's Chorus*- **THANK YOU!**

\$_____ **TOTAL**

Picture Use Permission:

I give Troy Children's Chorus at First United Presbyterian Church permission to include photos/videos of my child for promotional use, including but not limited to the chorus website, and informational brochures.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I have read all of the rehearsal/performance dates on the website and agree to all of the commitments as outlined above. Each of these commitments will help everyone be safe, learn a lot, and have a fun time!

Chorister Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature