

AUDITIONS FAQ

San Francisco
Girls Chorus

WHEN ARE AUDITIONS?

SFGC Chorus School auditions for the 2020–2021 school year will be held in early June in Hayes Valley in San Francisco and in Emeryville in the East Bay. Auditions are held at the Kanbar Center for the Performing Arts in Hayes Valley (44 Page Street, SF) and at the East Bay German International School (1070 41st St, Emeryville) in the East Bay.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO AUDITION?

Singers ages 6 and up may audition for the Chorus School. For younger applicants (6–10), no previous music experience is required. For older applicants, experience reading music and with music theory is necessary. Singers ages 10 up with prior music experience will be given a short music theory evaluation to determine their skill level.

No auditions or prior experience are necessary for our Prep Chorus for ages 4–5.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION?

Auditions are scheduled by appointment only. For more information about audition dates, times, and locations, please contact auditions@sfgirlschorus.org.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR PROGRAMS?

You can learn more about our Chorus School on our website at www.sfgirlschorus.org/chorus-school.

Also, join us for our **Open Rehearsals** later this spring where you can observe many of our different Chorus School Levels in action!

Wednesday, April 22 from 4–6pm at EBGIS, ages 6–13

Thursday, April 23 from 4–6pm at Kanbar, ages 6–13

Saturday, May 2 from 10am–12pm at Kanbar, ages 4–5

Saturday, May 2 from 2–4pm at Kanbar, ages 10–15

Tuesday, May 5 from 4–6:30pm at The Ruth Williams

Memorial Theater, ages 4–11

To RSVP or for more information, please contact auditions@sfgirlschorus.org.



WHAT IS REQUIRED AT THE AUDITION?

Auditions are scheduled for small groups of singers in the same age range. Each auditionee will be assessed on the following skills:

- Sing a prepared solo from art song, folk, religious, patriotic, or pre-1960 musical theater genres. (please note that pop songs are not recommended for auditions)
- Sing through vocal exercises and scales to determine range and vocal timbre.
- Mimic demonstrated rhythms by clapping.
- Mimic demonstrated melodies by singing.
- Identify musical theory symbols and concepts on flashcards (for singers with some training and prior experience).
- Demonstrate a confident performance persona.
- Follow directions attentively.

ARE THERE SUMMER REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS?

Younger singers with little or no musical background can expect to be placed in Training Chorus or Level I. There is no summer requirement for Training Chorus or Level I choristers, although SFGC does offer optional Summer Chorus Camps for Young Singers, open to singers ages 4–11. The Summer Chorus Camps this year take place July 13–17, 2020 at the Kanbar Performing Arts Center in SF. The SFGC Faculty will make a recommendation to Training Chorus or Level I based on vocal and musical maturity. Training Chorus is typically for singers ages 6–7 and Level I is typically for singers ages 8–10.

Younger singers with some musical experience may be placed in Level II. Level II choristers must attend Summer Session in San Francisco. In 2020, Summer Session for Level II will take place July 29–31, 2020 from 9am–3pm at the Kanbar Performing Arts Center in SF. Level II singers also have the option to participate in our optional Summer Chorus Camps for Young Singers (see above), as well as our overnight Music Camp in Healdsburg from August 2–8, 2020.

Singers with a strong musical background may be placed into Level III or even Level IV. Levels III and IV choristers must attend both Summer Session in San Francisco from July 29–31, 2020 at Kanbar and overnight Music Camp in Healdsburg from August 2–8, 2020. Level III & IV choristers can expect to be involved in summer activities from July 29–August 8, 2020.