

CAROLINA YOUTH CHORALE
2023-2024 INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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Fees and Deadlines: Registration is open April 1 – May 31, 2023. **Registration fee is nonrefundable.** Registration fee until May 31, 2023, is **\$25**. Late registration fee after May 31, 2023, is **\$40**. Please note registrations will not be accepted without payment of fee.
Tuition for choir year 2023-2024: **\$150**, due upon acceptance to the choir.

Auditions: The administrator will contact you regarding an audition appointment upon receipt of the application.

CHEA Singers is an organization that relies on parental help to function. CYC parents are required to serve in at least one job for CYC for your child to participate. Please read the items below carefully. We take this commitment to our choristers seriously and ask that you and your children take it seriously also.

Things to consider: A choir is a team effort that depends on each member doing his part to work toward the group's success as well as his own personal growth. CYC is the apex of our graded choir program, and a high quality of work and product is expected. Please consider carefully whether involvement in choir is appropriate for your child.

Being in a choir involves more than just fitting rehearsal time into your schedule. Practice at home is required. Having singers drop out of choir mid-year is not fulfilling the commitment you agree to when you sign the CHEA Singers application documents and brings hardship for the other choir members and the choir's director. No singer is unimportant, and each one is missed when he is absent. Be realistic about adding activities to your schedule and weigh your priorities as you make a decision concerning taking part in choir.

If you choose to participate in Eagle's Wings Studio, please do not try to participate in CYC. We fully support Eagle's Wings and recommend Mrs. Berger's studio to many students. However, it is impossible to participate fully in both activities, given the demands and performance schedules. CYC performances coincide with Eagle's Wings tech week and performances. CYC singers are expected to perform in both the combined choirs concert and the CYC spring concert; Mrs. Berger expects her students to empty their schedule during tech week.

Additionally, please know that students are not excused from rehearsals early to get to sports practices but rather expected to stay until dismissed at 5:30 p.m.

Please look forward on your calendars to each part of the year and make sure you are able to attend rehearsals and participate in concerts before registering for Carolina Youth Chorale.

Committed involvement in a choir brings great joy and satisfaction as new skills are learned, new levels of competence are achieved, beautiful music is created, new friends are made, and we become a tool in the Savior's hand to bring His blessing to others. Thank you for thoughtfully considering joining us in this endeavor!

By registering for the Carolina Youth Chorale, you are agreeing to the following:

1. Making every effort to miss no more than two (2) rehearsals per semester. We understand illness and injury happen; however, any singer missing multiple rehearsals for any reason will need to show the director, at his request, their readiness to perform well in order to sing in the next concert. *Singers are expected to be present for especially the last two rehearsals before concert. Let administrator know IN ADVANCE if you have a conflict.*

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30, tentatively September 5, 2023 – May 7, 2024.

*** **Fall break:** Nov. 21, 2023 **Christmas break:** Dec. 12, 2023-Jan. 2, 2024 **Spring break:** March 12, 2024 ***

*** Please note our spring break is NOT the Tuesday before Easter as usual. We WILL rehearse March 26, 2024. ***

2. Parents, please take note of this - Students are expected to be at rehearsal and ready to begin each week at 3:30pm and stay until dismissal time at 5:30pm. Older siblings driving for Melody Makers singers should not leave early as younger siblings will be brought upstairs to sit in the hall with the monitor or in the rehearsal room until 5:30.

3. A PARENT is to contact administrator prior to rehearsal if student will miss rehearsal, be late or leave early due to the rare emergency, and give the reason. Seniors and super-seniors may take responsibility for this.

4. Singing in the following performances:

*Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7pm - CHEA Singers Combined Choirs Winter Concert

*Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7pm – CYC Christmas Concert

*Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7pm - CHEA Singers Combined Choirs Spring Concert

*Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7pm - CYC Spring Concert

5. Attending a workshop on Saturday, August 19, 2023. This workshop jumpstarts our rehearsals and will most likely be 4-6 hours long. **It is understood that some families will be on vacations already scheduled, that some dual enrollment students may have class, etc. Please let Mrs. Hinkelman know of any unavoidable conflicts you may have.**

6. At least one parent attending the parent meeting, date and time TBD.

7. Following dress code and all Code of Conduct requirements (see below).

8. Parent agreeing to fulfill at least one job for CYC – whatever is assigned to them from their choices on a parent survey and helping with other needs when they are able. (The exception to this is if you have a weekly job for another CHEA choir.)

9. Parent and Student checking email daily. This is our primary method of communication.

10. Student completing any homework assigned each week and taking care of their music. Student will reimburse the choir for any lost or destroyed music.

CYC Dress Code

Shorts and skirts should be of modest length, hems to the fingertips a good suggestion. Leggings may be worn with dresses, skirts or tunics that come to the thigh. Tops should be modest, avoiding spaghetti straps, but sleeveless is allowed.

No hats, no underwear showing, no shirts with inappropriate designs or slogans are allowed.

Scholarship Fund Opportunity:

We invite you to consider giving your support to help other homeschooling children in our community to join CHEA Singers. Although our registration fees are considerably lower in comparison to other choral programs in our area, families with multiple children might consider this something their family cannot do at this time. We do not want to create a hardship for anyone and want to welcome all homeschooling children who qualify for membership. Would you consider donating any amount to help another singer join us this fall? You may donate any amount to sponsor a student or contribute to our scholarship fund. If paying by check, note the amount of donation in the memo line. If paying via VENMO, note the amount and note it is a donation in the memo line.

To register, complete ALL of the following steps:

1. Read and consider attached ***CHEA Singers Requirements for Participants & Liability Waiver*** and ***CHEA Singers Code of Conduct***. Print one Waiver/Code of Conduct per family (use 2-sided print mode for Waiver/Code of Conduct if possible. For legal purposes, we need all pages printed.)

2. Print and complete one Student Information form per student and pay appropriate registration fee. Checks should be payable to ***CHEA Singers***. VENMO payments to treasurer: @daniel-miller-761 (last 4 digits of his phone# 2049)

3. If you choose to use the print-and-fill a hard copy, please mail to our administrator or scan and email to her. ***Please do not take a picture and send. It takes a lot of ink to print a picture for our files!***

