

**CAROLINA YOUTH CHORALE**  
**2020-2021 INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

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**Fees and Deadlines:**

Registration is open April 20-June 15, 2020.

Registration fee: \$25. **This fee is nonrefundable after acceptance into the choir.**

Tuition for choir year 2020-2021: \$150, due upon acceptance to the choir (This may be made in two payments if needed – \$75 upon acceptance, \$75 by September 15, 2020)

**Auditions:**

Given the current situation with COVID-19, we will wait to schedule auditions until Christ Covenant opens the campus again. Anyone who has registered will receive an email with an invitation to sign up for an audition time.

**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. 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.

**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 Mrs. Glaser know IN ADVANCE if you have a conflict.*

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30, mid-August through mid-May.

\*NO rehearsals on: **Fall break:** Nov. 24, 2020 **Christmas break:** Dec. 15, 2020 - Jan 12, 2021 **Spring break:** March 30, 2021.

2. Students are expected to be at rehearsal and ready to begin each week at 3:30p.m. and stay until dismissal time at 5:30p.m. unless prior approval is given by Mrs. Glaser.

3. A PARENT is to contact Mrs. Glaser prior to rehearsal if student will miss rehearsal, be late or leave early, and give the reason. We need to know that a PARENT knows their singer is missing rehearsal or has special circumstances that day. Seniors and super-seniors may take responsibility for this.

4. **Singing in the following performances** (Please mark your calendars now!):

\***Friday**, November 20, 2020 at 7p.m. - CHEA Singers Combined Choirs Winter Concert

\***Tuesday**, December 8, 2020 at 7p.m. - CYC Christmas Concert (tentative)

\***Friday**, April 30, 2021 at 7p.m. - CHEA Singers Combined Choirs Spring Concert

\***Tuesday**, May 11 2021 at 7p.m. - CYC Spring Concert (tentative)

5. Attending the entire workshop in mid-August, probably a Thursday and Friday 9a.m.- 3 p.m. and Saturday morning 9a.m. – 12 noon. **It is understood that some families will be on vacations already scheduled, that some dual enrollment students will have class, etc. Please let Mrs. Glaser know of any unavoidable conflicts you may have.**

6. At least one parent attending the parent meeting, probably on the second day of workshop at 9a.m.
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 future 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.) Parent Job Questionnaire will be sent upon singer's acceptance to the choir.
9. Parent and Student checking email daily. This is our primary method of communication.
10. Student completing any homework assigned each week.

**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.

**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***. **Sign and return with registration.** **NEW GUIDELINE: To avoid unnecessary paper usage, please list all singers you have in CHEA Singers ON ONE FORM and sign. This should be given to the director or administrator for YOUR OLDEST SINGER'S CHOIR.**
2. Print and complete one Student Information form per student. 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.**)
3. Mail Student Information form(s) **AND** the signed Waiver and Code of Conduct **AND** registration fee of \$25 per singer. Please make checks payable to **CHEA SINGERS**.

**Sponsor a Singer Fund Opportunity:**

We invite you to consider giving your support to help other homeschooling children in our community to join CHEA Singers. We want to welcome all homeschooling children who qualify for membership. Would you consider giving to our "Sponsor a Singer" fund to help another singer join us this fall? \$10   \$20   \$30   \$40   \$50   \$\_\_\_\_\_ (note on your check in the memo line the amount for this fund)

If your family needs tuition assistance contact [faithglaser@gmail.com](mailto:faithglaser@gmail.com) for an application.

**Send to registrar:**

Jen Litowski  
 1502 Pleasant Plains Rd.  
 Matthews, NC 28105

***Please keep these two pages for your reference and information.***

Contact our administrator with any questions: [faithglaser@gmail.com](mailto:faithglaser@gmail.com) or (704) 517-0795 (cell)



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## CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in the CHEA Singers is a privilege for all involved. In order to ensure that the goal of CHEA Singers, which is to provide choral instruction for the glory of God, is advanced, the following Code of Conduct applies to parents, legal guardians, families and choir students:

1. CHEA Singers utilizes the facilities of Christ Covenant Church with its permission. As guests at the church's facilities, parents, legal guardians, families, and choir students are expected to treat the church's staff and facilities with respect and due care.
2. Only choir students attending a rehearsal and parent helpers are allowed on the Christ Covenant campus during choir rehearsals. Parents or legal guardians who wish to observe a rehearsal should obtain the prior permission of the appropriate Choir Director.
3. Choir students must walk quietly in the Church's hallways and must be respectful of adults and other students at all times.
4. Since Covenant Day School classes dismiss before choir rehearsals and activities start, all drivers of motor vehicles should be alert to traffic and pedestrians in the school and church parking lots.
5. Choir students are expected to arrive for choir rehearsals and activities on time and are expected to be picked up promptly at the conclusion of their rehearsals and activities. However, in no event should a child arrive and enter the church facilities before 3:20 p.m.
6. Neither choir students nor their siblings are permitted to be in the balcony of the church sanctuary at any time.
7. No one is permitted to bring food into the church sanctuary at any time. Choir students are not permitted to bring food into choir rehearsal rooms without permission.
8. When on the church campus, choir students are expected to be under adult supervision at all times.
9. Only authorized individuals are permitted to enter the light and sound booths.
10. Choir students are expected to pursue choir activities diligently and to complete required homework assignments.
11. Choir students are expected to faithfully attend all choir rehearsals, performances, and related activities unless sick or conflicted by a **required** school or family event.
12. Choir students are expected to be attentive and apply themselves diligently in rehearsals and must not engage in disruptive or distracting behavior.
13. Choir students are expected to behave respectfully toward fellow students, parent volunteers, and Choir Directors at all times.
14. Choir students are expected to dress modestly and in compliance with the dress code applicable to their choir.
15. Choir students are expected to clean up all trash after rehearsals and to leave the church's facilities in the condition they found them.

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## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Participation in CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities by homeschool students and their families is a privilege and not a right. To further the purpose of CHEA Singers, which is to provide choral instruction for students and their families for the glory of God, parents, legal guardians, and students must agree to certain conditions and responsibilities as a requirement of participation. The responsibilities of students, parents and legal guardians of students seeking to participate in CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances and related activities are as follows:

1. To support the CHEA Singers Board of Directors and Choir Directors and to submit to their authority in regard to decisions affecting CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities.
2. To bring concerns regarding any aspect of CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances first to the Choir Director of their student’s choir, and if the issue cannot be resolved by the Choir Director, then to a member of the Board of Directors of CHEA Singers. Students, parents, and legal guardians agree that criticism of CHEA Singers, its students, parents, legal guardians, Choir Directors, and members of the Board of Directors, to third parties, whether publicized or not, impedes and defeats the goals and purposes of the program.
3. Parents and legal guardians, from time to time, may be asked to provide reasonable assistance to Choir Directors. Parents and legal guardians agree to provide such assistance, unless there are meritorious reasons for not doing so. Parents and legal guardians agree that such assistance shall be on a volunteer basis.
4. Parents or legal guardians, as appropriate, must make application for acceptance into a CHEA Singers choir, and in most cases prospective students will be required to audition. Parents and legal guardians agree and understand that participation in or acceptance to a CHEA Singers choir is not a matter of right and that the Board of Directors of CHEA Singers or a Choir Director have the unfettered right to decline any student’s application for admission and acceptance into a choir for any reason.
5. Parents and legal guardians agree that registration fees are due and must be paid at the time of initial registration. Students will not be accepted into a choir until all required registration forms, including this Requirements of Participating Families and Release and Waiver of Liability form, have been received and all initial registration fees have been paid. Once a student is accepted into a choir, registration fees are non-refundable.
6. Facilities at which CHEA Singers conduct its programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances shall be treated with respect, and there is to be no damage to or mistreatment of such facilities. Parents and legal guardians agree to reimburse any facility which sustains any damage as a result of their student’s misconduct, and agree to indemnify CHEA Singers and its Board of Directors of and from any and all costs incurred for repair of damage to facilities due to student misbehavior.
7. Parents and legal guardians agree that students shall conduct themselves respectfully and with decorum when engaged in CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities, as well as at all times when on the premises of any facility.

8. Parents and legal guardians may observe any choir rehearsal with the prior permission of their students' Choir Director. Choir Directors may exclude from rehearsals any parent, legal guardian, or other person whose conduct is a distraction from, or detrimental to, the proper performance of such rehearsal.

9. Parents, legal guardians and students agree to abide by the CHEA Singers' Code of Conduct, a copy of which is available on the CHEA Singers webpage at [www.cheaonline.com](http://www.cheaonline.com). Parents and legal guardians agree that the Code of Conduct may be amended from time to time, as necessary, in the sole discretion of the CHEA Singers Board of Directors, and parents and legal guardians agree to be bound by any such amendments.

10. Parents, legal guardians, and students who are found to have violated any of the above responsibilities are subject to appropriate correction, up to and including immediate dismissal from CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances, without prior notice. Similarly, parents and legal guardians whose conduct, in the opinion of the Board of Directors is detrimental to the goals and purposes of the CHEA Singers are subject to correction, up to and including dismissal from its programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances without prior notice.

### **RELEASES AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

The undersigned, on his or her own behalf and on behalf of his or her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, for and in consideration of his or her student's participation in CHEA Singers programs and activities:

1. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE THE CHEA SINGERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, CHOIR DIRECTORS, AND VOLUNTEERS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "RELEASEES"), SUCH RELEASE AND WAIVER TO BE FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFOR ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS, REHEARSALS, PERFORMANCES, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES OF CHEA SINGERS CHOIRS.

2. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the UNDERSIGNED'S INJURY OR DEATH, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

3. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities of CHEA Singers Choirs, whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

### **PHOTO/MEDIA AGREEMENT**

I authorize the CHEA Singers choirs and their directors to use photographs, videos or quotes of my children enrolled in choirs for educational or promotional purposes of any type of media, including its websites. The photographs, videos or quotes may not be used for profit without my express permission. I understand that I will not be paid or rewarded for providing this authorization.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

PLEASE PRINT ALL THREE PAGES OF THIS REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND PHOTO & MEDIA RELEASE. STAPLE, SIGN WHERE INDICATED AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHOIR REGISTRATION FORMS.

I have read and understand the foregoing CHEA Singers Requirements for Participating Families, Release and Waiver of Liability and Photo/Media Agreement and I agree to be bound and to abide by them. In addition, I have read and explained the Requirements for Participating Families and CHEA Singers Code of Conduct to my child and am satisfied that he or she understands them. I understand that failure to fulfill these requirements will subject my child to appropriate correction, up to and including dismissal from the CHEA Singers program. I further agree that I have signed this acknowledgement freely and voluntarily without any duress or inducement.

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