

Melody Makers Choir Registration

For Boys and Girls, Ages Six, Seven, Eight and Nine

Registration Deadline for ALL Applicants is **June 15, 2020**

Voice check will be in June/July – You will be notified by email dates & times.

Please PRINT in **2-SIDED MODE** and **STAPLE**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Melody Makers must be able to sing back a pattern of 5 -7 notes on correct pitch, sing from middle C to “E” one octave above middle C, sing the chorus of “Jesus Loves Me” and move up in half steps while singing fragments of the tune. All prospective Melody Makers should come to voice check prepared to sing a simple folk tune solo (**Twinkle, twinkle Little Star/Are you sleeping**). If you do not know if your child can meet these requirements, please ask a musical friend to help you decide before you come to the voice check. Students must be able to sit still and receive instructions. Further instructions will be in an email prior to voice checks.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Parent Meeting Tuesday Aug. 11, 2020

Friday November 20, 2020 – Fall Concert

Family Annual Picnic Saturday Aug. 15, 2020

Friday April 30, 2021 -Spring Concert

Choir begins Tuesday Aug. 18, 2020

Ministry Opportunity performance TBD

IMPORTANT: *** All parents must read, agree to and sign the *CHEA Choir Requirements and Behavior Guidelines* (separate attachment). **NEW GUIDELINE:** 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.**

All parents helping on campus must be C.A.R.E. trained in keeping with Christ Covenant Church Policy.

A registration fee of \$85 must accompany this form to reserve your space. Upon confirmation of choir membership after voice check, the \$85 is non-refundable.

Mail this form with the \$85 registration fee made out to **CHEA SINGERS** to:

Rebekah Hopkins – 1001 Semmes Lane Indian Trail, NC 28079

Student Name _____ Student Birthdate _____

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Parents' Names _____ Phone _____ Age _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Sponsor a Singer Fund Opportunity:

We invite you to consider giving your support to help other homeschooling children in our community join CHEA Singers. We want to welcome all homeschooling children who qualify for membership. Would you consider donating to help another singer join us this fall? (see checklist on p. 4)

If your family needs tuition assistance contact faithglaser@gmail.com for an application.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. All choir communication will be via **email** so you MUST check regularly.
2. **Please mark your calendar for our ANNUAL PARENT meeting Tuesday Aug. 11, 2020 @ Christ Covenant Church in WC-105 @ 3:30-5:15.** We will go over all choir details, expectations for the year and pass out music for the semester. I cannot stress the importance of this meeting. You must make every effort to be at this meeting.
3. **Please mark your calendar for our Annual family picnic Saturday, August 15, 2020** location Squirrel Lake Park from 11:00-1:00. This is not mandatory but would be a great opportunity to get to know our new and returning families. Please make every effort to come.
4. **Uniform fee** of \$10 for all girls. Also – ALL Melody Makers girls must pay a \$40 security deposit for red jumpers.
5. **Rehearsals:** Tuesdays from 3:30-5:15 in the worship center in room WC – 105 at Christ Covenant Church Matthews, NC. We meet approximately from September – early December and January – early May,
6. **Parents** agree to teach song words & hymns to students and agree to play the CD 4-5 times per week. I cannot stress parental involvement at this age level. Most students will not be reading and will need parental help to have the confidence to sing well each week in rehearsal.
7. **Music:** Music is the property of the choir and must be returned at the end of the year.

Commitments required:

- Signed agreement to CHEA Singers Requirements for Participating Families and Liability Waiver and Photo waiver forms) This will go to the oldest child's choir director. Please let me know if you have children in another choir.
- Attend Mandatory Melody Makers meeting before choir begins. This meeting will be held, **August 11, 2020** location **Christ Covenant Church – Worship Center rm 105 3:30-5:15**
- CHEA Singers Fall and Spring Concert participation is mandatory. **Nov. 20, 2020/April 30, 2021**
- Participation in Melody Makers programs for ministry (previous ministry has included singing at a local nursing home once per semester)
- Check email frequently for choir updates. Respond to requests in a timely manner.
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- Make attendance at rehearsals a priority. Notify the director if your child will be absent. Excessive absence may result in dismissal from choir.
- Make sure your singer is diligent in completing homework assignments and learning music.
- Fulfill 2 choir job responsibilities, assigned by the director and based on job questionnaire response.

Melody Makers Job Opportunities

Each parent must support the choir through two jobs or services. In an effort to match you with your preferred jobs, please mark at least 3 jobs with a 1, 2, or 3 (1 being your most preferred). In addition, please place an X beside any job that you would be willing to perform if your first 3 choices are not available. I will do my best to assign jobs as preferred

__Accompanist – plays piano for rehearsal/concerts – must be prepared with repertoire and able to sight read music. (1)

__Babysitter – help watch director’s children on a weekly basis (2)

__Babysitter backup – volunteer needed in event regular babysitter unavailable (2)

__Carpool pickup mom – assists with carpool pickup, assists with arrival and departure of students (2)

__CD Maker – Burns choir CD’s and replaces lost CD’s for \$2.50 per CD (1)

__Choir Administrator – Assists Director with Administrative communications/Also able to be in rehearsals on a weekly basis. (1)

__Concert Parent/Props coordinator – Attends two rehearsals prior to concert and helps concert night–takes children to bathroom and makes sure everyone is behaving. Responsible for acquiring/assembling needed props for programs or concerts & works with director. Expense from choir fund. Also places sign for MM parents and families for both concerts. (2)

__Copier – Responsible for making copies of various hand-outs. (1)

__Hall Monitor –Make sure students are respectful in the hall; Help escort choristers to choir room; Will serve for one month per semester (3-4) Will send out a sign-up genius.

__Hymn Coordinator – Keeps Hymn bag, tracks student’s progress throughout year and coordinates Hymn Listener moms; and keeps in touch with director. (1)

__Hymn Listeners – Moms come in to listen to hymn of the month 15 min. prior to the end of choir. **Must know hymns.** Occurs on the third Tuesday of the month (4)

__Weekly mom – Assists students in breaks for bathroom and water, make-up hymn listening, or first aid (if needed). Sits with choristers and actively helps Director during rehearsals, - ie – keeping children focused, helping with games/crafts. (2)

__Weekly mom backup – can be on campus as needed for whole choir period (2)

__Nursing Home contact – Calls Carrington Place Nursing Home to reserve days/times for our Carrington Ministry or other performance locations (Plantation Estates). **Coordinates with Savior Singers choir.** Check with Director for dates. (1)

__Social Coordinators (1) - Plans and coordinates parties/socials for the year. May determine food, assign food and arrange facilities. One coordinator for each party” Fall, Valentines and End-of-Year. Also finds extra help for events on campus, **aware of food allergies**

__Social Coordinator assistants (2) – can be on campus to assist with party/details. Will coordinate with main coordinator

__Thank-you gifts – Purchase thank you gifts for workers each semester. Discuss with director who receives these gifts. Expense from choir fund. (1)

__Uniform coordinator – Keeps track of uniforms. Responsible for giving right size uniform to each student in Fall and collecting clean uniforms after Spring Concert, and security deposit for uniforms (1)

__Uniform Assistant – helps uniform coordinator. (1)

__Photographer/videographer – take photos periodically throughout the semesters and records concerts. No names may be posted on internet. (1)

__Weekly Snack Mom – Provide large box of goldfish/Dixie cups. Responsible for checking quantity and purchasing as needed. Expense from choir fund. (1)

Questionnaire:

1. Are you available to be on campus and assist during **rehearsal** if needed? _____ If no, please explain _____
2. Do you have other children participating in the CHEA SINGERS program? _____ If yes, which choir(s)? _____
3. Do you have any musical background ie: piano, other instrument _____ If so, what instrument and would you be willing to assist the choir if asked? _____
4. What are the ages of all of your children? _____

Please make sure all forms are filled out completely. This will reserve your space.

CHECKLIST:

Registration form ____

Job form ____

Questionnaire ____

Code of Conduct/Waiver and Release form if your Melody Makers singer is your oldest participant in CHEA Singers - All 4 pages stapled, signed and dated, with names of all your children participating in CHEA Singers listed.

Check made out to CHEA Singers ____

****I am including a donation for the Sponsor a Singer Fund: (optional)**

I would like to sponsor a singer for:

\$10 ____ \$40 ____ \$20 ____ \$30 ____ \$50 ____ \$ ____

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me

melodymakersdirector@gmail.com 704-858-4103

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Providing Choral Instruction for Homeschooling Families for the Glory of God
"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" 1 Corinthians 10:31

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. 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.

Print Student's Full Name: _____

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Print Student's Full Name: _____

Date

Signature of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian

Printed name of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian