

Chautauqua Children's Chorale

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Dear Parents,

The **Chautauqua Children's Chorale** will be holding open auditions for both of its' choirs in the month of June for membership for the 2010-2011 season. The **Children's Chorale** is comprised of two choirs: **Junior Chorale** and the **Concert Chorale**. Singers represent unchanged voices in grades 3-12. Children are placed within the two choirs according to ability and experience and not necessarily by age. Present membership totals about 65 singers.

We are looking for children who show a high interest in singing, can match pitches with good intonation, and also demonstrate responsibility, discipline and commitment. Sight singing skills and knowledge of an instrument are desirable, but **most important is a love of singing and music**. We always encourage boys with unchanged voices to participate.

The audition will involve singing *America* and *Happy Birthday*, a check of rhythm and tonal memory and a brief interview. To schedule an audition, please contact me at 366-2353. You can also e-mail me at marjorie0813@hotmail.com. Please schedule a time before returning the audition form to the address below. Auditions are as follows: Monday, June 7 - Fredonia High School Choral Room; Tuesday, June 8 - Westfield Elementary Music Room; Wednesday, June 9 - Silver Creek Elementary Music Room, and Thursday, June 10 - Chautauqua Lake Elementary Music Room. Auditions begin at 3:30 pm. Other arrangements can be made if these times are not possible.

The purpose of the **Children's Chorale** is to achieve and promote excellence in singing and to give an added dimension in choral experience to young singers from Chautauqua County. It is an independent, not-for-profit corporation and is an Ensemble-in-Residence at the Fredonia School of Music. In the past, the **Concert Chorale** has had the opportunity to perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Chautauqua Symphony, and the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. They also share concerts with ensembles at the SUNY Fredonia School of Music. The choir has participated in numerous festivals, both nationally and internationally.

Rehearsals for both groups are held in McEwen Hall, SUNY Fredonia on most Tuesday afternoons and evenings from September through May. Concert Chorale also meets some Saturday mornings and often extends into the summer season. Fees for the season include use of all music, rehearsal bag and folder, various concerts, and four days/nights at Chorale Camp. Payment plans are available on a per need basis. Concert Chorale - \$420 (overnight camp); Junior Chorale - \$345 (day camp). Camp dates for Summer 2010 are August 25-29. Camp takes place at Mission Meadows on Chautauqua Lake.

I hope to meet you and your child in the near future. Chautauqua Children's Chorale is a great place for your child to grow musically.

Sincerely,

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