

Chautauqua Children's Chorale

Concert Chorale

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances for which they are called. Only participation in school concerts and illness are considered legitimate excuses. The calendar for 2008-09 will be available at camp. Please review it. Changes do occur. You will be advised of such changes in a timely fashion. New schedules replace old. When you have a conflict, please discuss it with your director ahead of time – and put it in writing.
- Members may need to spend some time outside of rehearsal learning and memorizing music. **A small tape recorder at rehearsals can be very helpful.**
- **Singers are expected to be on time.** Tardiness to rehearsal and call times can be a major problem. Please be signed in and ready to sing ten minutes before the appropriate time. **Excessive tardiness/absenteeism may lead to dismissal from the Chorale or a singer may not be allowed to sing in a performance.** This will be at the discretion of the Artistic Director.
- Members are expected to keep up their schoolwork!!!
- **It is expected that singers will actively participate in their own school's choral program if it is available to you.**

FEES

- Fees cover a large portion of the expense of rehearsing and learning. Consider membership in the **Chautauqua Children's Chorale** to be the same as a year of music lessons. Fees also defray the costs associated with performance outfits, music purchase, cataloging, storage and folders, as well as special learning experiences at reduced costs, such as concerts by other children's choirs, workshops, day trips and Camp. Fees also pay the Artistic Director, accompanists, business manager, additional musicians, rental fees for concert venues, and insurance.
- The fee for **Concert Chorale** is \$420 for the season. This includes overnight camp for 4 nights.
- If you have two or more children in any of the components of the **Chautauqua Children's Chorale**, you may subtract \$50 per additional child from their combined fees.
- Fees Payments are due on the following schedule:
 - **50% with acceptance agreement**
 - **Balance by camp.**
- If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Mr. Caruso, our business manager at 664-5596. This is the minimum payment schedule. Full payment will be accepted at any time prior to camp. Fees should be mailed to: **Michael Caruso, 3053 Dutch Hollow Road, Bemus Point, NY 14712.** Checks should be made payable to "*The Chautauqua Children's Chorale, Inc.*".
- Refunds are possible on the following schedule:
 - One-half if child withdraws before Oct. 1, 2008
 - One-quarter if child withdraws before Dec. 1, 2008

REHEARSALS

- All rehearsals are held on **Tuesday evenings** and some Saturday mornings in **Room 209, McEwen Hall** on the campus of the State University of New York at Fredonia,

unless you are notified differently. When the college is on break, our rehearsals are generally held at Fredonia HS.

- **Rehearsal time is from 6:15-8:15 P.M. on Tuesdays and 10-12 noon on selected Saturday mornings.** The rehearsal before a scheduled concert is usually held in the same place as the concert. Notice will be given as to those locations.
- If you have to miss a rehearsal, please call **Mrs. Krestic (934-4335)**. If no one is there, please leave a message. If you know that a school concert is going to be a conflict, please let us know the dates as soon as you can. It would be helpful to have your school concert schedule at the beginning of the year.

WEBSITE – www.CCChorale.net

Our website is an extremely valuable resource and should be your first source of information. There you will find:

- Up-to-date weather related delays and cancellations
- Updated concert and rehearsal schedules
- Information related to fund raisers and other activities
- Special announcements and reminders
- Staff telephone numbers and email addresses
- and much, much more!

HIDDEN (OR NOT SO HIDDEN) EXPENSES

Some of these things will seem really obvious, but we don't want you to have any surprises.

- **Performance outfits:** As we are a “children’s” choir, when we perform, we dress in a uniform that is a universally accepted mode of dress for a children’s choir.
 - Each child will need to provide a **black turtleneck (lighter weight) and a plain black T-shirt. Boys will need black dress pants, a black belt, black socks and black dress shoes. Girls will need black palazzo pants, black hose, and black dress shoes.** We have a source for these and more information will be available at camp therefore, please do not purchase any outfit items before the parent meeting at Camp. Vests will be provided.
 - Chorale logo Tee shirts are provided for all singers. They are not meant for play, but to worn for field trips and casual performance. For performances, hairstyles should be simple and off-the-face. No jewelry or hair ornaments should be worn. Extreme hairstyles and/or coloring and facial piercing are not acceptable in performance for a member of a “children’s” choir.
- **Transportation:** Car-pooling is the answer for most people. As soon as possible you will receive a list of Concert Chorale members. From that list you should be able to come up with a car pool or two. It is important to communicate with those in your car pool if someone is ill and other arrangements need to be made. When we sing out of town we try to arrange for bus transportation if the distance requires it, but many times we “van-pool” it.
- **It is important to let us know when address, email, and phone numbers change.**
- **Fund Raising and Personal Accounts:** Every other year, Concert Chorale participates in a music festival or tour. These activities are funded through a combination of fund raising projects, concert ticket proceeds, paid performances, and contributions from singers. Where possible, proceeds from fund raising activities are credited to individual singers. Personal “travel” accounts are established for each singer (including Junior Chorale) and are maintained until the singer discontinues membership in the Chautauqua Children’s Chorale. Thus, any monies credited to Junior Chorale (formerly Prep and Intermediate

Choirs) members will carry over and be applied to travel when they progress to the Concert Chorale.

Note: In order to maintain our not-for-profit status, all income generated by fund raising activities conducted by the Chautauqua Children's Chorale (CCC) become the property of the CCC, may be used exclusively for activities of the CCC and are not, therefore, refundable in the event a singer discontinues participation. In addition, individuals are prohibited from engaging in fund raising activities in the name of the Chautauqua Children's Chorale without the express consent of the CCC.

- **Tickets:** We generally charge for only two of our concerts each year. The price is usually \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. This helps defray the costs of rentals, musicians, custodial help, piano tuning and travel expense. When we are asked to sing by another sponsoring organization, they set the ticket prices.

GENERAL AUDIENCE POLICIES FOR CONCERTS

- Audience members (parents, friends, relatives and supporters) will not be permitted in the concert hall/sanctuary during the rehearsal time prior to the concert. Whenever possible, there will be a foyer or waiting area.
- All Audience members must enter through the appointed doors by the ticket desk or box office.
- **Flash photography, unauthorized sound recording and videotaping are not permitted during concerts.**

CAMP

- **CAMP IS MANDATORY** for all singers. Camp costs are covered in your fee payment.
- Camp is:
 - Staffed by volunteers, parents and teachers. **We need adult helpers for this summer. Call Mike Caruso (664-5596) or Dan Bromsted (366-3971) for information.**
 - A place where choristers get to know each other.
 - Where we sing "Grace" before every meal.
 - Where we **eat very well**, thanks to our chief cook, Mr. Caruso.
 - How we get a head start on our music and present a concert at the end.
 - Also a place to play volleyball, go on hikes, learn music theory and **SING!!!**
- **Camp is held at Mission Meadows on Chautauqua Lake.**
- **Dates: Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008 and ending Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008** with a concert for parents in the afternoon.
- More information will be mailed to you during the summer.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Parents...Important.** It is strongly recommended that you keep all **Chautauqua Children's Chorale** materials in one folder that is easily accessible and frequently checked. At the parent meeting at camp you will be given a folder of information and a calendar of events and rehearsal times. E-mail will be used to inform you of changes that might occur and to remind you of special events. Please make sure that we have a correct e-mail address. Rehearsals during college breaks and before concerts are usually held in a different venue. Be Aware! **The highest incidence of singers missing a rehearsal is the dress rehearsal before a concert when the venue changes. Call time** (the time

your child is expected to be present for warm-up and rehearsal) is generally 1½ to 2 hours prior to the scheduled concert time.

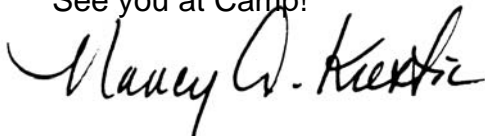
- Parents, please sign up at camp for committees. We can use your help and expertise in many areas.
- Never hesitate to call if you have questions, concerns or problems. We will do our best to help.

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Being a member of the **Chautauqua Children's Chorale** is definitely a commitment on everyone's part: director, singer and parent. However, we feel that it is a worthy commitment, and one that will bring you great joy. All of us who have been involved in **Chorale** since its beginning 20 years ago, know that we have experienced things that we will never forget...created memories, made friends and grown musically and personally. It can get difficult, especially around the holiday season and in the month of May when everyone seems to be busy.

We all look forward to having you join us for this coming season. It will be a great year!

See you at Camp!



Nancy A. Krestic
June 2008