

WHY THIS PROGRAM?

With so many extra-curricular opportunities available for children and youth, what makes this program different?

SPACED LEARNING

Unlike most choral programs for children and youth, the Choir School offers spaced learning over several days per week, allowing for higher musical retention.

INTERGENERATIONAL

The Choir School includes rehearsals with children, youth, and adult singers, offering an intergenerational experience.

TUITION FREE

An educational opportunity for all children and youth, regardless of means, participation in the Choir School is free to all families.



If you feel called to support the St. John's Choir School financially, please contact Kate Kile, Director of Finance & Faith Formation kate@saint-john.org or 850.222.2636 x17



If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, please contact Marissa Hall, Assistant Director of Music marissa@saint-john.org or 850.222.2636 x18

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St. John's Choir School



PROGRAM INFORMATION





August 2023 - May 2024



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY*

- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Drop-in / Music Lessons**
- 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Rehearsal (K-2nd)
- 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Music Theory Instruction
- 4:45 - 6:00 p.m. Rehearsal (3rd-12th)

WEDNESDAY*

- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Drop-in / Music Lessons**
- 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Rehearsal (3rd-12th)
- 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 6:40 - 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal (6th-12th)

THURSDAY*

- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Drop-in / Music Lessons**
- 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Music Theory Instruction
- 4:45 - 6:00 p.m. Rehearsal (3rd-12th)

SUNDAY*

- 9:00 a.m. Rehearsal (3rd-12th)
- 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist

**Choristers in 3rd-12th grades are expected to attend on Sundays and at least two of the three weekdays to keep pace with the musical demands of the program.*

***Drop-in time is available for optional individual instrumental or voice lessons, as well as additional theory instruction.*

All staff and adult volunteers are required to undergo safeguarding certification and regular background checks.

St. John's Choir School

Our mission is to offer a challenging and immersive program of musical study for all children and youth, regardless of means or background, by giving them a chance to sing in an intergenerational setting and in a safe space.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all in grades K-12 who want to sing!
All are welcome, regardless of means or background. Membership at St. John's is not a requirement for participation.

HISTORY

The term "Choir School" is used to recall the ancient Christian practice of educating children and youth in music – called the "schola cantorum" or "school of singing." Though concerned with the study of music, these schools provided a holistic and well-rounded education, characterized by a combination of intense study and practical application.

Vocal Coaching: Choir school students ("choristers") will have access to one-on-one lessons with qualified vocal instructors.

Instrumental Lessons: Choristers will have the option to take piano or organ lessons to augment their vocal and choral instruction. String lessons may also be available through the Bach Parley String Academy at additional cost.

Music Theory: Using the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) standards, choristers will learn music theory with a set of workbooks in group classes.

Solo Opportunities: Choristers will frequently have opportunities to sing or play musical solos in the context of concerts and services, building their musicianship and confidence.

Choral Opportunities: The integration of choristers with the St. John's Adult Choir on Sunday mornings will offer them an opportunity to sing a variety of choral repertoire within an intergenerational setting and to exercise their musical leadership.

