

## WCCC AT A GLANCE

Welcome to the Wichita Community Children's Choir! Here is a handy "quick list" of important things to know.

### What should I expect?

Expect to do some serious singing, and to have some serious fun!

WCCC is a vibrant, upbeat choir that provides children the opportunity to develop their music talent and enrich their lives through the singing of beautiful music. Our choir is unique in that children of all ages, from many schools, come together as one and create a unique sound. As a "musical family", we support and encourage one another instead of being competitive.

Our songs cover a wide variety of styles including famous sacred and secular masterworks and songs from our American heritage such as folk, spiritual, jazz, gospel, and Broadway classics. We also enjoy singing music from many other countries and languages and promoting global harmony and inspirational messages. As a member of WCCC, singers are expected to accept and respect the choir's entire music repertoire from an artistic standpoint.

### What days do I need to mark on my calendar?

(TENTATIVE CALENDAR as of April 2019. More dates will be added soon)

**REHEARSALS** - Friends University, Riney Fine Arts Center, Room C6 Thursdays

Choristers- 4:45- 5:30 Chorale - 5:00 -6:40 p.m.

Mid-August- April

No Thursday rehearsals Thanksgiving or during Winter and Spring Break

**RETREATS—All singers are required to attend our music learning retreats.**

**Fall Retreat** Tentative date- September 13 or 14 Location TBA

**Winter Retreat** Saturday, January 6 9:30-2:00 Location TBA

**CONCERTS—All singers will perform in two major concerts, WINTER PRELUDE AND SPRING SING. There will be dress rehearsals at the performance location and attendance is mandatory. (DATE TBA)**

### **ADDITIONAL CHORALE PERFORMANCES:**

WHAT: PERFORMANCE with WICHITA SYMPHONY - "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff

WHO: WCCC Symphony SINGERS (to be selected)

WHEN: Concerts November 23 and 24

Rehearsal November 18-22

WHAT: **CHORALL DAY-TOUR** to Lawrence, KS  
KANSAS ChorALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

WHO: Chorale Members

WHEN: Saturday, January 18, 2020

WHAT: **"SYMPOSIUM" CONCERT** with composer **GWYNETH WALKER**

WHO: Chorale Members and Friends University Concert Choir

WHEN: Concert April 2, 7:30 p.m. at Sebits Hall, Friends University

### **When does WCCC start?**

**June 1** - scholarship applications due.

**June 15** - Mail in Membership Contract, Tuition Deposit of \$75

**August 22 OR 23** - Fall Round-Up (Details and a sign-up schedule will be e-mailed to parents)

**August 24**-First Rehearsal and Parent's Meeting

5:00 -6:15 p.m. Friends University, Riney Fine Arts Center Room C6

6:15 -6:45 Watermelon Feed on the Lawn

**August 26** - Singin' Saturday 9-noon at Friends University, Riney Fine Arts Center, Room C6

### **What about attendance?**

- Attendance at all rehearsals, performances, and events is required and expected.
- For an absence due to sudden illness or emergency, the parents should notify the Director as soon as possible. For an anticipated absence, please notify the Director by telephone, email or note **prior** to the absence in order to be excused.
- Only two absences are allowed per semester. A make-up lesson will be offered at a specific time by the Director for those who have missed rehearsals. If absences become excessive, the Director will decide whether the musician is adequately prepared to continue in the choir and to perform in concerts.
- All Music Learning Retreats, Dress rehearsals, Winter Prelude, and Spring Sing Concerts are mandatory. Singers must attend the dress rehearsal in order to perform in a concert.
- Singers should be in their rehearsal position at least 5 minutes prior to our starting time. Our rehearsals are fast-paced and we need ALL our members there as every minute counts! Excessive tardiness can result in the choir member being dismissed from the choir at the discretion of the Director.

## What are the financial policies?

**Payments/Drop Off:** Forms and payments should be turned in before rehearsal to the rehearsal assistant or choir treasurer. All checks should be payable to "Wichita Community Children's Choir". You may also make payments under the "Donate" tab on our website. Remember you must obtain a receipt for ALL CASH PAYMENTS.

**Annual Tuition** is \$175 (Choristers) and \$250 (Chorale) and is divided into two installments.

**Deposit-WCCC Singers** reserve a place in the program by:

1. paying a **non-refundable Tuition Deposit** of \$75 (checks payable to WCCC)
2. signing the **WCCC SINGER AND PARENT CONTRACT (Appendix 4)**
3. mailing both items, postmarked **no later than June 15 to:**  
**Wichita Community Children's Choir P.O. Box 48324 Wichita, KS 67201-8324**

**Balance-**the final payment of \$175 is due at the **August Round-up**.

### Policies

- All invoice payments must be current in order for singers to participate in rehearsals and performances.
- If, for whatever reason, a singer resigns or is asked to leave the choir, no tuition refunds will be made. Should extenuating circumstances arise, an appeal may be made to the Board.
- A \$30 service fee will be charged for all returned checks.
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**Scholarships:** Financial assistance is available on a need-basis to help WCCC families cover the costs of their chorister's participation in the choir program. Refer to our Handbook for application forms.

**Confidentiality:** The scholarship application form will be held in confidence and will not be available to anyone other than the scholarship committee.

**Application:** A Scholarship Application is required for all Scholarship requests. The Scholarship application postmark deadline is June 1. Applicants will be notified of the results of the application by the next week. Scholarship recipients are responsible for a \$75 deposit at enrollment and the tuition amount listed on their scholarship document due by September. The scholarship credit will be applied towards the remaining balance on January 1, providing that the singer fulfills attendance and membership guidelines.

**Amount:** Scholarships shall be for a percent of tuition to be determined by the scholarship committee. All other fees such as uniform and trip costs are the responsibility of the choir member's family.

**Volunteer Activities:** Families receiving scholarships are expected to volunteer their time in WCCC activities.

## What about choir outfits?

### **CHORALE Concert Dress for Boys:**

- White tux shirt, black vest, and royal blue bowtie (ordered through WCCC)
- Black dress pants, belt, black socks, and black dress shoes (provided by parents)

### **CHORALE Concert Dress for Girls:**

- Royal blue concert dress, WCCC jewelry (ordered through WCCC)
- Black flat dress shoes, closed-toe (provided by parents)

### **CHORISTERS:**

- WCCC polo shirt (tucked in) , black pants, belt if needed, and black shoes

**Casual Dress:** WCCC t-shirt,(tucked in) black pants, belt if needed, and black shoes

### **Used Concert attire:**

Singers who have out-grown their concert attire may have it available for purchase at our Fall Round-up. (Information on this will be emailed in fall to former members who wish to sell garments)

### **Sportswear:**

A variety of optional sportswear will be available for members and/or families to purchase in the fall (i.e. caps, sweatpants, hoodies, book bags, jackets, etc.)

### **Replacement Cost:**

Students are responsible for replacing any lost or damaged apparel during the course of the performance year. Approximate costs of new items are: Dress \$ 60 Tux shirt and vest- \$35

### **Professional Appearance:**

As music ambassadors to our city and state, it is important to present a professional and unified appearance before, during and after an event. Policies include: Clean and pressed outfits, men's shirts tucked in with a belt and bow-ties in place, hair styled off of face with a black headband, black barrette or band. Be sure to wear deodorant! Please do not wear perfume, jewelry, heavy makeup or bright hair colors when performing.

## What if I have more questions?

**?? Still not sure??** - Always feel free to contact the Director or the WCCC President.

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