

Chautauqua Youth Chorus

Senior Chorus

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 2018-19 will be available at camp and posted on our website. 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 – and put it in writing.**
- Members may need to spend some time outside of rehearsal learning and memorizing music. A small recording device 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 Youth Chorus 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 Youth Chorus** 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 **Senior Chorus** is \$585 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:
 - **\$292.50 (50%) due July 27, 2018 (unless a payment planned is arranged with our business manager).**
- **\$292.50 - due August 26, 2018 (unless a payment plan is arranged with our business manager).**
- **If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Mrs. Dye, our business manager at (716) 785-1053.** This is the minimum payment schedule. Full payment will be accepted at any time prior to camp.
- Fees should be mailed to: **Chautauqua Youth Chorus, SUNY Fredonia, Mason Hall, Fredonia NY 14063.** Checks should be made payable to "*Chautauqua Youth Chorus.*"

REHEARSALS

- Rehearsals are held on **Wednesday evenings** and some Saturday mornings in **Room 1001, Mason Hall** on the campus of the State University of New York at Fredonia, unless you are notified differently.
- **Rehearsal time is from 6:15-8:15 P.M. on Wednesday 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. Bohn (997-5653)**. 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 if you could provide me with your school concert schedule at the beginning of the year.

WEBSITE – www.chautauquayouthchorus.com

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

- Up-to-date weather related delays and cancellations
- Updated calendar of rehearsals and events
- 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 youth choir, when we perform, we dress in a uniform that is a universally accepted mode of dress for a youth choir. You may rent or purchase the concert attire. More information will be given at camp.
 - CYC logo t-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 "youth" chorus.
- **Transportation:** Carpooling is the answer for most people. As soon as possible you will receive a list of Senior Chorus members. From that list you should be able to come up with a carpool or two. It is important to communicate with those in your carpool 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 also important to let us know when your address, phone number and/or email address changes.**
- **Fund Raising and Personal Accounts:** Every other year, Senior Chorus 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 fundraising activities are credited to individual singers. Personal "travel" accounts are established for each singer (including Junior Chorus) and are maintained until the singer discontinues membership in the Chautauqua Youth Chorus. Thus, any monies credited to Junior Chorus members will carry over and be applied to travel when they progress to the Senior Chorus.

Note: In order to maintain our not-for-profit status, all income generated by fundraising activities conducted by the Chautauqua Youth Chorus (CYC) become the property of the CYC, must be used exclusively for activities of the CYC and are not, therefore, refundable in the event a singer discontinues participation. In addition, individuals are prohibited from engaging in fundraising activities in the name of the Chautauqua Youth Chorus without the express consent of the CYC.

- **Tickets:** We generally charge for only two of our concerts each year. The ticket price is \$8. Children 4 and under are usually admitted free of charge. 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.
 - A place where choristers get to know each other.
 - Where we **eat very well!**
 - How we get a head start on our music and present a concert at the end.
 - Also a place to swim, go on hikes, learn music theory and **SING!!!**
- **Camp is held at Mission Meadows on Chautauqua Lake.**
- **Dates: Sunday, Aug. 26 and ending Thursday, Aug. 30** 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 Youth Chorus** 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 email 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, MUST sign up at camp for at least one volunteer position each season.** 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 Youth Chorus** is definitely a commitment on everyone's part: director, singer and parent. It can get difficult, especially around the holiday season and in the month of May when everyone seems to be busy. 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 **CYC** know that we have experienced things that we will never forget...created memories, made friends, and grown musically and personally.

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

See you at Camp!

Marjorie Bohn
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