

ST PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL is based on the idea that all children are able to sing, given encouragement and instruction. We offer a tuition-free program of music education and performance opportunities for girls and boys, kindergarten through high school.

The Choir School is a musical and educational outreach of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We offer a unique, tuition-free after school program that offers professional choral training, voice and piano lessons, leadership development, academic tutoring, and mentoring to children and teenagers. Our students come from Englewood and surrounding towns, representing a wide range of cultural communities, and from all faith traditions.



WE SEEK TO...

- Provide solid musical instruction in a friendly and fun environment of mutual respect and achievement;
- Create an opportunity for children to grow in musical and spiritual strengths that nurture their growth;
- Provide children of diverse abilities and backgrounds with a program of music appreciation and choral performance that seeks to fulfill each child's musical potential.

STAFF

Each chorister receives individualized attention in a dynamic, creative, structured,

and hands-on setting from caring teachers who are accomplished professionals in their areas of instruction.

GIULIA UTZ is our interim director and voice teacher, and earned degrees from Youngstown University and Sarah Lawrence College, and has sung with many professional choirs.

CAITLYN TAYLOR is our intern. She was a former head chorister and earned her bachelor of arts degree at Calvin College.

WHY SINGING?

In *Champions of Change: The Impact of the Arts on Learning*, the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities discovered that: "When well taught, the arts provide young people with authentic learning experience that engage their minds, hearts and bodies. Engagement in the arts...nurtures the development of cognitive, social, and personal competencies."

For these reasons, children who are trained in music and the other arts tend to do better in math and science.

WHO CAN JOIN?

St. Paul's Choir School is open to all students ages kindergarten through 12th grade. No previous training is required, and there is no audition. A commitment to attend all rehearsals and all scheduled performances is the only requirement.

A member of the staff conducts a friendly, informal meeting with prospective choristers and parents/guardians. This interview is informal, and scheduled when mutually convenient, often at the first rehearsal.



SCHEDULE & FEATURES

The Choir School meets on Mondays and Wednesdays. The students begin arriving after school and receive a snack.



Each day includes voice lessons, theory and sight-singing training, and choir rehearsal. Other activities monthly include Dalcroze-Eurythmics, cooking, and yoga instruction. Our computer lab is also available for instruction. The Choir School sings once a month on Sunday mornings at St. Paul's during the academic year, Evensongs on occasional Sundays (often with other choirs), as well trips to sing in venues throughout the metropolitan area.

The logo on this brochure was designed by Michael Robinson, our first head chorister.



Benefits

Voluntary social gatherings, as well as outreach to those in need provide members with additional opportunities for developing lasting friendships within the group, as well as empowering them for service to others in the community.

Requirements

Choristers and their families must commit to the regular rehearsal and singing schedule. Perfect attendance at all rehearsals, services, and other regularly scheduled events is expected. No church membership is required, and everyone is welcome!

Professional Training

Every chorister receives tuition-free, private voice and piano lessons. These include classical singing instruction, including breathing techniques and healthy vocal production, healthy keyboard technique, and solid musicianship.

Leadership

Leadership skills are introduced and reinforced in the context of every rehearsal and performance. Citizenship and social skills are fostered as choristers learn how to interact in an intergenerational Christian community. A healthy, Christian work ethic is instilled as choristers work, grow, and learn together, developing good habits that sustain them throughout their adulthood.

Summer Camps

Choristers who have participated in Choir School for more than a year are eligible to attend summer courses sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey and the St. Thomas Choir School in New York City. Eligibility depends on grades, attendance and deportment, and scholarships are available.

Graduates

Choristers from our program have earned degrees from William Paterson University and Calvin College. Recent graduates are studying at Bergen Community College, Georgia Tech, St. Peter's University, United States Military Academy at West Point, and more.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW

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