

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.

MARK A. TRAUTMAN, is Director of Music at St Paul's and founded the St Paul's Choir School in 2012. He earned degrees with high honors from Towson University in Baltimore and Westminster Choir College in Princeton, and has performed throughout the United States, Germany, and England.

GIULIA UTZ is our voice teacher, and earned degrees from Youngstown University and Sarah Lawrence College.

ANDREW ZHANG is our piano teacher, and earned a degree in Jazz and Music Education from William Paterson University in Wayne.

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. The Probationer Choir (grades K-4) meets until 5 p.m.; the Choir School meets after school until 6 p.m. Each day includes voice lessons, theory and sight-singing training, and choir rehearsal. Other activities monthly include Dalcroze-Eurythmics, cooking, and yoga instruction. The Choir sings once a month on Sunday mornings at St. Paul's during the academic year, one monthly Evensong on Sunday afternoons (often with other choirs), as well trips to sing in venues throughout the metropolitan area.

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 lessons. These include classical singing instruction, including breathing techniques and healthy vocal production.

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 community and relate to a wide range of personalities and backgrounds. A healthy work ethic is instilled as Choristers work and grow together, developing good habits that sustain them throughout their adulthood.

Piano Instruction

Choristers may be eligible for private piano lessons through the school. Scholarships are available.

Stipends

Choristers receive a stipend (pay amount) for each rehearsal, service and concert in which they participate. Pay depends on punctuality (**arriving early, ready to work**), quality of work, and length of participation in the Chorister Program, and is determined by the number of standards earned at each appearance.

Summer Camps

Choristers who have participated in Choir School for more than a year are eligible to attend summer courses sponsored by the RSCM, as well as a number of other camps. Eligibility depends on grades, attendance and deportment, and scholarships are available.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW**

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