



Dear Families,

Your kid loves to sing — we know what that's like!

Maybe they look for every opportunity to be on stage. Maybe they could spend all day in the choir room. Maybe they sing all day, every day. **And you are probably looking for the best outlet for them to express their love of music.**

We are excited to announce that award winning and internationally recognized Columbus Children's Choir is currently seeking enthusiastic singers entering grades K-12. As a member of one of our choirs, **your son or daughter will make lasting friendships and perform in inspiring community events**, like the Holiday Pops with the Columbus Symphony, and MLK Birthday Breakfast.

Let's talk about the elephant in the room. No, I'm not talking about coronavirus. I'm talking about Zoom. We're proud of what we have accomplished during the pandemic over Zoom. We are thankful to have been able to continue making music when Zoom was the best and safest way to rehearse. **But we can all agree, we're ready to be making music in-person!** In fact, our oldest choir has been in-person for the entire 2020-2021 season with ZERO cases of transmission. We adhere to all state, local, and CDC guidelines and we are vigilant about keeping up-to-date with choral/wind specific research. Nothing is more important than the health and safety of your kids. **You will be signing your child up for an in-person activity** that has the infrastructure for remote learning, *if it becomes absolutely necessary.*

We'd love to have your child audition for Columbus Children's Choir. And don't worry if they haven't taken hours of music lessons or aren't able to read music. In fact, they don't even need to prepare a song! Our director will take your child through easy vocal exercises to determine where they would best thrive in one of our six choirs. **All we ask is that your child is hard working and excited about music!** If your son or daughter is entering K-2, he or she can enroll in the Young Musicians Classes without an audition.

We know you have an overwhelming amount of choices for activities for your son or daughter. You might be surprised to know that the **tuition for Columbus Children's Choir is just a fraction of the cost of many acting or sports programs.** We do offer need-based financial aid to those who qualify.

To get started, please complete a new member application at columbuschildrenschoir.org/join. You can also fill out the new member application on the back of this letter and return to 760 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205.

Music lifts our spirits, educates us, exposes us to other cultures, and brings joy and beauty into our lives. **We are thrilled to give children, just like yours, the opportunity to sing and deepen their love of music.** We look forward to sharing the joy of music with your child!

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Wohlgamuth

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Artistic Director
Columbus Children's Choir





Columbus Children's Choir
New Member Application
Or apply online at columbuschildrenschoir.org

Singer Name _____

Grade 2021-2022 _____ School/District _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

How did you hear about Columbus Children's Choir? _____

Please return this application form and \$15.00 application fee to: Columbus Children's Choir, 760 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205 or email office@columbuschildrenschoir.org. **Do not send the application fee if planning to apply for financial aid or singer is in grades K-2.**

What happens next?

Once you have filled out an application either by mail or online, you will be contacted by Columbus Children's Choir to set up an audition. This audition is a relaxed, one-on-one with a director designed to place your singer in the appropriate setting. Your singer does not need to prepare a song, but a parent or guardian should accompany them to the audition. If you plan to apply for financial aid, you may request a financial aid application once your singer has been accepted into the program.

We hope you choose to share the talents of your gifted musician with Columbus Children's Choir. We look forward to meeting them!