



The Choir Company
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2021-2022 PARENT CONSENT TO CHOIR COMPANY COSTS AND PRACTICES

By signing your signature below, you acknowledge having read the terms and conditions for participating in the full year of choir classes provided by The Choir Company.

****FULL YEAR COMMITMENT**

If you enroll your student(s) in choir, please understand that it is a YEAR-LONG financial commitment. This means you are agreeing to pay supply fees AND tuition for the entire 2021-2022 school year (Fall and Spring semesters). When we plan for choir, we buy music for the entire year based on the number of sign-ups in August. When students drop at the semester, we end up with music that we paid for but did not need, plus we typically have to reorganize parts to cover for those students who dropped out. Your student will not be considered enrolled in choir until this signed Parent Consent and the first semester supply fee of \$30 per student is received.

2021-2022 CHOIR SUPPLY FEES AND TUITION RATES:

Grade School and Middle School Choir:

\$30 Supply Fee per student per semester and \$70 Tuition Fee per student per semester

High School Choir:

\$30 Supply Fee per student per semester and \$100 Tuition Fee per student per semester

Multiple Student Discounts: 2nd Student — 25% discount; 3rd or more Student(s) — 50% Discount

No Discounts on Supply Fees

****EXPOSURE TO ILLNESS**

Our experiences with rehearsals in the spring of 2020 have shown us that social distancing to protect from the corona virus is of little value in a choir rehearsal setting. After researching masks, we believe they would do little to protect students in a singing situation, and would make the choir experience miserable. Historically, singing in choirs has been proven to be a great immune booster and health inducing activity in all areas: physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. We still believe that to be true! The corona virus is contagious and likely will be with us from now on. All of us must decide what we believe about the virus and how we will move forward.

Does this mean we stop singing? After much prayer and consideration, in regards to The Choir Company, we believe the answer is "No, we will not stop singing!" Before you enroll, everyone who would like to be in our choirs needs to consider the possibilities of contracting illnesses and what that would mean for your family and those they come in contact with. **The Choir Company is not liable or responsible for any illness or repercussion of an illness contracted during your participation in any choir class, choir activity, or choir performance.**

****STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

Every student in choir is expected to attend class each week AND participate. They are expected to bring their music notebook to class, and actually use it during class. They are expected to put their cell phones away, and they are expected to stay in class the entire time. When we have students that don't really want to be in choir, there is an effect on the entire class. We understand that choir is not for everyone, and that is okay. But for the sake of students who DO want to be in choir and learn and participate, please do not enroll your student(s) if they are not interested in fully engaging and benefitting from the group choral experience.

****COMMUNICATION**

We try our best to let our families know well in advance when performances have been scheduled or when choir activities outside of class time are planned. We do not have a dedicated facility for performances, so it takes a LOT of effort each year to find venues that are large enough to meet our needs and that are willing to host our group. We also do not have the luxury of a common calendar that every participating family adheres to (like public schools do). So we ask for your patience occasionally when performance details aren't available three to five months in advance.

****COMMUNICATION** (continued)

In years past, we spent considerable amounts of time trying multiple methods of keeping in touch with our choir families. Some people rarely check their emails, others don't receive group text messages, some don't have a Facebook page, and others don't regularly watch our dedicated choir website (www.thechoircompanyok.net). It can be exhausting trying to get input from every family on important issues due to the variety of communication methods available (and the limitations of some phones and some cell phone service carriers). For this reason, we will no longer be composing and sending out massive group texts with information for the whole choir group (all ages). We may occasionally still do some texting within small groupings, and we may occasionally try using email to certain families.

Communication this year on the group level will be accomplished via two venues:

THE CHOIR COMPANY website: www.thechoircompanyok.net

THE GROUP AND FRIDAY FRIENDS private forum: <https://www.thegroupok.com/phpBB3/index.php>

If you cannot access the internet or are not willing to keep an eye on The Choir Company website or Forum posts as shown above, please do not enroll your student(s) in choir. The choir website contains a wealth of information about all things choir, plus we post rehearsal tracks for all choir songs so that students can practice at home outside of choir class.

I have read the above stated costs and practices associated with participation in classes offered by The Choir Company; I am aware of the potential of choir classes to spread common illnesses among students; I agree to be responsible financially for BOTH fall and spring semesters; and I agree to the methods of communication outlined above.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Questions before signing this form? Please call Lisa at 918-636-5831 or Darryn at 918-636-6159. Thanks!